



Warwickshire Charity Simultaneous Pairs – In aid of Warwickshire Air Ambulance

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<u>1</u>	KQJ9854
North	85
None	J3
	QJ
32	AT6
A942	JT763
K986	2
T92	8743
	7
	KQ
	AQT754
	AK65

A standard 3♠ opener from North and a pass by East. South has three options: pass (timid), 3NT and 4♠. The ♦ lead from East will set up a ♦ trick, a ♦ ruff may be taken and two further tricks with both major suit aces will see 4♠ defeated. To make 10 tricks declarer must win the opening lead with the ♦A and play three rounds of ♣ throwing the remaining ♦ away. He now loses only the ♥A and at most two ♠s. 3NT will be the highest match point earner if West prefers a ♦ lead rather than a ♥.

<u>2</u>	Q983
East	AQ753
NS	J64
	8
AJ5	KT74
T86	9
T972	AK3
QT4	AJ973
	62
	KJ42
	Q85
	K652

East opens 1♣, South passes and West bids 1♦. North has choices of double and 1♥. Either way EW are likely to compete to 3♣ and this situation is one where to bid the 'extra' time is a bid too far.

<u>3</u>	AQJ83
South	T9
EW	QT93
	T7
K976	T52
	8653
AJ52	K64
AJ854	K63
	4
	AKQJ742
	87
	Q92

South will open 1♥ or 4♥. West will double at both levels. Over 1♥ it is very unfortunate for poor old East, what on earth does he bid? 1♠ runs into a 5 card suit with North, 2♣ fares no better and 2♦ is the dreaded 4:3 'Moysian' fit. Passing is no better with 1♥ doubled making with ease. If North responds 1♠ after a 1♥ opener then South rebids 3♥. Over a 4♥ opener all the same problems are still there but at a higher level and you can now pass! It may go wrong but it is probably your last chance of obtaining a plus score on this board.

<u>4</u>	AT8532
West	AQ
All	K98
	95
964	J
98	KJ7532
T	Q753
AKJT872	64
	KQ7
	T64
	AJ642
	Q3

3♣ from West, 3♠ by North and South raises to 4♠. Should EW try 5♣ they will have a successful save if NS do not find an opening lead of a ♣. When you have the balance of points in your favour at a high level it is generally correct to take their trump holding down by leading them.

<u>5</u>	KJ8
North	QJ3
NS	A74
	QJ82
T6	A5432
AT7	542
98653	KJ
AK7	T94
	Q97
	K986
	QT2
	653

For those playing 12-14 NT North will open 1NT. It is hard to see any sensible bids to follow that but no doubt there will be a number who will find a way. When the 15-17 strong no-trump players sit NS North will open 1♣, East can now overcall 1♠. South doubles to show the 4 card ♥ suit and a part score bidding auction follows. Almost certainly the winner of this auction will be too high.

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<u>6</u>	KT765
East	AKJ65
EW	J7
	7
83	Q4
Q987	43
KQ84	A632
JT9	86543
	AJ92
	T2
	T95
	AKQ2

East passes, South bids 1NT. What now? Transfers? Stayman? A reply of 2♦ to Stayman will possibly see you play in the wrong major suit at the 4 level. Transferring to ♠s and then bidding ♥s twice should do the job. Perhaps the simplest method is to bid 4♦ after the one trump. For many this shows specifically 5-5 in the majors and requests partner to choose. It may of course be forgotten! Note: As North is 5-5 the ♦K is likely to be a better lead than a ♣.

<u>7</u>	AKQT2
South	K952
All	7632
8654	J93
AJT	Q87
AQT5	84
K4	T7653
	7
	643
	KJ9
	AQJ982

Many Souths will open 1♣. West doubles. North will bid 1♠, South 2♣ and North 2♥. Where will it end? Probably too high again! North may view 1♣-X-1♠-P; 2♣-P-2♥-P; 2NT and pass with a mis-fit.

<u>8</u>	KQ5
West	A53
None	AK62
	T84
T8	AJ9764
987	QT42
T93	5
KJ765	AQ
	32
	KJ6
	QJ874
	932

The NT range for NS will bring differing auctions. Where it is 15-17 an overcall of 2♣ by East is likely to conclude the auction. When it is 12-14 East has to decide how to proceed. North will open 1♦. You could bid 1♠ and then later double to show a good hand. You could double now and then bid ♠s to show a hand better than a one level overcall. South of course will have a say over the double mainly bidding 3♦. 3♣ may go down but will still be a good score if opponents do not double or compete to the four level.

<u>9</u>	A9
North	3
EW	976542
	KQ72
QT8543	K76
AQ98	J742
KJ	T3
8	J654
	J2
	KT65
	AQ8
	AT93

Playing three weak two's some brave souls will bid 2♦. A ♦/♠ auction is likely to follow. 4♦ is a sound contract with 4♠ being a good 'save', but if declarer manages to play ♥s twice towards West 4♠ can make. One down may still bring a good match pointed score. Where North leads an opening ♥ they will of course easily beat four ♠s with a ♥ ruff but this may not be the final contract.

<u>10</u>	T96
East	AJ76
All	T9742
	9
3	AKQ8
KT84	Q932
AJ53	K
T632	AK74
	J7542
	5
	Q86
	QJ85

In the absence of a Roman style 4:4:4:1 system 2NT may be bid. The ♥ fit will be found and all is well if a little lucky. Without methods, opening bids of 1♣, 1♥ and 1♠ are all possible. Again the ♥ fit will be located easily except where 1♠ is opened when it may not with 3NT becoming the final contract. Both contracts will require the ♥ suit to be played locating the ♥J. If 2NT is not opened 1♣ is the 'normal' bid.

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<u>11</u>	T3
South	AJ953
None	T2
	J963
754	AQ86
862	QT7
K863	Q97
A82	KT4
	KJ92
	K4
	AJ54
	Q75

1NT by South will hear 2♦ from North, transferring to ♥s. East would like to compete but has no sensible bid so should pass. West is therefore on lead against 2♥ and he has a problem. A ♥ lead is likely to cost a trick but which of the other suits is less likely to cost? For me a ♠ is my choice. It does help declarer and 8 tricks are possible but any plus score is likely to be good.

<u>12</u>	AJ86
West	983
NS	JT643
	J
KQ92	T
AJT5	KQ742
Q2	AK98
T63	K75
	7543
	6
	75
	AQ9842

Another transfer hand. 1NT from West is usually transferred and 4♥ will be played by West. The lead of the ♣J will quickly see this bring two ♣s, a ruff and the ♠A for one down. The unlikely contract of 3NT will be made by either East or West and is certainly the contract you wish to be in, but rewards less sensible bidding.

<u>13</u>	63
North	KJT83
All	J764
	97
KQ2	AJ9874
6542	Q
KT2	Q985
QJT	43
	T5
	A97
	A3
	AK8652

North passes and East has a weak 2♠ bid. South can double or bid 3♣. West will probably raise to 3♠ over either of these bids. Where South bid 3♣ he now has an easy double over which North will be pleased to bid 4♥. Where double was chosen initially following the 3♠ by West, South will bid 4♣ emphasizing his good suit. He did however indicate a willingness to play in other suits and North should now value his ♥ suit and bid 4♥.

<u>14</u>	A54
East	J7532
None	9643
	3
K73	QJ982
986	KT
AKJT	Q5
K87	AT54
	T6
	AQ4
	872
	QJ962

East will open 1♠ in most cases. 2♦ from West will see East rebid 2♠. An easy raise to 4♠ will set the contract. Where East 1NT, West will directly raise to 3NT. 4♠ will succeed while the fate of 3NT depends on whether North finds the ♥ switch when gaining the lead with the ♠A. However, if you make the horrible bid of 1NT and reach 3NT you should look for a deceptive play to assist in the play. On the ♣ lead win in dummy dropping the ♣10. When you play ♠s South may clear the ♣s in preference to continuing ♥s.

<u>15</u>	AQ43
South	872
NS	Q92
	T85
J	97652
AT65	K4
KT863	A754
974	AQ
	KT8
	QJ93
	J
	KJ632

South will open 1♣. If West does not overcall North bids 1♠. East has something of a problem with double holding two doubletons. If you have paid your entry money and feel you are entitled to a bid and double will show you have 12+ points then all will be well. However, if East passes South bids 2♣ and the ♦ suit is lost. The overcall of 1♦ following the 1♣ opener solves that potential problem. If South buys the auction in 2♣ they may regret it as it can go 2 down.

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16	Q97
West	K
EW	J54
	QJT932
AKJT8	42
QJ3	T9842
KQ62	A98
6	A74
	653
	A765
	T73
	K85

1♠ from West. North may pass and also could choose 2♣, or even a weak 3♣. Overcalling at the 2 level should be disciplined with almost opening bid values. This is therefore risky but may be justified with the 6 card suit. It does however help EW. If North passes, East is not good enough to bid 2♥ and has to bid 1NT. With the overcall, the bid of a double shows 4♥s but bidding shows 5. 4♥ by West now is clear cut. When North passes East bids 1NT and while the bidding should go 2♦ from West and then 2♥ from East, a wheel may drop off for EW and 4♥ not recorded. East may just give false preference after 1♠-1NT-2♦.

17	K4
North	QJT764
None	K4
	T96
AJ75	Q963
95	AK8
876	9532
AJ84	K3
	T82
	32
	AQJT
	Q752

Two passes to North. Should North pass, East will open 1NT. West will consider a pass with 10 points having to bid 2NT should East bid 2♦ or 2♥ following their Stayman enquiry. If North bids an opening weak 2♥ then EW should reach 3♠ following a double from East, a jump to 3♠ from West and a pass from East not being good enough to bid 4♠.

18	Q973
East	K753
NS	KQ6
	K9
KT	AJ8652
J9	42
JT754	A8
J742	AQ3
	4
	AQT86
	932
	T865

East opens 1♠. South passes and all West can do is bid 1NT. If North doubles the ♥ fit will be found. However, is double suitable holding 4♠s? If not, EW will play in a comfortable 2♠. The double by North is not to be recommended!

19	A952
South	862
EW	AQ
	QJ85
3	74
J75	KT94
K87432	T65
T92	K763
	KQJT86
	AQ3
	J9
	A4

1♠ from South will see North make a Jacoby raise to 2NT. Cue bids showing first round control will follow and 6♠ is a likely resting spot. With 3 finesses in your favour you will be delighted to make it with opponents being somewhat miffed. Are there any 7♠ bidders? Did you make it? It can be done the extra trick coming from the ♣8!

20	74
West	QJT8
All	AT9763
	5
AKT9	6532
A54	932
Q5	K8
AK62	JT84
	QJ8
	K76
	J42
	Q973

West will bid 2NT or reach that bid by some sort of strong opener. Will East raise with 4 points? He will learn that playing for a positive score is often the best course of action. East might survive a 3♣ bid but only if he passes 3♠.



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<u>21</u>	K987
North	97
NS	QT8653
	4
T2	AJ654
Q864	KJ5
K42	
AT52	Q8763
	Q3
	AT32
	AJ97
	KJ9

Will those playing 3 weak twos open 2♦? Many will not open any sort of pre-empt with a playable 4 card major. However, some spirited (or optimistic) players will open 2♦ and if EW have a suitable 'gadget' will show their two black suits. East is somewhat light for a two suited take out. South will contest the auction and EW need to judge carefully how high to bid. When North passes, East has a choice. Major or minor? Where you 'always' open the same one you take away your judgement on the hand. The suit you do mind losing is the 5 card major which may be lost if you choose 1♣ to open with. If you open 1♣ it is a good idea only if you are prepared to compete in ♠s, even if the auction is at the 4 level when it comes round to you.

<u>22</u>	AJ7
East	K
EW	KQT72
	A754
T932	K85
J52	AQ983
94	A83
Q963	KJ
	Q64
	T764
	J65
	T82

1♥ from East will be passed round to North. What now? Most will double. East may well bid 1NT. Where East passes the spotlight switches to South, who wishes he was somewhere else. He probably comes up with 1♠ which most likely concludes the auction. If 1♥ is passed round to North and North doubles, then you could bid NT, usually on this sequence in the range 17-19. Anyone achieving a plus score on this board should find themselves above average.

<u>23</u>	AQ6
South	A9
All	AT54
	A964
K742	J953
KQ87	J543
82	K97
T83	75
	T8
	T62
	QJ63
	KQJ2

1♣ from North and South raises to 2♣ or 3♣. Either way North should bid 2NT or 3NT. 5♣ or 5♦ will have 2 losers. Playing in 3NT at match pointed pairs is the thing to do. You may be kept to 9 tricks on a ♥ lead but a ♠ lead will see you making 10 tricks.

<u>24</u>	KQJ9
West	T97
None	KQ63
	63
AT6	8752
Q42	K863
A95	T8
T752	KQ4
	43
	AJ5
	J742
	AJ98

Three passes to South. Do you, or don't you? In the long term it pays to throw these hands in. A gadget known as Casino is often used to guide you here. You have 2 ♠s only, add these to your high card count in points. If it is 15 or more bid. If not then bidding may let them into the auction as they are favourites to hold the boss suit.

<u>25</u>	97
North	KQ86
EW	Q654
	873
QJ32	K865
543	A97
K87	A93
T42	965
	AT4
	JT2
	JT2
	AKQJ

Two passes to South and a 1♣ opener. North bids 1♦ and South 1NT. It is not clear where suit contracts get into the auction.



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26	
East	8765
All	KT96
	AT632
KT62	J875
AKQ32	
73	QJ8542
Q5	KJ4
	AQ943
	JT94
	A
	987

Another weak 2 with a reasonable four card major. Do you, or don't you? If you open 2♦ South joins the fray with 2♠ and you will have a ♠ contract with a 5-nil break. If East passes the first time South opens 1♣. West overcalls 2♥, North and South are likely to pass as well may East although he may view to bid 3♦, which of course will not make. Not a deal to get adventurous.

27	
South	AQ6
None	Q98632
	43
	K8
JT74	532
T754	KJ
J9	KT85
AQ7	9643
	K98
	A
	AQ762
	JT52

South to open 1♦. North bids 1♥ and South rebids 2♣. What is responder's rebid now? Is it weak or constructive? If South takes the view to pass you will miss 10 tricks in the suit making game. If North jumps to 3♥ invitation to game then game depends on South's choice but 4♥ and 3NT will both make. To make the NT game you will require 3 entries to dummy so you must play a ♣ towards the ♣K. I would not mind not being in game on this hand.

28	
West	Q86
NS	75
	KJT8
	J765
K743	92
AKJ862	3
52	AQ97643
8	KQ9
	AJT5
	QT94
	AT432

West will open 1♥ or 2♥. Those bidding 2♥ will be playing intermediate twos in the majors, ranging 9 or 10 up to 14. Should East bid their ♦s or pass quietly? When you know it is a misfit it often pays to end the auction as quickly as you can. Where West opens 1♥, East bids 2♦ and West rebids 2♥ (having insufficient for a reverse of 2♠). East's 3♦ should be the final contract and it may be doubled by South intending North to choose in the black suits.

29	
North	AQ52
All	KT932
	Q4
	J7
KJ6	73
764	AQ
AK92	JT653
T95	AK64
	T984
	J85
	87
	Q832

North to open 1♥. East can double, bid 2♦ or 'stretch' to 1NT. Double may see partner leap in ♠s (although not so here), 2♦ is a poor suit for an overcall and 1NT lacks a point and a ♠ stop. However, this is the bid I would choose, well they haven't led a ♠ yet! West raises to 3NT and when dummy goes down East can smile again. Where East bids 2♦ West is good enough for a UCB of 2♥ and East bids 3NT with the ♥ stop.

30	
East	Q93
None	A8
	Q652
	AJT3
KJ54	A82
QJ95	T7432
T9	7
KQ2	9876
	T76
	K6
	AKJ843
	54

South will open 1♦. As five of a minor is usually a poor score if 3NT is viable, I can see no better bid than 3NT from North.