

♦♠NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION♥♣



Fourth Interclub – Heat B

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1

♠ A3
 ♥ J103
 ♦ 54
 ♣ KJ10873
 ♠ KQ1092
 ♥ KQ74
 ♦ 1073
 ♣ 5
 ♠ J7654
 ♥ 652
 ♦ Q8
 ♣ 642
 ♠ 8
 ♥ A98
 ♦ AKJ962
 ♣ AQ9

 Dealer: North
 Neither Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	7	7	3	-	7
S	7	7	3	-	7
E	-	-	-	1	-
W	-	-	-	1	-

Two good long suits and outside aces add up to a lot of tricks. However, N/S may have to cope with major or spade intervention over south's 1♦ (maybe 2♦ playing strong Twos). North has just about enough to bid clubs at the two level.

It may prove mighty difficult to get to the cold club slam, or diamond one on the finesse and break, particularly if east bounces to 4♠ (which can go for 500).

Hopefully, N/S will usually get to one of the minor suit games, but I expect slams to be a serious rarity.

2

♠ KJ1054
 ♥ KJ106
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A107
 ♠ 87632
 ♥ 74
 ♦ A75
 ♣ K65
 ♠ Q
 ♥ Q952
 ♦ QJ96
 ♣ QJ98
 ♠ A9
 ♥ A83
 ♦ K10432
 ♣ 432

 Dealer: East
 N-S Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	1	3	3	3
S	1	1	3	3	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

South might open 1♦ or leave it to north to try 1♠. In the latter case south could respond 2♦ or stretch to 2NT. N/S are unlikely to get to game, but just might.

The spades lie perfectly for N/S, worth five tricks when the queen falls singleton. With east short in spades, it makes sense for the hearts to be played through him.

Thus, nine tricks are possible N/S for a vulnerable game. However, I suspect even 150 N/S will be a decent enough score.

3

♠ 1092
 ♥ 42
 ♦ J1082
 ♣ QJ93
 ♠ 863
 ♥ Q
 ♦ AK9643
 ♣ A102
 ♠ J74
 ♥ A109853
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 875
 ♠ AKQ5
 ♥ KJ76
 ♦ Q7
 ♣ K64

 Dealer: South
 E-W Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	1	-	2	3
S	1	1	-	2	3
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

South's 1♣ or Acol 1♥ are liable to see west bidding diamonds, and the bidding come round to south, who has enough for a re-opening double. Whatever south's opener north presumably bids clubs.

N/S could well languish in 2/3♣, far from their best spot, with at least five tricks lost even on good guesses.

A few souths could drive to 2NT or 3NT. Neither is a thing of beauty, but nine tricks are possible if declarer uses dummy's entries to play hearts. West gets stuck to give declarer the spade 10 as an entry or play diamonds himself.

N/S are probably better doubling west in his diamond contract and taking a small penalty.

4

♠ 1097
 ♥ J42
 ♦ A986
 ♣ 643
 ♠ A32
 ♥ Q85
 ♦ J107
 ♣ AQ92
 ♠ KJ84
 ♥ AK93
 ♦ K4
 ♣ J107
 ♠ Q65
 ♥ 1076
 ♦ Q532
 ♣ K85

 Dealer: West
 Both Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	6	4	6	5	6
W	6	4	6	5	6

Again, like #1, a contract that can take rather a lot of tricks, E/W almost certainly declaring 3NT after no major suit fit is established.

A north top spade lead is a disaster, picking up the suit, and twelve tricks ensuing when hearts divide and the club finesse scores. The defence are best to lead diamonds and will almost always take at least two tricks.

Double dummy, declarer rises with the diamond king and plays four clubs throwing a SPADE from dummy, then four hearts, throwing a diamond. Both defenders must come down to one diamond. A diamond exit sees the winner end-played to lead spades.

If the diamond ace is taken early, south is squeezed between spades and diamonds. A great one to pull off.

5

♠ J72
♥ 76
♦ 87542
♣ AQ3

♠ KQ6
♥ A542
♦ Q9
♣ KJ82

♠ 104
♥ K10983
♦ AKJ10
♣ 107

♠ A9853
♥ QJ
♦ 63
♣ 9654

 Dealer: North
N-S Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	4	3	4	1	4
W	4	3	4	2	4

4♥ looks the regular spot, possibly played by either east or west. The defence are best to cash their black suit tricks, then exit, leaving declarer to play hearts without loss.

Should declarer start with the ace, the queen or knave fall. The principle of restricted choice now makes it favourite for declarer to finesse north for the remaining honour - in this case unsuccessfully.

Of course, if declarer starts with the king there is no choice, and he succeeds.

6

♠ Q1093
♥ A95
♦ J2
♣ KJ62

♠ AK6
♥ J10764
♦ Q864
♣ Q

♠ 85
♥ 32
♦ K1075
♣ 97543

♠ J742
♥ KQ8
♦ A93
♣ A108

 Dealer: East
E-W Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	-	-	3	2
S	2	-	-	3	2
E	-	2	-	-	-
W	-	2	-	-	-

I wouldn't come in over a south weak NT with 2♥, hearts and a minor, facing a passed partner, and might not anyway. Luckily, for E/W they can get out for minus 200 in 3♦, though this won't score well.

West might double an alternative 1♣ opener, and cannot be penalised at the two level. N/S now need to declare, not defend. The 4:4 spade fit works best.

N/S might get to 4♠. This is only beaten on the singleton club queen lead, west subsequently forcing an east entry in diamonds for the ruff. 3NT is another candidate, but a diamond lead holds it to eight tricks.

7

♠ K65432
♥ 2
♦ A84
♣ A74

♠ A97
♥ Q109
♦ 1097
♣ QJ105

♠ QJ10
♥ AJ876
♦ J63
♣ K6

♠ 8
♥ K543
♦ KQ52
♣ 9832

 Dealer: South
Both Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	1	-	2	1
S	1	1	-	2	1
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

North might bid up to 2♠ on his own, and west support east's overcalled hearts. Today, this turns out poorly for E/W, as they can be beaten 200 on the singleton spade lead.

N/S comfortably make 110 in spades, and could easily manage 140 as the defence have to switch to clubs after the heart ace, tricky from Kx.

Looks like a lot of N/S pluses, 200 the likely winner, of which I suspect there will be several.

8

♠ K9
♥ 5432
♦ AQ2
♣ AQ92

♠ AQJ65
♥ Q108
♦ K94
♣ J8

♠ 2
♥ J976
♦ 1063
♣ 108743

♥ AK
♦ J10
♣ K754

 Dealer: West
Neither Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	5	2	4	3	4
S	5	2	4	3	4
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

N/S will be in 3NT much of the time, and there should be ten tricks, unless west starts with the spade queen, ceding an extra.

When north doubles west's 1♠ south may be tempted to pass for penalties. In fact, this is the winning course, west held to four tricks on best defence, the 500 penalty beating the 430 available in 3NT.

Will any do it?

9

♠ 8764
♥ A6
♦ 9865
♣ AKQ

♠ 1053
♥ KQ10932
♦ 73
♣ 43

♠ AKQJ2
♥ 87
♦ KJ102
♣ 108

♠ 9
♥ J54
♦ AQ4
♣ J97652

Dealer: North
E-W Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	4	1	-	-	2
S	4	1	-	-	2
E	-	-	-	1	-
W	-	-	-	1	-

Acol N/Ss could do better than 5 card majors here, east overcalling a north weak NT with 2♠. Assuming Lebensohl is played, south can bid 2NT, puppet to 3♣. N/S should manage 130, their par score.

Where north opens 1♦ east overcalls with 1♠. South cannot credibly introduce clubs on skimpy values and a poor suit, so must support to 2♦. They could sell out to 2♠, though south should try 3♣ now, secure in the knowledge that there is a fall-back diamond fit.

It will be interesting to see how many manage to get to the right spot here.

10

♠ 3
♥ J94
♦ A9874
♣ A862

♠ 975
♥ AKQ1062
♦ QJ6
♣ 10

♠ Q1064
♥ 873
♦ K105
♣ Q95

♠ AKJ82
♥ 5
♦ 32
♣ KJ743

Dealer: East
Both Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	5	3	-	4	1
S	5	3	-	4	1
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

North might chance a Sputnik double when south's 1♠ is overcalled with 2♥. This should establish the big club fit, at the risk of getting overboard. E/W might well advance to 3♥ with nine trumps.

Par is theoretically for N/S to bid and make 5♣, but this involves picking up trumps, a close decision on the bidding. In practice, club part-scores look more credible.

E/W could lose a nasty penalty if they bid too high competing. With two aces and a singleton in partner's first bid suit, north will surely wield the axe, getting 800 off 4♥ on best defence.

11

♠ 109863
♥ 98
♦ K65
♣ AQ9

♠ Q42
♥ 732
♦ 10432
♣ K107

♠ J7
♥ AQJ1064
♦ QJ
♣ 632

♠ AK5
♥ K5
♦ A987
♣ J854

Dealer: South
Neither Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	5	4	2	5	3
S	5	4	2	5	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

4♠ looks the spot for N/S whether south opens 1NT or an Acol minor. Either polarity could therefore declare. East might well bid hearts or double a north transfer bid.

Eleven tricks are possible by double finessing clubs, a north diamond going on on the 13th club. However, some might end up ceding a club and are in peril of going light if east has started with a diamond opening lead, though they shouldn't, as west isn't on lead soon enough to cash the 10.

A nice technical hand for the maximum.

12

♠ KQJ2
♥ 8
♦ KQJ
♣ KJ753

♠ 9
♥ KJ7652
♦ A1064
♣ A6

♠ 83
♥ Q1094
♦ 532
♣ Q1094

♠ A107654
♥ A3
♦ 987
♣ 82

Dealer: West
N-S Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	-	-	5	1
S	2	-	-	5	1
E	-	1	2	-	-
W	-	1	2	-	-

This looks like another 4♠ contract, west opening 1♥, north doubling, and south punting the game.

Deep Finesse makes eleven tricks, losing a diamond and guessing clubs correctly. However, despite west opening, some could play east for the ace, west for the queen, only making 620.

Will many? Or any miss the game?

13

♠ K10876
♥ 53
♦ 942
♣ Q93

♠ J92
♥ Q4
♦ AKQ
♣ AKJ74

♠ Q5
♥ AKJ1086
♦ J10
♣ 1085

♠ A43
♥ 972
♦ 87653
♣ 62

Dealer: North
Both Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	4	2	5	2	5
W	5	2	5	2	5

The trick is to get to 3NT here after east has bid hearts and west clubs. East presumably rebids 2♥ and west shows the diamond stop with 3♦. Now east is at the crossroads. He can bid 3NT with the half stop, or try 3♠ asking for a stop.

It is notoriously tricky to establish the presence of a stop with Qx opposite Jxx (the reverse is less so), so some will end up in 4♥. At least this makes, which 5♣ doesn't.

Will most get to the top spot, there in top tricks?

14

♠ 109
♥ A106
♦ A752
♣ AJ96

♠ Q87542
♥ 9
♦ J983
♣ Q7

♠ K
♥ KQ732
♦ Q106
♣ K1054

♠ AJ63
♥ J854
♦ K4
♣ 832

Dealer: East
Neither Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	1	2	1	1
S	2	-	2	1	1
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

At love all everyone will wish to compete, so west will respond 1♠ to east's 1♥ and north should double, playable in either minor.

The auction could finish in a number of spots, perhaps 2♠ by west the most credible. South might consider a double, and this gets the money, a 300 penalty ensuing.

No predictions on this one, where in theory nobody can make anything beyond the Two level.

15

♠ QJ5
♥ 7542
♦ 86
♣ AQ64

♠ 87643
♥ 3
♦ 4
♣ KJ10983

♠ A102
♥ KQJ86
♦ K1073
♣ 7

♠ K9
♥ A109
♦ AQJ952
♣ 52

Dealer: South
N-S Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	3	1	-	2
S	-	3	1	-	2
E	1	-	-	1	-
W	1	-	-	1	-

When south opens 1♦ and rebids the suit over north's 1♥ N/S might stay in part-score. However, if the rebid is 3♦ 3NT might ensue, probably by north.

East may well not lead hearts, not wishing to help declarer, instead trying a spade. Now declarer can succeed by finessing the diamond 9 and setting up the suit. In practice, few will do this, most simply leading hearts and ensuring a 1 trick defeat.

My money is 3♦ making on the nose will be an excellent N/S result, and even those held to eight tricks in NT on a heart lead may do okay.

16

♠ K9742
♥ A6
♦ KQ5
♣ Q73

♠ AJ1086
♥ 974
♦ 1064
♣ 106

♠ 3
♥ KQ103
♦ A873
♣ A542

♠ Q5
♥ J852
♦ J92
♣ KJ98

Dealer: West
E-W Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	-	-	-	1
S	1	-	-	-	1
E	-	1	1	-	-
W	-	1	1	-	-

This is another hand where no contract makes above the one level, at least on perfect defence. North might open either a weak NT or 1♠, the latter attracting a double from east, the former probably passed out.

N/S's 1NT is the best they can do, and it might make an overtrick on a top heart lead. A diamond lead from east works better.

It looks like small penalties or part-scores possible either way, with N/S in the stronger position, since it is hard to stop in any 1 level contract except 1NT.

17

♠ 854
♥ A65
♦ A5
♣ K10763

♠ AQ96
♥ K107
♦ J1074
♣ A5

♠ J32
♥ Q98
♦ K986
♣ J94

♠ K107
♥ J432
♦ Q32
♣ Q82

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	-	-	-	-
S	1	-	-	-	-
E	-	3	1	2	-
W	-	3	1	2	-

North might end up in 1NT where 1♣ is opened, east doubling, and south trying 1♥. Maybe west should stretch to 2♦. Alternatively, an east 1NT is probably passed out. Where 1♦ is opened diamonds are almost certainly the preferred strain.

Whoever declares 1NT should go light, as the defence get the opening lead, and can lead diamonds in the case of E/W, clubs in the case of N/S. A spade from east doesn't work if the king is played.

Par is for E/W to make 110 in diamonds, guessing the heart knave, and losing only a trick in each suit.

Will many get to the best spot, and make the most of it?

18

♠ 108
♥ J853
♦ 86
♣ K8432

♠ KQ74
♥ K74
♦ Q2
♣ Q976

♠ AJ52
♥ AQ92
♦ AK4
♣ A10

♠ 963
♥ 106
♦ J109753
♣ J5

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	5	3	5	6	6
W	5	3	6	6	6

An east weak NT should lead to and easy point counting exercise by west, coming to a minimum (and actual) 34HCP. Thus, the 6NT card could be on the table fairly rapidly. Any that establish the 4:4 spade fit might try 6♠. This makes in more comfort, but for an inferior score.

The best play in NT is to play a club to the 10 or lead the 10 towards the Q9 early on. This may set up a trick, at worst leaves a possible squeeze. Today, north can make the king, but even a smooth duck to the knave leaves north squeezed between hearts and the club king later on.

It needs good technique to get the max here.

19

♠ 983
♥ AQJ52
♦ A54
♣ 95

♠ Q62
♥ 863
♦ 9763
♣ A72

♠ AJ
♥ K1074
♦ J10
♣ 108643

♠ K10754
♥ 9
♦ KQ82
♣ KQJ

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	3	2	4	3
S	1	3	2	4	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

4♠ looks the spot, south opening the suit and ultimately declaring the ten trick game.

The contract ultimately boils down to playing trumps for only two losers. The best play involves taking two finesses against east's putative QJ, odds twice as good as leading to the ace.

Good technique is rewarded when the percentage play picks up the suit.

Will most have 620 on the card?

20

♠ KQJ75
♥ AK76
♦ A109
♣ J

♠ 10982
♥
♦ 643
♣ KQ10532

♠ 43
♥ Q102
♦ J852
♣ 9864

♠ A6
♥ J98543
♦ KQ7
♣ A7

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	4	7	7	7
S	-	4	7	6	7
E	1	-	-	-	-
W	1	-	-	-	-

It's N/S with the slam on here, south presumably responding 2♥ to 1♠ and finding himself at the helm later on. I suppose a few could miss 6♥ but both north and south have a bit to spare, so they shouldn't.

There is an extra chance. Trumps can be played from south by leading the knave, tempting a cover. If covered, the suit can be picked up without loss. Of course, if west plays low up goes the ace.

Will many sneak a thirteenth trick, via a play that can't cost?

21

♠ 96
 ♥ 108
 ♦ 5
 ♣ AQJ109643
 ♠ Q843
 ♥ Q2
 ♦ AJ10642
 ♣ 5
 ♠ AKJ7
 ♥ J54
 ♦ KQ3
 ♣ K87
 ♠ 1052
 ♥ AK9763
 ♦ 987
 ♣ 2

 Dealer: North
 N-S Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	-	-	-	-
S	3	-	-	-	-
E	-	4	-	4	4
W	-	4	-	4	4

North could open between 3♣ and 5♣ at adverse vulnerability. East has a penalty double of anything above 3♣, a 3NT call over 3♣. West might pass or bid diamonds, the former likely at the vulnerability.

The 4♣ pre-empt works best, as E/W are liable to declare 4♦ or 5♦, though can collect 200. However, they are cold for 4♠ and indeed 4NT, either hard to find after the pre-empt.

Who will get this one right? It is hard to see 4♠ on the card often.

22

♠ J972
 ♥ 98543
 ♦ 10876
 ♠ KQ10864
 ♥ K872
 ♦
 ♣ KJ4
 ♠ A
 ♥ QJ954
 ♦ AKJ106
 ♣ 92
 ♠ 53
 ♥ A1063
 ♦ Q72
 ♣ AQ53

 Dealer: East
 E-W Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	1	2	5	3	4
W	1	2	5	4	4

Lacking aces, west is maybe best simply bidding 4♥ over east's 1♥, south with no sound call. 4♥ probably eventuates whatever west does.

Defending hearts, south is a bit stuck on opening lead. A low diamond might emerge if east hasn't bid the suit. This allows all three of dummy's clubs to be pitched.

Another point of interest is that a safety play is available in the trump suit. Declarer needs to begin with a top trump from east. This shows up A10xx in either hand, and allows the suit to be played for one loser.

23

♠ J1074
 ♥ A832
 ♦ A5
 ♣ 1053
 ♠ Q82
 ♥ K4
 ♦ 10932
 ♣ AJ94
 ♠ AK953
 ♥ 1076
 ♦ 874
 ♣ Q2
 ♠ 6
 ♥ QJ95
 ♦ KQJ6
 ♣ K876

 Dealer: South
 Both Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	1	2	-	-
S	2	1	3	-	-
E	-	-	-	1	-
W	-	-	-	1	-

N/S are likely to declare a heart part-score, possibly in the face of a spade overcall from east, though this is brave in opposite a passed partner and with two bidding opponents.

Again, there is interest in the trump suit, which can be picked up without loss, but only if declarer guesses correctly should west fail to cover the queen or knave.

In practice, east may be on lead at trick two after a top spade, switching to a club, and getting a third round ruff. Now the heart position solves itself.

Should E/W declare spades they could easily lose three red suit tricks and a trump, and three diamonds, losing a penalty.

24

♠ AQ973
 ♥
 ♦ 1086542
 ♣ 108
 ♠ K2
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ AQJ7
 ♣ Q6532
 ♠ 8
 ♥ K987653
 ♦ K3
 ♣ KJ7
 ♠ J10654
 ♥ A1042
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A94

 Dealer: West
 Neither Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	2	-	6	1
S	-	2	-	6	1
E	2	-	3	-	-
W	2	-	3	-	-

North might show spades and a minor where west opens a strong NT, but may have no two-suiter available if 1♣ is opened. In any event, east surely drives to 4♥.

N/S have a spade fit, but this may not come to light. Indeed, 12 tricks are there by setting up diamonds, taking a trump finesse on the way.

E/W should be beaten in 4♥, losing two trumps, a spade and a club - in theory cheap at the price.

How will this potentially competitive hand pan out?

25

♠ 8
♥ Q32
♦ AQJ4
♣ KJ1064

♠ K753
♥ 765
♦ 103
♣ Q732

♠ A94
♥ AK1084
♦ 962
♣ 95

♠ QJ1062
♥ J9
♦ K875
♣ A8

Dealer: North
E-W Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	4	1	2	2
S	3	4	1	2	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

North is a bit stuck when east overcalls 1♣ with 1♥ and south tries 1♠. Probably, the best of a bad job is to try 1NT, and pass south's 2NT. The other option is to rebid 2♣.

Of course, 3♦ is the spot, but difficult to reach. 2NT is there if the club queen is located after a heart lead, The defence do eventually have four hearts and two spades, but not before declarer has eight tricks.

3♦ is straightforward on a cross-ruff, only a spade and two hearts ceded.

26

♠ AQ52
♥ J74
♦ 42
♣ QJ63

♠ KJ
♥ Q985
♦ AQJ93
♣ 109

♠ 1097
♥ AK10
♦ K1085
♣ 875

♠ 8643
♥ 632
♦ 76
♣ AK42

Dealer: East
Both Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	-	-	1	-
S	1	-	-	1	-
E	-	3	3	-	1
W	-	3	3	-	1

E/W need to play in either diamonds or hearts to get a decent score, but won't should west open a weak NT, wary of a 1♠ response to 1♦. 1♦ could see a 1NT response, alternatively a 2♦ or 3♦ raise.

Getting to hearts is best, as both red suit contracts only lose four black tricks. In practice, the top spot of hearts will rarely see the light of day, a lot of 90s and 110s on the card. Indeed, E/W are lucky 1NT makes, thanks to east's tripleton 10 stopping the suit.

27

♠ AQ1053
♥ J1082
♦ 42
♣ 53

♠ 84
♥ A94
♦ QJ87
♣ Q1072

♠ KJ7
♥ K75
♦ K9
♣ AK986

♠ 962
♥ Q63
♦ A10653
♣ J4

Dealer: South
Neither Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	5	3	2	1	4
W	5	3	2	1	4

East should usually get to 3NT, whether a strong NT is opened, or east kicks off with 1♣ and is raised.

A low diamond lead is a disaster, allowing eleven tricks. South may avoid this if west responds 1♦ to 1♣. Best is a heart.

On the heart lead declarer needs to lose the lead in diamonds and play a spade, but loses four tricks if hearts are established. Of course, the diamond 9 can be run double dummy for ten tricks, but that is likely to be a rarity.

Looks like 400s and 460s in large part.

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♠ J
♥ AKJ
♦ Q1052
♣ AK1074

♠ AK974
♥ Q105
♦ K
♣ Q952

♠ 83
♥ 98732
♦ 9843
♣ 63

♠ Q10652
♥ 64
♦ AJ76
♣ J8

Dealer: West
N-S Vulnerable

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	5	6	3	3	5
S	5	6	3	3	5
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Most won't play this so will miss out on the east Yarborough (1:1828 odds). Luckily for any that do hold the hand north rescues west's 1♠ by either doubling or rarely overcalling 2♣.

N/S probably play in either 3NT or 5♦.

With west actually holding 14 HCP many will finesse east for the diamond king, rather than fell west's singleton.

Not the most exciting end to the session, which contained some interesting hands and some great double dummy plays, unlikely found.

It is hoped they were enjoyed.

Ave HCP	N 9.89	S 10.11	E 10.71	W 9.29	Balanced	N 15	S 12	E 13	W 14
Voids/ Singletons	N 2/8	S 0/8	E 1/8	W 1/10	7+ Suit	N 1	S 0	E 1	W 0