

Avon Contract Bridge Association

Inter-Club Simultaneous Pairs

Thursday 18th February 2010

(Current Holders: K Lee and M Lee)



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Dear Participant,

We hope that you enjoyed playing in this year's ACBA Inter-Club Simultaneous Pairs event and hope that you did well. The ACBA committee would like to thank David Jones for providing this year's commentary. We hope that you find it both instructive and entertaining.

Three clubs participated this year: Bristol, Tudor and West of England. This event was well supported last year and we hope it has been again this year. The event is open to non-ACBA/EBU players and no extra table money is charged. Masterpoints are issued at county level at the end of the season and an engraved trophy (to keep) will be given to the winners of this year's event. When the final results are ready, they will be posted on our website (www.avoncba.org) and sent out to participating clubs.

Last year's winners were K Lee and M Lee.

We would like to bring to your attention the forthcoming events:

On Sunday 28th February 2010 the Avon County Pairs Final takes place. This is a direct entry and open to all County members.

On Saturday the 13th & Sunday the 14^h of March 2010, Avon and Wiltshire are holding a joint green pointed Swiss Pairs (Saturday) and Swiss Teams (Sunday).

On Thursday the 1st of April 2010 the ACBA Mixed Pairs will take place.

And finally, our AGM (followed by the final league round of the season), is on Wednesday the 5th of May 2010 at Bristol Bridge Club. If anyone would like to stand for a position on next year's committee, we would be delighted to hear from you. Nomination forms will be posted nearer the time.

Regards,

The ACBA Committee

<p>Board 1 Vul None Dealer N</p> <p>♠ AK3 ♥ J ♦ KQ6543 ♣ QJ8</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ T75 ♥ T854 ♦ JT9 ♣ A73</p> <p>♠ J9842 ♥ 763 ♦ A87 ♣ 65</p> <p>♠ Q6 ♥ AKQ92 ♦ 2 ♣ KT942</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>E/W score 9 tricks in hearts whilst N/S can make 10 tricks in diamonds and owing to the fortunate lay out 10 in spades. It is the double fit for both sides which increases the trick taking potential of the hand. Should east enter with 1h or 2nt over 1d –some play 2nt as weak or strong rather than intermediate so would bid 1h intending to bid clubs later ,the rationale for this is that determining whether to save is easier if you know that partner lacks defence. Here 2nt will probably work best as it will shut south out whereas 1h will enable him to bid spades..</p>
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<p>Board 3 Vul E/W Dealer S</p> <p>♠ K42 ♥ K6 ♦ AT976 ♣ A76</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ A97 ♥ 543 ♦ KJ85 ♣ KJ4</p> <p>♠ T83 ♥ AT987 ♦ Q2 ♣ T82</p> <p>♠ QJ65 ♥ QJ2 ♦ 43 ♣ Q953</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>West's weak NT (not a thing of beauty) will buy it here – it is a point worth noting when considering marginal interventions at pairs to look at the vulnerability and the time to stay quiet is when opponents are vulnerable since there is a prospect of the defence scoring 200 whilst paradoxically the time to bid is vul against not vul when only 50 or 100 is available defending but 110 declaring .In fact the lay out is again kind for declarer and on diamond leads 1 off is the par.</p>
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Board 4 ♠
Vul All ♥ KQJ93
Dealer W ♦ Q873
♣ Q982

♠ K754
♥ 87
♦ AK6
♣ K743

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♠ Q862
♥ T542
♦ J94
♣ J5

♠ AJT93
♥ A6
♦ T52
♣ AT6

A weak nt from west some 2/3 suited intervention from north and E/W will reach 4s. This contract hinges on declarer getting trumps right a task which will be easier if North has done any bidding.

<p>Board 5 Vul N/S Dealer N</p> <p>♠ QJ65 ♥ 854 ♦ QT7 ♣ JT3</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ AT832 ♥ KJ ♦ 652 ♣ 862</p> <p>♠ K9 ♥ AT962 ♦ AJ43 ♣ A9</p> <p>♠ 74 ♥ Q73 ♦ K98 ♣ KQ754</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>A part score for E/W where they will declare either 2M or 1nt. 2h will make as many as 10 tricks where declarer gets trumps right and the natural line of play will do so. 1nt plays less well and scores 9 tricks whereas 2s is the worst spot scoring only 8 or 9 tricks.</p>
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<p>Board 6 Vul E/W Dealer E</p> <p>♠ Q32 ♥ A8764 ♦ 852 ♣ Q8</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ J94 ♥ KT9 ♦ AQ ♣ AK964</p> <p>♠ A876 ♥ J3 ♦ KJ7643 ♣ 5</p> <p>♠ KT5 ♥ Q52 ♦ T9 ♣ JT732</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>3nt is the place for e/w on this hand and it should be easily reached. Continuing my campaign against featherweight openers in 1st and 2nd seat east should pass although 2d (weak) would be worse than 1d owing to the 4 card major.</p> <p>10 tricks is par here although if the defence leads a heart which will be common declarer will score 6 diamonds, 2 clubs and 3 major suit tricks for 11 in total.</p>
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<p>Board 7 Vul All Dealer S</p> <p>♠ 42 ♥ T972 ♦ AQ74 ♣ Q96</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ T63 ♥ AK3 ♦ T62 ♣ 8732</p> <p>♠ AQ5 ♥ 654 ♦ K9853 ♣ A4</p> <p>♠ KJ987 ♥ QJ8 ♦ J ♣ KJT5</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>2s by south will be common possibly after a weak NT by east and some 2 suited interventions by south. The lay out is kind and declarer can be held to 8 tricks if the defence find their club ruff.</p>
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<p>Board 8 Vul None Dealer W</p> <p>♠ QJ ♥ Q97 ♦ J865 ♣ T432</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ AT754 ♥ KT864 ♦ A ♣ J5</p> <p>♠ K982 ♥ A2 ♦ 942 ♣ KQ97</p> <p>♠ 63 ♥ J53 ♦ KQT73 ♣ A86</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>A straightforward 4s for e/w which usually scores 12 tricks but only 11 for those declarers who play a spade to the king and then finesse on the way back (employing the principle of restricted choice after north plays an honour).</p>
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<p>Board 9 Vul E/W Dealer N</p> <p>♠ J72 ♥ AKT5432 ♦ Q ♣ T4</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ K3 ♥ J6 ♦ J8752 ♣ AJ73</p> <p>♠ A96 ♥ Q97 ♦ K943 ♣ Q98</p> <p>♠ QT854 ♥ 8 ♦ AT6 ♣ K652</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>Aggressive north's will open 4h which will buy the contract .This should go 2 light on a spade lead or club lead and spade switch .Par on the board is a club contract making 10 tricks for E/W .</p>
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<p>Board 10 Vul All Dealer E</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ Q8643 ♦ A73 ♣ T652</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ T9 ♥ AKJ75 ♦ QJ62 ♣ AJ</p> <p>♠ K3 ♥ T92 ♦ K9854 ♣ Q83</p> <p>♠ AQJ87654 ♥ ♦ T ♣ K974</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>East will probably open 4s and play there for 11 tricks provided the defence get their diamond trick .A diamond or club is a better lead than a passive heart on this auction as any outstanding strength will be either in the dummy or with partner which makes an aggressive lead safe . Whoever said hands with long suits are exciting as neither boards 9 or 10 are especially interesting.</p>
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<p>Board 11 Vul None Dealer S</p> <p>♠ KT72 ♥ 5 ♦ A ♣ AKQJ876</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ A64 ♥ Q42 ♦ J9753 ♣ T3</p> <p>♠ QJ3 ♥ A986 ♦ QT64 ♣ 94</p> <p>♠ 985 ♥ KJT73 ♦ K82 ♣ 52</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>The first good slam of the set for n/s and not easy to reach 6c. If north opens 1c it will continue 1d -1s -1nt -3c -3s (spade values and not 4 cards having bid 1nt previously) which is the key bid since the spade fit enables north to drive this one to slam .I predict at most 20% will reach slam here.</p>
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Board 12
Vul N/S
Dealer W

♠ AK4
♥ A65
♦ K43
♣ K754

♠ T83
♥ KQJ98
♦ JT82
♣ A

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♠ Q
♥ 74
♦ AQ76
♣ JT9863

♠ J97652
♥ T32
♦ 95
♣ Q2

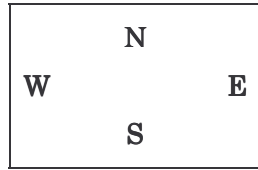
Lightning does strike twice since this is a more than reasonable 6c for n/s and probably more difficult to bid than board 11 especially as west is likely to open 1h first in . I suspect the majority of pairs will reach 3nt a contract which will fail on a heart lead but reaching a club contract is possible . Say north overcalls 1nt south if playing minor suit transfers can start with 2s and follow up with 3d and now north should not re-bid 3nt but rather 3h to suggest doubt about the best spot and now 3nt is avoided- careful consultative bidding .

<p>Board 13 Vul All Dealer N</p> <p>♠ QT5 ♥ AQT93 ♦ AK2 ♣ Q3</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ K632 ♥ 542 ♦ QT ♣ A874</p> <p>♠ AJ9874 ♥ J87 ♦ J84 ♣ J</p> <p>♠ K6 ♦ 97653 ♣ KT9652</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>A spade game for n/s which with both major suit finesses winning will score 12 or 13 tricks where the defence does not lead a club.</p>
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<p>Board 14 Vul None Dealer E</p> <p>♠ K643 ♥ A5 ♦ Q6 ♣ AQ432</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ Q85 ♥ QJ8732 ♦ AK2 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ AJ972 ♥ KT6 ♦ J5 ♣ K96</p> <p>♠ T ♥ 94 ♦ T98743 ♣ JT85</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>A straightforward enough 4s for n/s which should be easily reached after a 1h opening and overcall from south. Assuming declarer does not get trumps right he will be held to 10 tricks if he does judge to play east for Qxx spade he will make as many as 12 tricks without a diamond lead by establishing the long club for a diamond discard.</p>
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<p>Board 15 Vul N/S Dealer S</p> <p>♠ J4 ♥ 5432 ♦ AT2 ♣ T832</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ KT92 ♥ A7 ♦ KJ64 ♣ Q95</p> <p>♠ 7653 ♥ QT6 ♦ 975 ♣ AJ6</p> <p>♠ AQ8 ♥ KJ98 ♦ Q83 ♣ K74</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>A routine 3nt for e/w which should score 11 tricks but will make 12 if the defence do not grab the club ace ie if declarer guesses right to slip a club past south since both majors yield 4 tricks and North will then need to cash partner's ace when in early with DA .</p>
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<p>Board 16 Vul E/W Dealer W</p> <p>♠ Q9754 ♥ JT7 ♦ T72 ♣ 93</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ KT86 ♥ 952 ♦ 9 ♣ T8765</p> <p>♠ AJ3 ♥ AK4 ♦ J854 ♣ J42</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ Q863 ♦ AKQ63 ♣ AKQ</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>.Some might contemplate opening 2nt as west –quite frankly this is very poor with a singleton spade and a hand playable in 3 suits. If partner cannot find a bid over 1d you will rarely miss anything. South will balance with 1nt and west will probably double. If north removes to spades he might buy it undoubled going a potentially 3 off. If e/w declare clubs is their best spot (although not easy to reach) and scores at least 9 tricks.</p>
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<p>Board 21 Vul N/S Dealer N</p> <p>♠ A876 ♥ 9863 ♦ 3 ♣ Q843</p>	<p>♠ QT9 ♥ KJT5 ♦ QJT4 ♣ T2</p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ KJ532 ♥ Q72 ♦ 96 ♣ J95</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ A4 ♦ AK8752 ♣ AK76</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>6d is cold for N/S with 3nt going off. After 1d-1h the south hand is worth 3c and if your agreement is to play this as game forcing north can bid 3d and now 3nt is avoided .Even so 6d depends on north holding a doubleton club and will not be easy to reach .5d +1 will score ok here.</p>
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<p>Board 22 Vul E/W Dealer E</p> <p>♠ AJT5 ♥ J62 ♦ AK73 ♣ 84</p>	<p>♠ 8764 ♥ T ♦ 6542 ♣ J652</p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ 9 ♥ A974 ♦ QJT8 ♣ AKQ9</p> <p>♠ KQ32 ♥ KQ853 ♦ 9 ♣ T73</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>Classical theory with 4-4-4-1 hands is to open the suit below the singleton so 1h in this case and one then has to decide what to re-bid over 1s from partner. I strongly favour 1nt rather than 2c, the latter being in my view a bigger lie about our shape than the former .If you bid 2c some of the time pard prefers 2h and you end in an unlovely 4-2 fit. Here all roads lead to 3nt which has 9 solid tricks and with both spade honours outside a 10th can be developed either in spades or hearts.</p>
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<p>Board 23 Vul All Dealer S</p> <p>♠ AK754 ♥ Q9 ♦ KQ ♣ Q974</p>	<p>♠ J86 ♥ AJT752 ♦ T ♣ J32</p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ QT932 ♥ ♦ J8752 ♣ A86</p> <p>♠ ♥ K8643 ♦ A9643 ♣ KT5</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>For once I have much sympathy with opening 1h as south with such a promising distribution and now the bidding takes off -1s from west -4h from north and 4s from east .South will probably bid 5h and e/w should take the push here .In hearts 11 tricks are available and it is only the diamond ruff which defeats 5s .Although bidding 5 over 5 is often unwise with especially big fits it is a sound principle to take out insurance (more so at teams than pairs).</p>
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Board 24 ♠ T9853
Vul None ♥ 94
Dealer W ♦ A92
♣ 642

♠ AQ
♥ QJ73
♦ T75
♣ T853



♠ K62
♥ AT8
♦ KQJ4
♣ AQJ

♠ J74
♥ K652
♦ 863
♣ K97

E/W play in 3nt on this deal where 10 tricks are available with both finesses losing although a heart lead from south allows the 11th trick.

<p>Board 25 Vul E/W Dealer N</p> <p>♠ J973 ♥ J632 ♦ QJ2 ♣ A7</p>	<p>♠ J85 ♥ Q7 ♦ 95 ♣ QJ9432</p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ A642 ♥ A5 ♦ K763 ♣ T65</p> <p>♠ KQ ♥ KT984 ♦ AT84 ♣ K8</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>AAK is under rated but playing weak no trump the majority of players pass it whilst in the world of the strong no trump it is easier to open the bidding with a good 11 , yet another advantage of the strong over weak No trump .If east passes it will go 1h –pass -1nt - 2d -2h east should now balance with a double not just because 9 tricks are cold in spades but because it is sound pairs tactics to compete part score hands at any vulnerability and it is odds on that e/w have an 8 card spade fit . If e/w defends 2h they will score 50 or 100 rather than 140. The stuff of pairs play ,if you defended a heart contract as e/w you are not aggressive enough in the bidding</p>
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<p>Board 26 Vul All Dealer E</p> <p>♠ KJ73 ♥ QJ974 ♦ 62 ♣ A4</p>	<p>♠ AQ84 ♥ AT6 ♦ K74 ♣ 532</p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ T92 ♥ K3 ♦ A98 ♣ KJ876</p> <p>♠ 65 ♥ 852 ♦ QJT53 ♣ QT9</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>East might promote his hand to a weak NT (another excellent 11 which even your conservative commentator would feel uncomfortable passing) –west will begin with 2d (hearts) and continue with 2s (forcing for 1 round) and east will bid 2nt which west will pass. This contract should score 4 hearts, 1 diamond and 2 clubs for 1 down owing to the indifferent lie in the black suits.</p>
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<p>Board 27 Vul None Dealer S</p> <p>♠ J ♥ 9876 ♦ AKT ♣ AQJ76</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ AQJ532 ♦ 753 ♣ K42</p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ AKQ92 ♥ KT ♦ J9642 ♣ 5</p> <p>♠ T87543 ♥ 4 ♦ Q8 ♣ T983</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>E/W will come to rest in 3nt here after North has mentioned hearts. Declarer can score 11 tricks (5 diamonds, 4 spades and a club and a heart).</p>
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<p>Board 28 Vul N/S Dealer W</p> <p>♠ KQ4 ♥ 92 ♦ AT743 ♣ JT7</p>	<p>♠ T82 ♥ A763 ♦ Q986 ♣ 85</p> <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ AJ5 ♥ KJT54 ♦ KJ5 ♣ 43</p> <p>♠ 9763 ♥ Q8 ♦ 2 ♣ AKQ962</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>East opens 1h and south overcalls 2c or 3c –west has a choice between 2d over 2c or a take out double and it is close –some will prefer 2d holding only 3 spades and east must then choose between 2h. 3d or pass .In hearts e/w have 5 losers but club forces create real problems for declarer and probably defeat the contract .Diamonds play better and can score 9 tricks with a correct guess in hearts.</p>
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<p>Board 29 Vul All Dealer N</p> <p>♠ K985 ♥ A86 ♦ 2 ♣ J9864</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ Q76 ♥ KT72 ♦ Q5 ♣ KQ52</p> <p>♠ JT42 ♥ Q54 ♦ A876 ♣ 73</p> <p>♠ A3 ♥ J93 ♦ KJT943 ♣ AT</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>South opens 1d and west might well double thereafter actions are close but south will no doubt re-bid 2d and might buy it there. 8 tricks are available here (losing 2 hearts, 1 club and 2 trumps). A point relevant at this vulnerability playing pairs is that if you have a choice between defending 2m and declaring say 2M bear in mind it may be a choice between losing 90 defending and 100 declaring .E/W have no 8 card fit and will go minus declaring anything above the 1 level so perhaps a take out double by west is too pushy.</p>
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<p>Board 30 Vul None Dealer E</p> <p>♠ AT95 ♥ KQJ ♦ KQJ4 ♣ A7</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ K8732 ♥ 62 ♦ 96 ♣ KQ32</p> <p>♠ Q6 ♥ A83 ♦ 8753 ♣ JT64</p> <p>♠ J4 ♥ T9754 ♦ AT2 ♣ 985</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>A free run for N/S will see them bid 2nt-3d-3h-3nt-4h a contract which is likely to make 11 tricks since the defence can only score 1 black trick.</p>
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<p>Board 31 Vul N/S Dealer S</p> <p>♠ 7653 ♥ AKQJ ♦ K86 ♣ AK</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ AK ♥ 62 ♦ AT932 ♣ Q862</p> <p>♠ T42 ♥ T975 ♦ 74 ♣ 9543</p> <p>♠ QJ98 ♥ 843 ♦ QJ5 ♣ JT7</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>I think the bidding will start 1d by west double from north pass to south who will bid 1s. Over this the choice for north is between the ubiquitous 2d or a raise to 3s –over the former south should complete the description of his hand by bidding NT over 3s he will bid 4s .With the flat nature of the hands and the 5-2 diamond split E/W can get a diamond ruff to defeat the spade game and in NT there are only 8 tricks available.</p>
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Board 32
Vul E/W
Dealer W

♠ AK4
♥ 6
♦ Q97632
♣ J82

♠ QJT76
♥ Q9874
♦ AT5
♣

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 532
♥ JT52
♦ K
♣ AKT95

♠ 98
♥ AK3
♦ J84
♣ Q7643

Is will be popular on the west cards. A 2d overcall will also be a common choice by north but it is not clear cut because the suit quality is thin therefore there is no lead directional value together with the risk of a penalty and the odds are against your side declaring but providing useful information to the other side; so 3 good reasons for pass. E/W may play a spade part score. In this Brave New World of lighter opening bids there must be some give elsewhere and I think that responder should be sound in invitational auctions. Here the fit is good(look at those spade pips) and 4h is a good spot but fails on the bad trump break.

