

Bridge Hands – Week of 17th October 2021

Here's an instructive hand from WCBU Pairs on Monday 18th October:

<div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">14^D</div>					
	N papa bi 5				
	♠ J76 ♥ AKJ95 ♦ 742 ♣ AJ				
W JillyRabz 6	W N E S	1♠ Pass	E LeoraFintz 3		
♠ K98 ♥ 862 ♦ 96 ♣ Q8532	1NT 2♥ Dbl Pass	♠ AQ532 ♥ Q1074 ♦ AK ♣ K6			
	2♠ Pass Pass Pass				
	S Avocad 4				
	♠ 104 ♥ 3 ♦ QJ10853 ♣ 10974			2♠ East	
				0 0	

South leads 3H and North plays K and A finding South had a singleton. What next? By next leading his lowest remaining heart, 5H, for South to ruff, North shows South he has an entry in clubs. Now South can lead TC to North's AC and another heart allows South to ruff East's top QH.

This is another fascinating hand from Monday:

<div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">21^D</div>					
	N papa bi 5				
	♠ QJ ♥ K ♦ AKQ953 ♣ AK102				
W lam42 5	W N E S	2♣ Pass 2♥	E ADL1944 5		
♠ 8432 ♥ J52 ♦ J64 ♣ Q75	Pass 3♦ Pass 3♠	♠ K9 ♥ Q73 ♦ 10872 ♣ J964			
	Pass 6NT Pass Pass				
	S Avocad 4				
	♠ A10765 ♥ A109864 ♦ ♣ 83			6NT North	
				0 0	

Sadly, because of communication problems, 6NT does not make unless the defenders provide an entry to dummy. However, despite the misfit, both 6H and 6S make though it's not easy to bid.

Moving on to Thursday 21st October, this time there's a grand slam in the offing, though only 2 couples bid 7H and many were only in 4H:

7 D	N Leslaz007g 4+ ♠ AKJ1075432 ♦ A5 ♣ A6	E Mel K 5 ♠ K1043 ♥ Q ♦ QJ1076 ♣ J104
	W impalaphil 5+ ♠ QJ852 ♥ 9 ♦ 43 ♣ Q7532	
S kamar3 7 ♠ A976 ♥ 86 ♦ K982 ♣ K98		
Bid History: W N E S Pass 2♣ Pass 2N Pass 3♥ Pass 3N Pass 7♥ Pass Pa: Pass		
Score: 7♥ North 0 0		

The following hand also comes from Thursday:

13 D	N Tata Rob 4 ♠ 7 ♥ K642 ♦ QJ10985 ♣ 86	E Roy3240 4+ ♠ Q104 ♥ 1093 ♦ 42 ♣ KJ543
	W len888 5 ♠ AK9653 ♥ Q5 ♦ A ♣ AQ97	
S papa bi 5 ♠ J82 ♥ AJ87 ♦ K763 ♣ 102		
Bid History: W N E S 2♦ Pass Pass Dbl Pass 3♣ 3♦ 3♣ Pass Pass Pass		
Score: 3♣ West 0 0		

The weak 2D bid by North made it very difficult for East West to find game, let alone a 6S slam that no one bid but most made when a heart wasn't led.