

SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS COMPETITION

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playing at 68 clubs and raised £4842.98

Love All
Dealer North

♠ A J 8	♠ 7 5 2	♠ Q 4 3
♥ K 10 6 3	♥ 8 5 4	♥ Q 9 7
♦ Q 4 2	♦ K J 8 6	♦ A 9 7
♣ Q 3 2	♣ J 8 7	♣ A K 9 5

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♠ K 10 9 6	♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ A J 2	♥ K J 10 6 5 4
♦ 10 5 3	♦ A 6
♣ 10 6 4	♣ 4

Playing a weak no-trump opening, East-West bid 1C-1H-1NT-3NT. South's natural spade lead has the unfortunate effect of giving declarer a third spade trick. A winning heart guess then results in eleven tricks. 460 is also possible after a diamond lead since that leaves the suit frozen and South exposed to an unusual squeeze, (Reese termed it a vice squeeze), in the pointed suits.

N-S Vul
Dealer East

♠ 4	♠ K Q 9 8 5	♠ A J 2
♥ Q 7	♥ A 9	♥ 8 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 5 3	♦ J 7	♦ K Q 4 2
♣ K 10 9 6 2	♣ Q J 7 3	♣ A 8 5

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♠ 10 7 6 3	♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ K J 10 6 5 4	♥ K J 10 6 5 4
♦ A 6	♦ A 6
♣ 4	♣ 4

After East opens a weak 1NT, South might overcall 2H with the good suit despite the unfavourable vulnerability. North would come in if South did not. Staying out of 4S is likely to be tough. East should easily find the killing lead of the K♦. 4S is makeable on a club lead and diamond switch if declarer finesses the 9♥ at trick three, an unlikely play to find with only two hands on view.

E-W Vul
Dealer South

♠ J 6 2	♠ A 10 5 4	♠ Q 8 7 3
♥ A Q 7 3 2	♥ 8 5 4	♥ K J 6
♦ 6 3	♦ 10 8	♦ J 9 7
♣ K 10 2	♣ J 9 7 4	♣ Q 8 3

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♠ K 9	♠ K 9 8 6
♥ 10 9	♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 5 4 2	♦ 10 8
♣ A 6 5	♣ K 7 5 2

South opens 1D, West overcalls 1H and North may scrape up a double to show four spades. East raises to 2H, after which South will either bid 3D directly or perhaps double first. If West leads a club or if East fails to duck after West has led a spade, an overtrick results in 3D. On the marked heart lead, 3NT would fail by a trick. 3H should go two down, easily so if the defenders find their spade ruff.

Game All
Dealer West

♠ 2	♠ A 10 7 5 3	♠ Q 4
♥ A 9 7 6 4	♥ K 10 5 3 2	♥ 8
♦ A 9 4 3	♦ 6	♦ K Q J 7 5 2
♣ J 6 3	♣ 10 4	♣ A Q 9 8

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♠ K J 9 8 6	♠ K J 9 8 6
♥ Q J	♥ Q J
♦ 10 8	♦ 10 8
♣ K 7 5 2	♣ K 7 5 2

At most tables East gets to open 1D in third seat, South overcalls 1S despite the flawed heart holding and West takes some action – this might be a 3H fit-showing jump, 2H or even a double. North is likely to bid 4S or (if West has not already bid hearts) some sort of fit-showing jump. With three aces and a heart ruff to lose, 4S goes down a trick. East-West do better to press on to 5D, losing one trick in each black suit.

N-S Vul
Dealer North

♠ A 8 7 3	♠ 10 5	♠ Q J
♥ J 2	♥ Q 5	♥ A 10 4
♦ 7 2	♦ K Q 9 6 5 4	♦ A J 10 3
♣ Q J 9 6 5	♣ A 8 4	♣ K 7 3 2

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♠ K 9 6 4 2	♠ K 9 4
♥ K 9 8 7 6 3	♥ 9 7 6 5 3
♦ 8	♦ A
♣ 10	♣ A 10 8 3

North opens 1D, East overcalls 1NT and South will want to compete. A natural 2H may leave West the option to make a take-out double. With only 23 HCP between them, East-West are likely to stay out of game. With most of the missing honours favourably placed, East can make two overtricks in 2NT. Ten tricks are also available in a club contract. They can beat 2H (doubled) if West scores an overruff on the third round of diamonds.

E-W Vul
Dealer East

♠ Q J 8 5 2	♠ 10 7 6 3	♠ A
♥ A 8	♥ Q 4	♥ K J 10 2
♦ 6 5 4 3 2	♦ Q J 7	♦ K 10 9 8
♣ J	♣ 9 7 6 5	♣ K Q 4 2

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♠ K 9 4	♠ K 9 4
♥ 9 7 6 5 3	♥ 9 7 6 5 3
♦ A	♦ A
♣ A 10 8 3	♣ A 10 8 3

Planning a 1NT rebid, East might open 1H. Having responded 1S, West will then look for game. East, with good intermediates in the red suits, should show the hand as in the upper half of the 15-17 range. With the West hand short of entries, East may well be tempted to lead up to the K♦ rather than to the 10♦, which results in defeat in 3NT. 4D makes – but 130 might not be good enough.

Game All
Dealer South

♠ J 9 7 5 3 2	♠ A K Q	♠ 10
♥ 8 6 5	♥ A 2	♥ Q 9 7 4 3
♦ K 10 6	♦ A Q 4	♦ J 8 7 5 3
♣ 6	♣ K Q 10 9 2	♣ 8 7

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♠ 8 6 4	♠ 8 6 4
♥ K J 10	♥ K J 10
♦ 9 2	♦ 9 2
♣ A J 5 4 3	♣ A J 5 4 3

North has a huge hand and starts with the system strong bid. Depending upon the exact point range shown, South will either bid or invite a slam. With a good combined 33 HCP, reaching 6NT should be normal. The K♦ is onside and news of the 6-1 spade split helps declarer to decide to play East for the K♥ for all thirteen tricks. If you are playing in clubs, you do not need the heart guess, but you will need to be in 7C for a decent score.

Love All
Dealer West

♠ 9 7 6	♠ Q 10 8 4	♠ K J 2
♥ 7 4	♥ A 8 6	♥ 10 5 3 2
♦ J 8 6 2	♦ 10 9 5	♦ K Q 4
♣ A Q J 9	♣ 8 5 3	♣ 6 4 2

8

♠ A 5 3	♠ A 5 3
♥ K Q J 9	♥ K Q J 9
♦ A 7 3	♦ A 7 3
♣ K 10 7	♣ K 10 7

South opens 1H in fourth seat and, in the modern style, rebids 1NT over North's 1S response to show 15-17 points. Knowing that South is likely to hold the K♣, West leads a diamond. If East then switches to a club, even 1NT fails. There is perhaps a case for West to lead the 8♦ rather than the normal 2♦, thereby encouraging East to switch. 1H and 1S are on – but you cannot stop there.

E-W Vul
Dealer North

♠ K Q 2	♠ 6 4	♠ J 10 9 7
♥ K Q 9 5 3	♥ 7 6	♥ A 8
♦ 9 5	♦ A K J 6 4	♦ Q 8 2
♣ 10 8 7	♣ A J 9 6	♣ K Q 5 4

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♠ A 8 5 3	♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ J 10 4 2	♥ A K J 7 5
♦ 10 7 3	♦ Q 5 3
♣ 3 2	♣ J

Unable to double when holding only two hearts, East has to pass over 1D. South responds 1H and then gives preference to 2D after North rebids 2C. West will do well to find a reopening 2H bid. 2D normally makes via two club ruffs in dummy, with the 6" possibly becoming high if the defenders manage to prevent the second ruff. 2H should make too, with four top tricks and a trump to lose.

Game All
Dealer East

♠ Q J 4	♠ K 3	♠ A 9 7 5
♥ 9 8 4 2	♥ 6 3	♥ Q 10
♦ 10 9 6 4	♦ J 8 2	♦ A K 7
♣ Q 8	♣ A 9 7 5 4 3	♣ K 10 6 2

10

♠ 10 8 6 2	♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ A K J 7 5	♥ A K J 7 5
♦ Q 5 3	♦ Q 5 3
♣ J	♣ J

If East opens 1S and South overcalls 2H, West scrapes up a raise to 2S. If the defenders start with two top hearts, the A♣ and a club ruff, South needs to exit safely with a low diamond. 2H should fail so long as the defenders switch to hearts, preventing declarer from ruffing a spade in dummy. 1NT is on but South would surely take some action if East were to open a strong 1NT.

Love All
Dealer South

♠ Q 4	♠ K 9 2	♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q 8	♥ K 10 5 3	♥ J 9 6 2
♦ Q J 6	♦ A K 10 8 7 3	♦ 9 5 2
♣ J 8 7 6 4	♣ = = =	♣ A 3 2

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♠ A J 10 7 6	♠ 7 6 2
♥ 7 4	♥ J 7 2
♦ 4	♦ 5 2
♣ K Q 10 9 5	♣ A 8 7 5 4

1S-2D-2S-4C-4S is a reasonable way for North-South to bid. Hardly anyone opens 1C with 5-5 in the black suits any more. North's 4C splinter, showing three-card spade support and a club shortage does not enthruse South. If West doubles 1S, this does not really affect anything. Even though the diamonds are 3-3, declarer cannot really avoid losing two tricks in the side suits, so an overtrick depends on the trump guess.

N-S Vul
Dealer West

♠ Q J 4 3	♠ A 9 5	♠ K 10 8
♥ Q 9 4	♥ A K 6	♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ 9 8 7	♦ J 10 6 3	♦ A K Q 4
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K Q 9	♣ J 3

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♠ 7 6 2	♠ 7 6 2
♥ J 7 2	♥ J 7 2
♦ 5 2	♦ 5 2
♣ A 8 7 5 4	♣ A 8 7 5 4

This is a good hand for the strong no-trump because South is likely to pass whatever North opens. There are eight top tricks – five clubs and three in the majors – if you play in no-trumps. So long as East does not lead a trump – tempting though that is with the ace-king-queen – even 1D can fail. The defenders make four trumps, a heart and two spades.

Game All

Dealer North

♠ K 10		
♥ A 9 8 7 5		
♦ 10 7 5		
♣ A 10 7		
♠ J 8 2		♠ Q 5
♥ K Q 6 2	13	♥ J 4
♦ K 3 2		♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ 8 4 3		♣ Q J 9 6 5
		♠ A 9 7 6 4 3
		♥ 10 3
		♦ A J 6
		♣ K 2

Whether North-South reach game might all depend upon North's initial action. If it is a pass, South is unlikely to contemplate game facing a passed hand. Reaching game is a near certainty, however, if North opens. 3NT is an easy make, by setting up the spades. 4S is makeable by playing up to dummy's heart intermediates, perhaps via an endplay against West if East gets to ruff a good heart.

Love All

Dealer East

		♠ A 9
		♥ A 10 8
		♦ J 9 3
		♣ J 10 5 3 2
♠ K 10 7 6 2		♠ Q 8 5 4 3
♥ K 5 2	14	♥ Q J
♦ 5		♦ K 7 6 4
♣ A K 8 6		♣ 9 4
		♠ J
		♥ 9 7 6 4 3
		♦ A Q 10 8 2
		♣ Q 7

West probably gets to open 1S in third seat. East might blast 4S or settle for a limit raise. With good top cards and a bit of shape West ought to go on to game if East only invites. There are just three aces to lose in 4S. The way the cards lie North-South have a profitable sacrifice available in five of either red suit, making nine tricks for a 300 penalty. Few will find that.

N-S Vul

Dealer South

		♠ K 9 6 5 2
		♥ 6 5 2
		♦ A 6 5 3
		♣ J
♠ Q 7		♠ J 8 4 3
♥ K 9 7 4	15	♥ 10 8
♦ J		♦ K 8 4 2
♣ K 10 9 8 3 2		♣ Q 6 5
		♠ A 10
		♥ A Q J 3
		♦ Q 10 9 7
		♣ A 7 4

With 17 HCP facing 8 HCP, North-South are likely to reach game whether they play a weak or strong 1NT opening. On a club lead 3NT goes two down because declarer can make only two spades, three diamonds and two aces before West can regain the lead. 4S fares better, down only one trick, with two trumps and the two red kings to lose. Indeed if East ducks the first diamond and declarer guesses correctly, 4S might make.

E-W Vul

Dealer West

		♠ 9 7 3 2
		♥ K Q 9 7 6 5
		♦ 9 4
		♣ 6
♠ K Q 4		♠ A J 5
♥ 8 4 3	16	♥ 2
♦ K Q J 10 5		♦ A 6 2
♣ 8 3		♣ K J 10 7 5 4
		♠ 10 8 6
		♥ A J 10
		♦ 8 7 3
		♣ A Q 9 2

With such good diamonds, West might well open 1D, after which it will be hard for East-West to stop short of game. The club layout is such that no winning guess is possible. You probably finesse the jack or ten anyway, all the more so if North has made a weak jump overcall. If North plays in hearts, the defenders may need to cash their diamond winners early to hold declarer to eight tricks.

Love All

Dealer North

♠ K 5 3	♠ A 10 4 2	♠ Q 8 6
♥ A J 9 8 5 3	♥ = = =	♥ K Q 7
♦ Q 2	♦ A K 10 8 6 5	♦ 9
♣ 10 3	♣ A 9 5	♣ K Q 8 7 4 2

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♠ J 9 7	♠ Q 10 3
♥ 10 6 4 2	♥ Q 5
♦ J 7 4 3	♦ A Q J 9 8 3
♣ J 6	♣ K 3

After North opens 1D, East overcalls 2C and North will either double or bid 2S. North will either double or bid 2S. East then raises hearts and South will do well to support diamonds. The play in 4H requires care. If you ruff the second diamond in dummy low, you need to play a high club from dummy and, if North ducks that, a second high club from dummy. You can then ruff out the clubs with the Q♠ as an entry. 5D makes via the double spade finesse.

N-S Vul

Dealer East

♠ 6 4 2	♠ K 9 8 7	♠ A J 5
♥ A 10 7 4	♥ 8 2	♥ K J 9 6 3
♦ 2	♦ 10 7 5 4	♦ K 6
♣ A Q 9 8 2	♣ 6 5 4	♣ J 10 7

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♠ Q 10 3
♥ Q 5
♦ A Q J 9 8 3
♣ K 3

If East opens 1H, South overcalls 2D and West makes a 4D splinter. East, with a near minimum opening and the poorly fitting K♦ signs off in 4H. As it happens, if you take the winning view in trumps, you will also find the club finesse works and twelve tricks roll in. The outcome is less predictable if East opens 1NT, though it will be rather rare for everyone to pass!

E-W Vul

Dealer South

♠ Q 10 5 4 3	♠ 6 2	♠ K J
♥ J 4 3	♥ Q 9 6 5 2	♥ 7
♦ Q	♦ K 6 5	♦ J 10 9 8 7 4 2
♣ K J 6 3	♣ 10 9 4	♣ 8 5 2

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♠ A 9 8 7
♥ A K 10 8
♦ A 3
♣ A Q 7

South opens 2NT and probably makes a super acceptance bid after North transfers into hearts. I play that 4H shows four-card support and a control in all other suits, which fits this hand. You might make an overtrick on an endplay (West forced to lead a club) if East does not switch to a club when in with a spade. If you play in 3NT, you will need an endplay for ten tricks to avoid a poor score.

Game All

Dealer West

♠ A Q 10 9 8	♠ J 4 2	♠ 7 6
♥ J 3	♥ 10 6 5 2	♥ A K Q 8 7
♦ K 4 3 2	♦ 10 7 6 5	♦ J 9 8
♣ 7 3	♣ Q 8	♣ J 10 2

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♠ K 5 3
♥ 9 4
♦ A Q
♣ A K 9 6 5 4

If East opens 1H in third seat, South overcalls 2C and West bids 2S. South will find it difficult to pass this out. If 2S is the contract, to stop the overtrick the defenders do best to start with three rounds of clubs and they want to leave the diamonds well alone. If South is in 3C, after a heart lead and a spade switch, East scores a spade ruff to beat the contract by two tricks. If hearts are trumps, 140 is unbeatable the way the cards lie.

E-W Vul
Dealer North

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ K 7
♦ A 10 8 3
♣ K 10 4

♠ K 6 3
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ A 7 3

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♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ Q 9 6 4
♣ Q J

♠ A 9
♥ A J 8 5
♦ K 5
♣ 9 8 6 5 2

1NT-2C-2H-2NT will be a popular way to bid the East-West hands. Those who play non-promissory Stayman will bid 2S over 2H to show the four spades. South has no effective lead and, with the clubs sitting kindly, nine tricks for 150 will be a common result. If West were to declare a no-trump contract, a low spade lead followed by an inspired switch to the Q♦ could give the defenders a fifth trick.



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