

Bridge Hands from WCBU Pairs Sessions week of 3rd October 2021

The first three hands are from Monday 4th October.

Hand 1: Deal 1. North: ♠Q1087, ♥K, ♦942, ♣KJ954. West: ♠64, ♥A983, ♦QJ103, ♣Q103. East: ♠K9, ♥J764, ♦875, ♣8762. South: ♠AJ532, ♥Q1052, ♦AK6, ♣A. Contract: 4♠ South.

How should S play trumps in order to make 12 tricks on QD lead? The declarers who won the diamond lead and immediately played a heart so they could ruff hearts in dummy and finesse in spades achieved the best score.

Hand 16: Deal 16. North: ♠92, ♥KJ98764, ♦AQ109, ♣. West: ♠AKJ10, ♥Q642, ♦A10, ♣J52. East: ♠Q764, ♥AJ873, ♦3, ♣K43. South: ♠853, ♥K1095, ♦Q52, ♣876. Contract: 5♥ East.

Should W double or bid 5H? At other tables EW are bidding and making 4H vulnerable; NS being non-vulnerable would need to be 4 down in order for EW to achieve a better score.

Hand 21: Deal 21. North: ♠3, ♥J763, ♦AJ532, ♣654. West: ♠A107, ♥A109, ♦K6, ♣KQ1097. East: ♠KQ942, ♥K842, ♦7, ♣AJ8. South: ♠J865, ♥Q5, ♦Q10984, ♣32. Contract: 6NT West.

On this hand East opened the bidding 1S and most EW pairs were in 6S down 1. Here W was concerned about diamonds and bid 6NT. After a diamond lead, the slam was made on a squeeze.

How do you play this hand from Wednesday 6th October to make 12 tricks after lead of KD?

<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-weight: bold;">5</div>	N Grobick iT 3 ♠AQ10942 ♥AK10652 ♦2 ♣2	E jolimen 3+ ♠653 ♥983 ♦AK94 ♣A104	
	W merles axe4 4+ ♠K87 ♥J ♦1072 ♣KJ9876		W N E S 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass
	S papa bi 5 ♠J ♥Q74 ♦QJ8653 ♣Q53		
	4♥ North 0 0		

Ruff the diamond lead, play AS and ruff a spade. Lead QD and discard club. No matter what East leads now, declarer can ruff 3rd spade in dummy, draw trumps and run the spades. Note, it doesn't help to go to dummy and lead JS for a finesse because you can't repeat it if it succeeds.

On the next hand from Thursday, one couple bid and made 6C and only two bid and made 6NT. What would you and your partner have done?

<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-weight: bold;">16</div>	N deserella 5+ ♠KJ986 ♥54 ♦J97 ♣1064	E sternz 6 ♠ ♥KJ98 ♦Q52 ♣AKQJ32	
	W s jacobs880 6 ♠AQ7432 ♥Q10 ♦AK3 ♣87		W N E S 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass 3NT Pass 6NT Pass Pass Pass
	S robsu 6+ ♠105 ♥A7632 ♦10864 ♣95		
	6NT West 0 0		

Here's a defensive problem...

<div style="border: 2px solid gray; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-weight: bold;">14</div>	N Tata Rob 4 ♠ ♥J842 ♦KQ92 ♣K10953	E Leslaz007g 4+ ♠10742 ♥106 ♦A10753 ♣Q4	
	W k.amari3 7 ♠AKQ65 ♥KQ9 ♦86 ♣A87		W N E S Pass Pass 1♠ Pass 3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass Pass Pass
	S papa bi 5 ♠J983 ♥A753 ♦J4 ♣J62		
	4♠ West 0 0		

North makes an opening lead of KD on which S plays 4D. Later, after drawing trumps, declarer led 8D. Why should North not play QD? Either JD is with partner or with declarer so no rush.