



Warwickshire Charity Simultaneous Pairs
In aid of Warwickshire Air Ambulance
Thursday 11 May 2017



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| <u>1</u> | 973 |
| North | A54 |
| None | 8532 |
| | 872 |
| T8642 | AK |
| 32 | KQ976 |
| K4 | 96 |
| AJT9 | K643 |
| | QJ5 |
| | JT8 |
| | AQJT7 |
| | Q5 |

1♥ from East will see South bid 2♦. West now has a problem as he is not strong enough to bid 2♠. Best is to double. East now has a choice, 2♥ or 3♣? Where 2♥ is chosen West may pass, after 3♣ by East, West may again decide to pass. The game contract of 5♣ or 4♥ and 4♠ I feel will not too often be bid, East/West settling for a part score contract.

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| <u>2</u> | AK |
| East | 53 |
| NS | J9843 |
| | K864 |
| T985 | QJ643 |
| T9876 | 2 |
| AT65 | Q |
| | QT7532 |
| | 72 |
| | AKQJ4 |
| | K72 |
| | AJ9 |

East may have a 'gadget' and open 2♠, Lucas showing ♠s and a minor or ♠s and any other. South will probably double. A direct bid by North now should show at least 8+pts. With less bid 2NT, partner has to bid 3♣ now 3♦ would be denying 8pts or more.. Over 3♥ the sensible bid is 3NT. Anyone bidding wildly to 6NT will be delighted to find the ♦ suit so obliging.

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| <u>3</u> | KJ43 |
| South | Q962 |
| EW | Q4 |
| | AJ9 |
| AQ9862 | 7 |
| AK8 | T73 |
| J7 | KT82 |
| K7 | Q8653 |
| | T5 |
| | J54 |
| | A9653 |
| | T42 |

West will open with 1♠. North should pass but some will double as they have four ♥s. Pity as South will bid 2♦. Should have thought about that earlier! Where North passes East may bid 1NT and will regret that when partner jumps to 3♠.

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| <u>4</u> | KT63 |
| West | 876 |
| All | J864 |
| | 43 |
| 752 | Q |
| Q2 | AKT43 |
| Q32 | KT95 |
| JT876 | KQ2 |
| | AJ984 |
| | J95 |
| | A7 |
| | A95 |

Two passes will see East open 1♥ and South overcall 1♠. West has nothing to say and North should raise ♠s. The two level is probably enough but some brave souls will jump to 3♠ - obviously pre-emptive. Whatever the ♠ raise East should double following the general practice of when opponents have bid and raised a suit then double is Take Out. West unexpectedly finds themselves in 3 or 4♣.

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| <u>5</u> | 96 |
| North | KQ532 |
| NS | 7642 |
| | QJ |
| AT75 | KQJ42 |
| 9 | A84 |
| AQJ53 | T9 |
| T43 | 985 |
| | 83 |
| | JT76 |
| | K8 |
| | AK762 |

South starts the ball rolling after two passes with 1♣. West bids 1♦, North 1♥ and East bids 1♠. South raises to 2♥ West will support ♠s. North may compete and the danger here for North/South is that they push their opponents into a game they were unlikely to bid left to their own devices. Well done to any East/West pairs that bid to 4♠ by West either bid 3♥ to show a good raise to 3♠ or jumping to 3♠ declining the Splinter.

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| 6 | Q |
| East | 87543 |
| EW | J8 |
| | 96542 |
| K6 | A8 |
| A62 | KQJT9 |
| 7532 | Q964 |
| KJT3 | Q8 |
| | JT975432 |
| | AKT |
| | A7 |

1♥ from East and few sitting South will not bid 4♠. A double by West should conclude the auction. If you received a ♦ lead against 4♠ you were fortunate indeed.

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| 7 | T8 |
| South | KJT4 |
| All | AT97 |
| | Q96 |
| AKQ53 | J762 |
| 953 | Q62 |
| K8 | QJ3 |
| J75 | K42 |
| | 94 |
| | A87 |
| | 6542 |
| | AT83 |

South passes, West opens 1♠. North really should pass, a few, belonging to the 'I have my entry money, I'm going to have a bid' will double. East has a ready made 2♠ but they are already too high. When North passes at their first turn East still bids two ♠s which would be passed round to North. North may well now double and the boot is now on the other foot.

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|-------|--------|
| 8 | QT |
| West | Q98652 |
| None | KJ92 |
| | 2 |
| A87 | J32 |
| AKJ | 43 |
| AQ | T7543 |
| KJ875 | AQ6 |
| | K9654 |
| | T7 |
| | 86 |
| | T943 |

A straightforward 2NT (some may treat this hand as 23pts adding one for the fifth ♣). East's seven count sees no other place to play than 3NT.

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| 9 | KT |
| North | QT97 |
| EW | J954 |
| | 974 |
| 9852 | Q743 |
| A | 65432 |
| AK8 | 72 |
| AKQ65 | J2 |
| | AJ6 |
| | KJ8 |
| | QT63 |
| | T83 |

Two passes to South. Some will pass others will bid 1NT. Following 1NT West has a clear cut double, North has nowhere to go. Does East take out to a five card suit headed by the 6? Where West gets a free run 2NT is a probable opener. Those that chose 1♣ are likely to play there. After 2NT East should use Stayman . 3♠ from West will see an optimistic raise from East, losing just three tricks, all in trumps!

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| 10 | T |
| East | AT842 |
| All | JT |
| | AK742 |
| Q8542 | AJ973 |
| Q65 | 3 |
| A973 | KQ52 |
| 9 | QJ6 |
| | K6 |
| | KJ97 |
| | 864 |
| | T853 |

1♠ from East will be met by either three or four ♠s from partner. East/West will arrive at 4♠. North may have taken action over 3♠ with North/South contesting the auction to 5♣. This will be a save if declarer picks up the queen of ♥s.



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| 11 | 7 |
| South | KQT972 |
| None | T973 |
| | 94 |
| AKQJ83 | 65 |
| 84 | AJ3 |
| 4 | KQJ6 |
| AQT7 | J832 |
| | T942 |
| | 65 |
| | A852 |
| | K65 |

West will begin the auction with 1♠. Where North passes East bids two ♣s. A Splinter to 3♦ is available where a new suit at the two level is forcing. There is a huge wastage in ♦s with East now bidding 3NT and West ending the auction with 4♠.

Those stretching to 6♣ will be relieved that the ♣ finesse works!

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| 12 | K9 |
| West | KJ7 |
| NS | 87632 |
| | T92 |
| 8742 | AT5 |
| A964 | T852 |
| 4 | K95 |
| KJ84 | A53 |
| | QJ63 |
| | Q3 |
| | AQJT |
| | Q76 |

Another eleven point hand third in hand. The question here is who plays in 1NT. Should East chose to open 1NT they will play there. If East passes South bids 1NT. South should go one do

wn, East should make. Fortune favours the Brave in this case.

If East opens 1NT how do you get to 2♥? A method you may like to try with this 4:4:1:4 is to employ Stayman. What you will ask do I do if partner bids 2♦? You bid 2♥. It now requires partner to be awake. If he has two ♥s and Three ♠s he MUST bid 2♠. The worst that can happen is you play in the Moysian 4:3 fit.

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| 13 | 9762 |
| North | T64 |
| All | 62 |
| | KQ82 |
| AT | KQ54 |
| 83 | QJ97 |
| K753 | AJ9 |
| AT763 | J9 |
| | J83 |
| | AK52 |
| | QT84 |
| | 54 |

All routes lead to 3NT by East. Which red suit to lead? The ♥ gives less away, giving declarer two tricks in the suit, the ♦ three tricks to declarer. Either way East will concede two tricks in ♣s to make three tricks in the suit. With two ♦ and two ♥ tricks any declarers managing to take the finesse of the ten of ♠s and retain communications will make eleven tricks for a well earned better than average score.

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| 14 | K7 |
| East | AKJT43 |
| None | KT8 |
| | KT |
| QT982 | AJ63 |
| Q7 | 82 |
| AQJ2 | 973 |
| A2 | J763 |
| | 54 |
| | 965 |
| | 654 |
| | Q9854 |

Two passes to West who opens 1♠. North is too good to simply overcall two ♥s and should double, intending to bid ♥s on his next bid. East should now jump to 3♠, making life more difficult for North/South.

Passes by South and West will leave North the option of double or 4♥. Any course of action will see East/West with a positive score unless East covers the second round of ♣s.

If North doubles he must bid ♥s on his next round, except when it is at the 5 level!

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| 15 | J8 |
| South | AK732 |
| NS | KQJ |
| | AJ4 |
| KT753 | A92 |
| 5 | JT94 |
| AT542 | 876 |
| 53 | KQT |
| | Q64 |
| | Q86 |
| | 93 |
| | 98762 |

Two passes to North will see North open 1♥. Two more passes will follow and West considers their 5:5 hand. If your two suited methods do not apply now you have to bid 1♠. A Michaels bid of 2♥ showing ♠s and another is safe but those playing exclusion Ghestem showing the two suits other than those bid ie ♥s and ♣s will need nerves of steel. If the chosen route is 1♠ then North has an automatic double. Regardless East will bid 2♠, this being passed round to North. North should double again. Anyone achieving a positive score will score well. West may start with a Lucas style 2♠ two suiter. Again North doubles being too good to overcall.

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| 16 | JT7 |
| West | AT2 |
| EW | A5 |
| | A7432 |
| 8542 | KQ6 |
| KJ94 | Q876 |
| 97 | K432 |
| Q85 | JT |
| | A93 |
| | 53 |
| | QJT86 |
| | K96 |

1NT by North may see some in the South seat count their fifth ♦ as a point and make a move to 3NT which partner will do the same, valuing their fifth ♣. At pairs do not stretch to a part score, after all partner may stretch as well, producing a negative score. While North should not accept the try you may as well play at a comfortable level
You do best at pairs when you have a positive score on the board.

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|-------|--------|
| 17 | |
| North | KT7542 |
| None | T93 |
| | AKT2 |
| KT8 | Q764 |
| J83 | Q96 |
| KJ84 | AQ2 |
| Q75 | 964 |
| | AJ9532 |
| | A |
| | 765 |
| | J83 |

Many will open 1♥ with the North hand. South will clearly respond 1♠. What now from North? The usual way is for North to rebid 2♥, this is limited 12-14pts. However you have only shown five cards. Bidding 2♣ on the second round shows partner nine of your cards, but may have a wider range of points. Where North's rebid was 2♥ South is almost certain to rebid 2♠ as is likely over 2♣. Correct bidding by South in both cases but life at the Bridge Table! Best is 3♣ but may not be found at the table.

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|------|--------|
| 18 | KQT52 |
| East | Q964 |
| NS | 9 |
| | Q32 |
| 976 | |
| AT52 | KJ3 |
| Q64 | AKJT82 |
| K95 | AJT8 |
| | AJ843 |
| | 87 |
| | 753 |
| | 764 |

1♦ from East, pass by South, will see West bid 1♥. North intrudes with 1♠. East bids 3♣, South 3♠ then a sequence of 4♦ East, 5♣ by West and 6♦ by East. You can make 7♦ but you do have to get both finesses right! 6♦ is enough.

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| 19 | J8 |
| South | 9742 |
| EW | JT62 |
| | T76 |
| QT753 | K962 |
| T | AJ865 |
| 854 | KQ |
| AQ98 | KJ |
| | A4 |
| | KQ3 |
| | A973 |
| | 5432 |

A 1NT opener by South, Two passes round to East who doubles. Do you stand your ground as West holding 8pts and clearly the balance of points? The vulnerability is not in your favour as you need to beat this by four tricks if you have Game on. If you as West are going to bid 2♠ may be passed as partner could think you are weak. Safest is a jump to 3♠. Partner bids 4♠. A useful method here is following the double 2NT shows a game force with two places to play. 4♠ is now easily reached.

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|-------|--------|
| 20 | 65 |
| West | AKQ643 |
| All | AJ |
| | 753 |
| AK73 | T84 |
| 75 | JT982 |
| K9863 | 2 |
| Q2 | A864 |
| | QJ92 |
| | QT754 |
| | KJT9 |

The auction probably will go 1♦-1♥-P-1NT-1♠-2♥.

Double by you now should be taken as penalty as partner has bid two suits. If you wanted to Take Out to the remaining suit you could bid this yourself.



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21 Q65
North Q
NS J52
KQT874
J84 T72
A K97642
AQ9843 76
A63 J5
AK93
JT853
KT
92

Two passes to South who opens 1♥. There are two ways West can chose to develop their hand - double and an overcall of 2♦. If you double and then bid ♦s you are showing a hand too good to overcall 2♦. If you overcall 2♦ you can compete on the next round with double showing a hand playable in the other two suits but only three cards in the unbid suits. Either way West plays in 3♦ or is outbid by opponents in 3♣. Three rounds of ♦s will see East make the ♣ jack and take five tricks.

22 9865
East AJ652
EW 73
64
KT43 AJ7
KQ 93
J5 AK82
AKT73 Q985
Q2
T874
QT964
J2

1NT from East and West will not have slam ambitions knowing of only 30pts between the two hands. A Stayman enquiry is made that may change the view if partner responds in ♠s. However East shows no four card major and the auction dies in 3NT. You have ten top tricks but cannot lose the lead on a ♥ lead. If you take one round of ♣s you maintain communication in the suit and if you play the two top ♠s the queen falls and you make twelve tricks for a very good score. Where South leads a ♦ it costs a trick in ♦s but declarer will probably get the ♠s wrong and emerge with 11 tricks only.

23 832
South QJT54
All AT
T53
QJ74 K965
A2 987
432 Q9875
AQ84 6
AT
K63
KJ6
KJ972

South to open 1NT or 1♣ according to methods. After 1NT the hand is a simple transfer to 2♥. After 1♣ paths will diverge. Some will pass with the West hand the result being the same 2♥ contract or 1NT by South. On the times when West makes an off centre double East/West will certainly compete to 2♠, a good contract for East/West or push opponents to the three level. Where it goes 1NT from South, 2♦(North), 2♥(♠) West may make a Take Out double, certainly better than a double of 1♣.

24 AJT85
West 7
None J98
K532
72 64
A9542 KQJ6
KQ76 AT5
Q9 J764
KQ93
T83
432
AT8

West bids 1♥, North overcalls 1♠. What now from East? Without the ♠ overcall East would bid 3♥ but 3♥ now would be preemptive in most methods. If North had doubles many would bid 2NT to show the value (10-11pt) range. Why not use it after a suit overcall. Some would use two ♠s so it is down to methods with some preferring the cue bid to be a raise to three but with only 3♥s. Whatever, South will bid 3♠ so both pairs are beyond a positive score but 3♠-1 may score well as North/South will make ten tricks in ♥s unless the opening lead is a black card.

25 K7532
North QT6
EW AQT
43
AT J8
A54 J832
KJ93 875
KJ86 Q972
Q964
K97
642
AT5

Another 11pt hand. If 1♠ is ventured South will raise to 2♠. West holds 16pts. Are you a man or a mouse? The 'Men' will double and East will not view their prospects in a happy light. Neither suit, ♣s or ♥s, can make more than 6 tricks for at least 300 minus. If the sequence goes as before South may not give up pressing on to 3♠. Declarer now making ten tricks if he finds the jack of ♥s will still have a poor score. Comments such as 'Don't you know when to pass' and 'Do not Bid your hand twice' could well be heard.



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|------|----------|
| 26 | K8742 |
| East | AJT6 |
| All | |
| | AJT7 |
| T653 | AQJ |
| Q75 | 9842 |
| AT7 | K8 |
| Q64 | 9532 |
| | 9 |
| | K3 |
| | QJ965432 |
| | K8 |

East passes. South? A choice of ♦ openers. 3 & 4 level choices will be the majority but there will be 1&5 level bids made. North will need to be disciplined and pass if South chooses 3♦. 4♦ however seems the normal action.

| | |
|--------|-------|
| 27 | KQT85 |
| South | AT753 |
| None | 96 |
| | 9 |
| AJ72 | 63 |
| 9 | 842 |
| 82 | AJ743 |
| T87643 | QJ2 |
| | 94 |
| | KQJ6 |
| | KQT5 |
| | AK5 |

An opening 1♥ from South and a bid of 1♠, Splinter in ♣s or game forcing 2NT are all possible from North. South may chose to look for a slam if partner bids either 2NT or 4♣ but RKCB Blackwood saves the day.

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|--------|--------|
| 28 | AT87 |
| West | T6 |
| NS | AKT5 |
| | 983 |
| 43 | 9 |
| AQJ832 | K75 |
| Q98 | J763 |
| T5 | QJ742 |
| | KQJ652 |
| | 94 |
| | 42 |
| | AK6 |

Where West has a weak 2 opener they will open 2 or 3♥. North should pass and East may well raise preemptively to 3♥ or 4♥. This will not silence South who bids 3 or 4 ♠s depending on the bid made before them and 3♠ by South will be raised to four by North. West may consider a sacrifice of 5♥ which will be successful if North/South fail to find their ♦ ruff.

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| 29 | KT |
| North | 862 |
| All | AQ98 |
| | A652 |
| 987 | 6542 |
| AJT754 | 93 |
| | T42 |
| QJ98 | KT43 |
| | AQJ3 |
| | KQ |
| | KJ7653 |
| | 7 |

1NT from North. Old fashioned methods would bid 3♦, forcing, partner bidding four card suits upwards in reply so a ♠ fit would not be missed. Modern methods would use Stayman with 3♦ forcing following partner's reply. Those bidding 2♣ Stayman will receive an overcall from West of 2 or 3 ♥s. North passes both of these bids and now it is South to decide, 3NT or 4♦? When 3♦ is forcing North can cue bid 3♠ and 6♦ may be reached for the top score, resting in 5♦ will be a bottom, those in 3NT will be above average.

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|---------|---------|
| 30 | 543 |
| East | AJ62 |
| None | QJ872 |
| | 9 |
| 6 | T8 |
| T9 | KQ8743 |
| AKT9653 | |
| Q42 | AK873 |
| | AKQJ972 |
| | 5 |
| | 4 |
| | JT65 |

One of our top international players would open this hand 4♥! Ordinary mortals will settle for less opening 1♥. South will bid 4♠ the final resting spot for those making a contract. Surely West will bid 5♦, North will double and North/South will soon be entering 500 in their column. Does West bid 5♦? If not does East bid 5♣? This is why we play the Game. Your decision.

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