

Bridge Hands – Week of 24th October 2021

The first hand is from WCBU pairs on Monday 25th October 2021:

Contract: 18♦

Player	Hand
N abelnita (5♦)	♠7 ♥J432 ♦A9 ♣1098543
W papa bi (5)	♠AQ6 ♥KQ10865 ♦85 ♣KJ
E Avocad (4)	♠85 ♥A97 ♦Q742 ♣A762
S fudge007 (6)	♠KJ109432 ♥ ♦KJ1063 ♣Q

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
Pass	1♠		
2♥	Pass	2♠	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Score: 4♥ West, 0-0

This is a basic hand that several misplayed and went down. Just about every time it was played, the lead was 7S. The danger is that one hand, probably North given South's long spades, will have 4 hearts. West must play KH first, retaining a finessing position should either opponent show out, then finesse 9H, play AH, come to hand with KC, and then draw last heart.

Only one player led AD but did not follow that by playing 9D despite partner's positive signal.

The next hand comes from WCBU pairs Wednesday 27th October:

Contract: 12♦

Player	Hand
N cliveneill (4)	♠7 ♥K ♦AKQ97543 ♣J32
W papa bi (5)	♠K10542 ♥Q84 ♦106 ♣Q104
E GrobickiT (3)	♠Q93 ♥7632 ♦J82 ♣A85
S lisa harri (4♦)	♠AJ86 ♥AJ1095 ♦ ♣K976

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Score: 6♦ North, 0-0

Only one couple bid 6D though many made 12 tricks in both diamonds and NT.

This hand comes from WCBU pairs on Thursday 28th October 2021:

Hand 7♦

N berendei 14	♠AJ873 ♥8 ♦AQ73 ♣Q73
W Isobeljane 3*	♠K1092 ♥K65 ♦54 ♣10854
E papa bi 5	♠Q654 ♥10942 ♦J10 ♣K62
S januszk.rol 8*	♠ ♥AQJ73 ♦K9862 ♣AJ9

Bidding: Pass 1♠ Pass 3♦ Pass 6♦ Pass Pass Pass

Score: 6♦ South 0-0

Again, only one couple bid 6D, though many made 12 or 13 tricks.

Hand 10♦

N meryl3000 6	♠4 ♥J965432 ♦A103 ♣93
W Pammie11 5*	♠AK10762 ♥A7 ♦974 ♣KJ
E stanlau 6	♠3 ♥KQ ♦KQJ862 ♣A842
S merlesaxe4 4*	♠QJ985 ♥108 ♦5 ♣Q10765

Bidding: 1♠ Pass 3♦ Pass 3NT Pass 4NT Pass 5♦ Pass 6♦ Pass Pass Pass

Score: 6♦ East 0-0

This is another hand where only two couples bid 6D. In both cases, East rebid 3D over partner's 1S response. Admittedly, at some of the other tables North South bid despite being vulnerable and having so few points.

Hand 12♦

N hb01 5	♠AKJ1072 ♥AQ4 ♦53 ♣A6
W faceplace 4*	♠6 ♥J95 ♦QJ107642 ♣Q3
E Robot 5	♠853 ♥8732 ♦K8 ♣J1054
S fudge007 6	♠Q94 ♥K106 ♦A9 ♣K9872

Bidding: Pass 1♠ Pass 3NT Pass 4NT Pass 5♣ Pass 6♠ Pass Pass Pass

Score: 6♦ North 0-0

Yet another slam that few bid.