

- Sunday Aft - November 10, 2013

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62 MP

(based on 23 players, 1 non ACBL player
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Partnership	Pct	Rank	MP
Denys Slater Jr - Jon Bauman	55.83	1/2nd OA	1.20
Craig Briney - Mary Ann Briney	55.83	1/2nd OA	1.20
Denise Strueber - Judy Noble	55.42	3rd OA	0.77
Arlene Sanders - Janice Trombello	53.75	2nd OB	0.81
Patsy Norvell - Sam Norvell	53.33	1st OC	0.83
Louella Josset - Selwyn Josset	52.92	2nd OC	0.62
Freda Gail Stern - Joyce Schiff	51.67	2nd SB	0.36

EVENT>Db1 Pnt Unit 299er Prs SESSION>Sunday Aft SECTION> B N-S										
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AVE> 60.0 TOP> 5 MP LIMITS>300/100/50 CLUB>Bridge Academy Of North D										
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PAIRS IN STRAT A=6/B=5/C=2 ,---,-----,-----,-----										
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Final										
No	Name	Name	F1t	Rnk-A	Rnk-B	Rnk-C	Rnk-A	Rnk-B	Rnk-C	Score
Pct	Awards									

1	Denys Slater Jr	Jon Bauman	B	1/2	1	.	1/2	1	.	67.00
55.83	1.20(OA)									
2	Selwyn Josset	Louella Josset	C	.	4	2	.	.	1	63.50
52.92	0.62(OC)									
3	Craig Briney	Mary Ann Briney	A	1/2	.	.	1/2	.	.	67.00
55.83	1.20(OA)									
4	Janice Trombello	Arlene Sanders	B	4	2	.	.	2	.	64.50
53.75	0.81(OB)									
5	Stanley Weinberg	Roy Elsner	B	54.50
45.42										
6	Kristin Markham	Dan Markham	C	43.50
36.25										
Totals									360.00	
EVENT>Db1 Pnt Unit 299er Prs SESSION>Sunday Aft SECTION> B E-W										
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PAIRS IN STRAT A=6/B=4/C=3 ,---,-----,-----,-----										
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Final										
No	Name	Name	F1t	Rnk-A	Rnk-B	Rnk-C	Rnk-A	Rnk-B	Rnk-C	Score
Pct	Awards									

1 ♠Q872 Dlr: North
 ♥952 Vul: None
 ♦Q32
 ♣JT7
 ♠KT96 ♠J4
 ♥QT ♥863
 ♦AK87 ♦JT654
 ♣532 ♣Q64

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
450	5.00	0.00	4♥ S +1	♦K	B2-Josset-Josset vs B2-Stern-Schiff
420	4.00	1.00	4♥ S	♦A	B6-Markham-Markham vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
200	3.00	2.00	1♥ N +4	♦A	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B1-Noble-Strueber
170	2.00	3.00	2♥ S +2	♦A	B3-Briney-Briney vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
160	1.00	4.00	1♥* S	♦A	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B6-Israelson-Cane
140	0.00	5.00	1♥ N +2	♦A	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B3-Norvell-Norvell

♠A53
 ♥AKJ74
 ♦9
 ♣AK98
 5 Double Dummy Makes
 12 4 NS: 5♣ 1♦ 5♥ 3♠ 4NT
 19 EW: ♠2 ♦6 ♥2 ♣3 NT2
 LoTT: 17 - 17 = 0
 Par: +450 5♥-NS



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Pass	2♦	Dbl
Pass	2♥	All pass	

The Bidding:

When South opens the auction 1♥, North, with a flat, quacky, 5 count, is planning to pass. After doubles for takeout, there is no reason for North to change their plans. Some partnerships play tr an opponent's takeout double. With that agreement, a North may raise to 2♥, showing less than a Constructive Raise.

South has an LTC of 5, almost a strong 2♣ opener. If North directly raises ♥s over the takeout d will jump to game. If North passes, South will double East's 2♦ bid for takeout; and North will b has a LTC of 11, 1 short of the worst possible. Even if South invites game, North will decline.

The Play:

Declarer has 2 potential ♠ losers, and a possible loser in the other three suits. Declarer is fortuna is onside, making the ♠Queen an entry. With the ♠Queen onside and the ♥Queen doubleton, son may take 11 tricks. Declarers taking the losing ♥ finesse will take 10 tricks.

D	N dloeb	W	N	E	S
1	♠Q872		P	P	1♥
	♥952	X	P	2♦	X
	♦Q32	P	2♥	P	P
	♣J107	P			
W dloeb		E dloeb			
♠K1096		♠J4			
♥Q10		♥863			
♦AK87		♦J10654			
♣532		♣Q64			
	S dloeb				
	♠A53				
	♥AKJ74				
	♦9				
	♣AK98				
		2♥ S	NS: 0	EW: 0	

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2 ♠96 Dir: East
 ♥JT83 Vul: N-S
 ♦KJT8
 ♣AK6

♠JT7 ♠AKQ3
 ♥A765 ♥942
 ♦Q95 ♦A63
 ♣985 ♣Q32

♠8542
 ♥KQ
 ♦742
 ♣JT74

Double Dummy Makes

12 NS: -1♠ 2♦ ♣6/7 ♥6 ♠6 NT6
 7 15 EW: -1♥ -1♠ -1NT
 6 ♣5 ♦5 ♥6/7 ♠6/7 NT6/7

LoTT: 15 - 14 = +1
 Par: +90 2♦-NS

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
50		4.00	1.00	3N W -1	♦J B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B6-Israelson-Cane
50		4.00	1.00	2N E -1	♣2 B2-Josset-Josset vs B2-Stern-Schiff
50		4.00	1.00	2♠ E -1	♠J B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B1-Noble-Strueber
	90	2.00	3.00	1N E	♠4 B3-Briney-Briney vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
	120	0.50	4.50	1N W +1	♠A B6-Markham-Markham vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	120	0.50	4.50	1N E +1	♠4 B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B3-Norvell-Norvell



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West North East South
 1NT All pass

The Bidding:

East's 1NT opening bid will end the auction at most tables. North has no reason to make a vulne overcall with a balanced hand.

The Lead:

Because East-West did not investigate game, and the opening leader has only 6 HCP, North mus good hand, 14 HCP on average. There is a slight major suit bias on this auction because respond have a 5 card major. Leading from 4 small ♠s or from the ♥King-Queen doubleton does not look Most will choose to lead a ♠.

The Play:

Declarer starts with 6 tricks. There are chances for extra tricks in ♥s, ♦s, and ♠s. Developing an ♥s requires a 3-3 break, a 35.5% chance. An extra trick in ♦s is available when the ♦King is onsi chance, or if an end play can be engineered. Developing a ♣ trick requires both the Ace and Kin onside, a 25% chance.

When planning the play, declarer should look for opportunities to combine chances. There is no the lobbing finesses in ♠s or ♦s. The Queens serve as stoppers. It is best to start on the ♥ suit.

It takes a ♦ lead by West to set 1NT. On a ♣ lead and continuation, the ♣Queen is setup quickly 7th trick.

2 _D	N dloeb	W N E S
	♠ 96 ♥ J1083 ♦ KJ108 ♣ AK6	1NT P P P
W dloeb	E dloeb	
♠ J107 ♥ A765 ♦ Q95 ♣ 985	♠ AKQ3 ♥ 942 ♦ A63 ♣ Q32	
	S dloeb	
	♠ 8542 ♥ KQ ♦ 742 ♣ J1074	1NT E NS: 0 EW: 0
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3 ♠K9 Dir: South
 ♥T654 Vul: E-W
 ♦A96
 ♣9864

♠AJ74 ♠8
 ♥K82 ♥QJ
 ♦KQJ32 ♦T8754
 ♣3 ♣KQJ52

♠QT6532
 ♥A973
 ♦-
 ♣AT7

7 Double Dummy Makes

14 9 NS: 2♥ 2♠ ♣4 ♦3 NT5

10 EW: 2♣ 4♦ 2NT ♥5 ♠5

LoTT: 18 - 18 = 0

Par: -130 4♦EW

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
200		5.00	0.00	5♦* W -1	♠K B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B1-Noble-Strueber
110		4.00	1.00	2♠ S	♦K B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
	130	3.00	2.00	3♦ W +1	♣9 B6-Markham-Markham vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	150	2.00	3.00	3♦ W +2	♠K B3-Briney-Briney vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
	500	1.00	4.00	4♠* S -3	♦K B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B6-Israelson-Cane
	600	0.00	5.00	5♦ W	♠K B2-Josset-Josset vs B2-Stern-Schiff



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West	North	East	South
			1♠
2♦	Dbl	2♠	3♥
4♦	All pass		

The Bidding:

South's hand is too good for a weak 2. It passes the for an opener. A 1♠ opening looks best. Wes to have a 6th ♦ for their 2♦ overcall. North will make a , looking for a 4-4 ♥ fit.

East has 5 card ♦ support, a singleton, and a source of tricks in ♣s. Most will choose to cue bid 2 support and invitational or better values. Some may choose to jump to 3♠, a bid, showing game : values, 4+ card support, and ♠ shortness. East has a LTC of 7, not quite enough to force to a min game. The 2♠ cue bid is preferable.

South's hand upgrades after the Negative Double. Competing to 3♥ is clear. Now West has an in choice. With a LTC of 6, West is interested in game. With just one Ace and the opponents active auction, taking 11 tricks in♦s may be difficult. 3NT is a possibility. West has both majors stoppe likely has values in ♣s on this auction. Some will venture 3NT despite the ♣ singleton. Many wi compete to 4♦.

The Play:

Playing in ♦s, declarers will have no trouble taking 10 tricks. The only losers are the defense's 3

It takes a ♠ lead or an immediate ♠ shift to beat 3NT. On a ♥ lead and continuation, declarer has knock out the ♣Ace and ♦Ace and take 9 tricks for a top board.

3 D	N dloeb	W	N	E	S
	♠ K9				1♠
	♥ 10654	2♦	X	2♠	3♥
	♦ A96	3NT	P	P	P
	♣ 9864				
W dloeb			E dloeb		
♠ AJ74			♠ 8		
♥ K82			♥ QJ		
♦ KQJ32			♦ 108754		
♣ 3			♣ KQJ52		
	S dloeb				
	♠ Q106532				
	♥ A973				
	♦				
	♣ A107				
					3NT WNS: 0 EW: 0
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4 ♠KT753 Dir: West
 ♥62 Vul: Both
 ♦T54
 ♣A83
 ♠AJ64 ♠98
 ♥AJ9 ♥K743
 ♦KQ32 ♦76
 ♣J7 ♣T6542

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld	
200	5.00	0.00	1N W -2	♠5	B6-Markham-Markham vs B5-Patterson-Taylor	
110	3.50	1.50	2♣ N	♠6	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B1-Noble-Strueber	
110	3.50	1.50	2♣ N +1	♥3	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B3-Norvell-Norvell	
100	1.50	3.50	1N W -1	♠5	B2-Josset-Josset vs B2-Stern-Schiff	
100	1.50	3.50	3♣ W -1	♥6	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B6-Israelson-Cane	
	90	0.00	5.00	1N W	♠7	B3-Briney-Briney vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr

♠Q2
 ♥QT85
 ♦AJ98
 ♣KQ9
 7 Double Dummy Makes
 16 3 NS: 1♦ 2/1♠ 2/INT ♣6 ♥6/5
 14 EW: 1♣ 1♥ ♦5 ♠5 NT5
 LoTT: 15 - 14 = +1
 Par: +120 2NT-N



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West North East South

INT All pass

Declarer has just one entry to dummy and does not want to lead away from their holdings in ♠s, That leaves just the ♣ suit for declarer to "attack".

After a ♠ lead, declarer winning the Ace and exiting a ♣, South will win the ♣Queen and fire a ♣ declarer; North winning the Ten. North knows partner started with either ♠Q2 or ♠Q642. The pl: Queen denied the Jack. The continuation of the 2 rules out a 3 card holding. If South started with is not a rush to cash. South is marked with roughly 14 HCP and you have a ♣ control. On the other breaking ♥s or ♦s does not look attractive.

Most will continue with a ♠, handing declarer a ♠ trick. When declarer is in with the 4th round of can exit a ♣ again. Now South can exit a low ♦. Declarer needs the ♥ finesse for down 1.

D 4	N dloeb	W N E S
	♠K10753	1NT P P P
	♥62	
	♦1054	
	♣A83	
W dloeb	E dloeb	
♠AJ64	♠98	
♥AJ9	♥K743	
♦KQ32	♦76	
♣J7	♣106542	
	S dloeb	
	♠Q2	
	♥Q1085	
	♦AJ98	
	♣KQ9	1NT WNS: 0 EW: 0

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5 ♠A73 Dir: North
 ♥AKQ63 Vul: N-S
 ♦A5
 ♣AJ3
 ♠J642 ♠KT8
 ♥J7 ♥42
 ♦KJ6 ♦Q832
 ♣K872 ♣T964

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
650	4.50	0.50	4♥ N +1	♠8	B2-Josset-Josset vs B1-Noble-Strueber
650	4.50	0.50	4♥ N +1	♠4	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
630	3.00	2.00	3N N +1	♦2	B3-Briney-Briney vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
620	2.00	3.00	4♥ N	♥2	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B6-Israelson-Cane
170	0.50	4.50	2♥ N +2	♦2	B6-Markham-Markham vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
170	0.50	4.50	1♥ N +3	♦2	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B2-Stern-Schiff

 ♠Q95
 ♥T985
 ♦T974
 ♣Q5
 22 Double Dummy Makes
 9 5 NS: 2/1♠ 2♦ 5♥ 3♣ 4NT
 4 EW: ♠5 ♦4 ♥2 ♣4 NT3
 LoTT: 16 - 17 = -1
 Par: +650 5♥-NS



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

The Bidding:

Playing , North will open their powerful hand with a strong, artificial and forcing 2♣. After part waiting bid, North has a choice between bidding 2♥ or 2NT, both natural.

If North rebids 2♥, South will jump to 4♥, using to deny slam interest. If North rebids 2NT, Sou 3♣, regular Stayman or . All roads lead to 4♥.

The Play:

With the ♠King and ♣King inside, declarers will have no trouble taking 11 tricks.

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6 ♠J5 Dir: East
 ♥J8754 Vul: E-W
 ♦QJT
 ♣A75
 ♠KQ63 ♠AT82
 ♥Q9 ♥T6
 ♦864 ♦AK753
 ♣J864 ♣T3

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
140		5.00	0.00	2♥ N +1	♠A B3-Briney-Briney vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
110		4.00	1.00	2♠ S	♠K B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B2-Stern-Schiff
100		3.00	2.00	2♠ W -1	♦Q B6-Markham-Markham vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
	50	2.00	3.00	4♥ N -1	♠A B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B6-Israelson-Cane
	110	0.50	4.50	2♠ W	♥8 B2-Josset-Josset vs B1-Noble-Strueber
	110	0.50	4.50	2♠ W	♦Q B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B5-Patterson-Taylor

 ♠974
 ♥AK32
 ♦92
 ♣KQ92
 9 Double Dummy Makes
 8 11 NS: 2♣ 3♥ 1NT ♦5 ♠5
 12 EW: 2♦ 2♠ ♣5 ♥4 NT5
 LoTT: 17 - 17 = 0
 Par: +140 3♥-NS

7 ♠J5 Dir: South
 ♥9 Vul: Both
 ♦Q873
 ♣J97643
 ♠AQT7 ♠K8643
 ♥AQJ65 ♥T8
 ♦A ♦K96
 ♣AQT ♣K52
 ♠92
 ♥K7432
 ♦JT542
 ♣8

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
680	4.50	0.50	4♠ E +2	♠8	B3-Briney-Briney vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
680	4.50	0.50	5♥ W +1	♦3	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B2-Stern-Schiff
710	3.00	2.00	4♠ E +3	♠8	B6-Markham-Markham vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
1440	2.00	3.00	6N E	♥3	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
1460	0.50	4.50	6♠ E +1	♦J	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B6-Israelson-Cane
1460	0.50	4.50	6♠ E +1	♠8	B2-Josset-Josset vs B1-Noble-Strueber

4 Double Dummy Makes
 23 9 NS: ♠3 ♦4 ♥1 ♠0 NTO
 4 EW: 4♠ 3♦ 6♥ 7♠ 7NT
 LoTT: 17 - 18 = -1
 Par: -2220 7NT-EW



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West	North	East	South
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6NT	All pass		

The Bidding:

Playing , West will open their powerful hand with a strong artificial 2♣ bid. Continuations after vary by partnership agreement. The auction above assumes a typical structure using 2♦ as a wait the cheaper minor as a second negative. After East's 2♦ waiting bid, West shows their ♥ suit. Ea natural and game forcing. East would bid 3♣, an artificial negative, if East did not want to establ Force.

West's raise to 3♠ sets the trump suit. 4♣ is a cue bid. Many expert partnerships routinely cue bid round controls. Opposite a 2♣ opener, even partnerships who prefer to cue bid Aces, should not cue bid their ♣King.

Now West can bid 4NT . After East shows 1 key card, West's 5NT bid guarantees possession of cards and the trump Queen, and asks about Kings. Does 5NT in your partnership ask the number ask about ? This board illustrates why many prefer playing Specific Kings. You want to be in a partner has the ♥King.

If responding with the number of Kings, East will show 2. West already knows about the ♣King cue bid, but does not know whether East's second King is in ♥s or ♦s. Playing Specific Kings, E respond 6♦, having already shown the ♣King. East now bids 6NT, knowing partner will bid 7N1 ♥King.

The Play:

With the ♥King onside, declarer has all the tricks. 5 ♠s + 3 ♣s + 2 ♦s + 3 ♥s. 6NT making 7.

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In his Bridge Winners article, Gavin Wolpert describes the advantages of playing Specific King:

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8 ♠AK96 Dir: West
 ♥8 Vul: None
 ♦T643
 ♣AQT6
 ♠QJ3 ♠752
 ♥AKT9 ♥QJ74
 ♦J8 ♦AQ52
 ♣J853 ♣97

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
110		5.00	0.00	1♠ N +1	♥A B3-Briney-Briney vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
50		3.00	2.00	3♥ W -1	♠A B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B6-Israelson-Cane
50		3.00	2.00	2♥ E -1	♣4 B2-Josset-Josset vs B1-Noble-Strueber
50		3.00	2.00	2♦ E -1	♣4 B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B2-Stern-Schiff
	50	0.50	4.50	1N N -1	♦5 B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	50	0.50	4.50	2♠ N -1	♥Q B6-Markham-Markham vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr

 ♠T84
 ♥6532
 ♦K97
 ♣K42
 13 Double Dummy Makes
 12 9 NS: 2♣ 3♦ 2♠ 2NT ♥6
 6 EW: 1♥ ♣4/5 ♦4 ♠4 NT5
 LoTT: 16 - 15 = +1
 Par: +120 2NT-NS

9 ♠86 Dir: North
 ♥83 Vul: E-W
 ♦AQJ7
 ♣KQ642
 ♠AKJT3 ♠Q975
 ♥T6 ♥K52
 ♦942 ♦T653
 ♣AT3 ♣97

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170		4.00	1.00	3♥ S +1	♠A B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet
140		2.50	2.50	3♥ S	♠A B3-Briney-Briney vs B2-Stern-Schiff
140		2.50	2.50	3♥ S	♠A B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B1-Noble-Strueber
	50	0.50	4.50	4♥ S -1	♠A B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	50	0.50	4.50	4♥ S -1	♠A B6-Markham-Markham vs B3-Norvell-Norvell

 ♠42
 ♥AQJ974
 ♦K8
 ♣J85
 12 Double Dummy Makes
 12 5 NS: 4♣ 3♦ 4♥ 1NT ♠6
 11 EW: 1♠ ♣2 ♦3 ♥2 NT4/3
 LoTT: 17 - 17 = 0
 Par: +420 4♥-NS

10 ♠J7 Dir: East
 ♥985 Vul: Both
 ♦QJT9
 ♣KJ32
 ♠- ♠K9853
 ♥KQJ732 ♥T64
 ♦65 ♦AK84
 ♣AT854 ♣6

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
140		5.00	0.00	3♥ W	♠J B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet
200		3.50	1.50	4♠ S -2	♥K B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
200		3.50	1.50	4♠ S -2	♥K B2-Josset-Josset vs B6-Israelson-Cane
620		1.50	3.50	4♥ W	♠J B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B1-Noble-Strueber
620		1.50	3.50	4♥ W	♠J B6-Markham-Markham vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
650		0.00	5.00	4♥ W +1	♠J B3-Briney-Briney vs B2-Stern-Schiff

 ♠AQT642
 ♥A
 ♦732
 ♣Q97
 8 Double Dummy Makes
 10 10 NS: 2♠ ♣5 ♦6 ♥2 NT5
 12 12 EW: 1/-♣ 1♦ 5♥ 1NT ♠7/6
 ♠5
 LoTT: 19 - 17 = +2
 Par: -650 5♥-EW

11 ♠65 Dir: South
 ♥976542 Vul: None
 ♦95
 ♣J92

♠84 ♠AQJ72
 ♥JT ♥A83
 ♦J7642 ♦T3
 ♣K863 ♣QT7

♠KT93
 ♥KQ
 ♦AKQ8
 ♣A54

1 Double Dummy Makes
 5 13 NS: 2♥ ♠6 ♦6 ♠6 NT6
 21 EW: 1/-♣ 1♦ 1/-♠ 1/-NT
 ♣7/6 ♥4 ♠7/6 NT7/6

LoTT: 15 - 15 = 0

Par: +100

2NT*-W/2♠*-W/2♦*-EW/2♠*-

W-1

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
140		4.50	0.50	3♥ S	♠8 B3-Briney-Briney vs B2-Stern-Schiff
140		4.50	0.50	3♥ S	♠8 B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet
	50	2.50	2.50	2N S -1	♠4 B2-Josset-Josset vs B6-Israelson-Cane
	50	2.50	2.50	4♥ S -1	♠8 B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	100	1.00	4.00	3N S -2	♠4 B6-Markham-Markham vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
	150	0.00	5.00	3N S -3	♠4 B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B1-Noble-Strueber

12 ♠J73 Dir: West
 ♥AKT7 Vul: N-S
 ♦J63
 ♣T98

♠KT5 ♠Q864
 ♥954 ♥J862
 ♦T9 ♦AK8
 ♣AKQ63 ♣T5

♠A92
 ♥Q3
 ♦Q7542
 ♣J42

9 Double Dummy Makes
 12 10 NS: 1♦ ♠4 ♥4 ♠5 NT5
 9 EW: 2♣ 3/2♥ 2♠ 2NT ♦6

LoTT: 16 - 15 = +1

Par: -140 3♥-W

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
PASS		5.00	0.00	Pass Out	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	120	4.00	1.00	1N W +1	♠T B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet
	130	3.00	2.00	2♣ W +2	♥A B3-Briney-Briney vs B2-Stern-Schiff
	150	1.50	3.50	2N W +1	♥7 B6-Markham-Markham vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
	150	1.50	3.50	2N E +1	♠4 B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B1-Noble-Strueber
	180	0.00	5.00	2N E +2	♠4 B2-Josset-Josset vs B6-Israelson-Cane

13 ♠J974 Dir: North
 ♥AQJ98 Vul: Both
 ♦K96
 ♣3

♠Q5 ♠A83
 ♥K32 ♥T7654
 ♦3 ♦T5
 ♣AKQ9872 ♣T64

♠KT62
 ♥-
 ♦AQJ8742
 ♣J5

11 Double Dummy Makes
 14 4 NS: 5/4♦ 1♥ 4♠ ♠4 NT5
 11 EW: 3/2♣ ♦2 ♥6 ♠3 NT5

LoTT: 20 - 20 = 0

Par: +600 5♦-N

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
620		4.50	0.50	4♠ S	♠A B2-Josset-Josset vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
620		4.50	0.50	4♠ N	♠T B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet
600		3.00	2.00	5♦ S	♠A B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
150		1.50	3.50	4♦ S +1	♠K B6-Markham-Markham vs B2-Stern-Schiff
150		1.50	3.50	3♦ N +2	♠A B3-Briney-Briney vs B1-Noble-Strueber
130		0.00	5.00	4♦ S	♠A B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B6-Israelson-Cane



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	Pass	4♠

All pass

The Bidding:

North's hand passes the . Opening 1♥ can lead to an awkward rebid. If partner responds 1NT (For Semi-Forcing), North does not have the values to reverse into ♠s. With a singleton ♣, North does pass a Semi-Forcing 1NT. A 2♥ rebid would show a 6th ♥. So North is forced to bid their 3 card Partnerships playing along with a 14-16 HCP range for their 1NT opening bid avoid this problem rebids over a Semi-Forcing 1NT show a true suit.

On this board, South does not quite have the values for a . Lacking the strength to show their long South responds 1♠ showing 4+ ♠. West overcalls 2♣. For partnerships playing , North's raise to : ♠s.

The hand diagram reports that South has 17 Support Points. That attributes too much value to the partner's suit. A ♣ void, on the other hand, would be quite valuable. South will jump to game at . Some may look for a slam. That is not advisable given the likelihood partner, who has shown a 1 opening hand, likely has wasted values in ♥s. West should not consider sacrificing given the poor both majors.

For pairs playing the auction is likely to go 2♦-Pass-4♠-All Pass. It will not be easy for West to pass with their fine hand, but a look at their major suit holdings and the vulnerability should help West green card.

The Play:

West will likely lead a high ♣ or their singleton ♦. If a singleton ♦ lead is chosen and declarer takes finesse against the ♠ Queen, West will be eager to put partner on lead to get a ♦ ruff. Does East have ♣Jack. Under leading the Ace-King-Queen to obtain the ruff would make for a great story. On the under lead would hand declarer an 11th trick.

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14 ♠KQJ9 Dir: East
 ♥A4 Vul: None
 ♦AJ84
 ♣A97
 ♠8654 ♠T
 ♥J3 ♥KQT765
 ♦KQ75 ♦63
 ♣KQ8 ♣T642
 ♠A732
 ♥982
 ♦T92
 ♣J53

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
150		5.00	0.00	1N N +2	♥7 B2-Josset-Josset vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
140		4.00	1.00	2♠ S +1	♥J B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B6-Israelson-Cane
110		2.50	2.50	2♠ S	♥J B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
110		2.50	2.50	2♠ N	♦6 B6-Markham-Markham vs B2-Stern-Schiff
	50	1.00	4.00	3♠ N -1	♥K B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet J
	100	0.00	5.00	4♠ S -2	♥J B3-Briney-Briney vs B1-Noble-Strueber

19 [Double Dummy Makes](#)
 11 5 NS: 1♣ 3♦ 4♠ 3NT ♥5
 5 EW: 2♥ ♣6 ♦4 ♠3 NT4
 LoTT: 18 - 16 = +2
 Par: +420 4♠NS

15 ♠AQ87 Dlr: South
 ♥JT95 Vul: N-S
 ♦52
 ♣AQJ
 ♠KT94 ♠532
 ♥AQ87 ♥K6
 ♦A7 ♦KQJ3
 ♣K74 ♣T652

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
50		4.50	0.50	3N W -1	♥J B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet J
50		4.50	0.50	3N W -1	♥J B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
	120	2.50	2.50	2N W	♣8 B3-Briney-Briney vs B1-Noble-Strueber
	120	2.50	2.50	2N W	♣7 B2-Josset-Josset vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	400	1.00	4.00	3N W	♥J B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B6-Israelson-Cane
	430	0.00	5.00	3N W +1	♣7 B6-Markham-Markham vs B2-Stern-Schiff

♠J6
 ♥432
 ♦T9864
 ♣983

Double Dummy Makes
 14 NS: ♠5 ♦5 ♥5 ♠5 NT4
 16 9 EW: 1/2♣ -/2♦ 1/2♥ 2♠ 2/3NT
 1 ♦6/8

LoTT: 13 - 14 = -1
 Par: -400 3NT-E

16 ♠9752 Dlr: West
 ♥A Vul: E-W
 ♦K985
 ♣AKQ9
 ♠843 ♠JT6
 ♥K32 ♥QJT975
 ♦AT3 ♦6
 ♣8653 ♣JT2

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
450		5.00	0.00	4♠ S +1	♣6 B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B6-Israelson-Cane
420		2.50	2.50	5♦ S +1	♥K B3-Briney-Briney vs B1-Noble-Strueber
420		2.50	2.50	5♦ S +1	♥K B6-Markham-Markham vs B2-Stern-Schiff
420		2.50	2.50	5♦ S +1	♥2 B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet J
420		2.50	2.50	5♦ N +1	♥Q B2-Josset-Josset vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
400		0.00	5.00	5♦ S	♥2 B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B3-Norvell-Norvell

♠AKQ
 ♥864
 ♦QJ742
 ♣74

Double Dummy Makes
 16 NS: 4♣ 6♦ 1♥ 5♠ 3NT
 12 EW: ♠1 ♦1 ♥6 ♠1 NT1

LoTT: 18 - 18 = 0
 Par: +920 6♦NS



David Loeb Hand Analysis

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All pass	

With 4-1-4-4 distribution, the standard opening is 1♦. Because of the powerful ♣ suit, some will open 1♣. On this board, opening 1♣ allows North to easily show their 3 suiter. South's hand upg substantially after a ♦ fit and ♥ shortness are confirmed.

If North opens 1♦, South has a good hand for an inverted minor raise to 2♦, showing ♦ support a invitational or better values. Most experts do not with singleton Aces. Structures vary over inver raises. Some bid stoppers. Many experts use a relay to describe opener's hand. A natural approach effective and easy to remember. A bid of 2 of a major or 3 of the other minor shows a concentra values and is forcing to 3NT. Using a natural approach, a 3♣ rebid well describes North's hand.

With 3 ♠ stoppers, South wants any notrump contract to be played from North's side to protect a positional stopper. So South rebids 3♠. With a singleton ♥, North has no interest in a notrump cc North can cue bid their ♥Ace, and South can cooperate with a ♠ cue bid; and the slam can be rea

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17 ♠AJ432 Dlr: North
 ♥964 Vul: None
 ♦A64
 ♣Q3
 ♠Q985 ♠KT7
 ♥J3 ♥Q
 ♦KT873 ♦QJ52
 ♣A7 ♣T9864

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
980	5.00	0.00	6♥ S	♠A	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
830	4.00	1.00	3♥* S +3	♠A	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
480	2.50	2.50	4♥ S +2	♠A	B2-Josset-Josset vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
480	2.50	2.50	4♥ S +2	♠A	B3-Briney-Briney vs B6-Israelson-Cane
450	1.00	4.00	4♥ S +1	♦7	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B2-Stern-Schiff
230	0.00	5.00	3♥ S +3	♠5	B6-Markham-Markham vs B1-Noble-Strueber

♠6
 ♥AKT8752
 ♦9
 ♣KJ52

11 [Double Dummy Makes](#)
 10 8 NS: 1♣ 6♥ 1♠ 3NT ♦4
 11 EW: 2♦ ♠6 ♥1 ♠5/6 NT1
 LoTT: 20 - 19 = +1
 Par: +980 6♥-NS

18 ♠KQ9 Dlr: East
 ♥AK6 Vul: N-S
 ♦AJ94
 ♣KT2
 ♠J32 ♠5
 ♥752 ♥JT98
 ♦K7632 ♦Q5
 ♣A9 ♣QJ7543

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
680	4.50	0.50	4♠ N +2	♥J	B3-Briney-Briney vs B6-Israelson-Cane
680	4.50	0.50	4♠ N +2	♠Q	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B2-Stern-Schiff
650	2.00	3.00	4♠ S +1	♥2	B6-Markham-Markham vs B1-Noble-Strueber
650	2.00	3.00	4♠ S +1	♠A	B2-Josset-Josset vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
650	2.00	3.00	4♠ N +1	♠3	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
100	0.00	5.00	6♠ S -1	♠A	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B3-Norvell-Norvell

♠AT8764
 ♥Q43
 ♦T8
 ♣86

20 [Double Dummy Makes](#)
 8 6 NS: 3♦ 2♥ 5♠ 5NT ♠6
 6 EW: ♠6 ♦3 ♥4 ♠2 NT2
 LoTT: 17 - 17 = 0
 Par: +660 5NT-NS

19 ♠T86 Dlr: South
 ♥J95 Vul: E-W
 ♦A7532
 ♣K8
 ♠KJ2 ♠Q5
 ♥K7 ♥T8642
 ♦J84 ♦KQT6
 ♣Q7654 ♣AT

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
110	4.50	0.50	2♠ S	♥K	B2-Josset-Josset vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
110	4.50	0.50	2♠ S	♦4	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
PASS	2.00	3.00	Pass Out		B3-Briney-Briney vs B6-Israelson-Cane
PASS	2.00	3.00	Pass Out		B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B2-Stern-Schiff
PASS	2.00	3.00	Pass Out		B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
50	0.00	5.00	3♠ S -1	♥K	B6-Markham-Markham vs B1-Noble-Strueber

♠A9743
 ♥AQ3
 ♦9
 ♣J932
 8 Double Dummy Makes
 10 11 NS: 1♠ ♠5 ♦5 ♥5 NT5
 11 EW: 1♣ 2♦ 1♥ 1NT ♠5
 LoTT: 15 - 15 = 0
 Par: -90 1NT-EW

20 ♠AT8543 Dlr: West
 ♥K5 Vul: Both
 ♦AT2
 ♣K2
 ♠6 ♠J2
 ♥QJT9732 ♥A6
 ♦5 ♦KQJ764
 ♣7643 ♣AT5

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
1130	5.00	0.00	3♠* N +2	♥A	B3-Briney-Briney vs B6-Israelson-Cane
650	3.50	1.50	4♣ N +1	♥A	B2-Josset-Josset vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
650	3.50	1.50	4♣ N +1	♥A	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
200	2.00	3.00	4♣ N -2	♦K	B6-Markham-Markham vs B1-Noble-Strueber
650	1.00	4.00	5♥ W	♣A	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B2-Stern-Schiff
850	0.00	5.00	5♥* W	♣A	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B3-Norvell-Norvell

♠KQ97
 ♥84
 ♦983
 ♣QJ98
 14 Double Dummy Makes
 3 15 NS: 2/3♠ 1NT ♠6 ♦5/6 ♥2/3
 8 EW: 1♦ 2♥ ♠3 ♠3 NT3
 LoTT: 17 - 19 = -2
 Par: +140 3♠-S

21 ♠2 Dlr: North
 ♥7 Vul: N-S
 ♦KJT987
 ♣T9842
 ♠7643 ♠KQJT5
 ♥K942 ♥QT8653
 ♦Q2 ♦-
 ♣AK3 ♣J7

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
600	5.00	0.00	5♦ N	♣K	B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B1-Noble-Strueber
100	4.00	1.00	5♦ N -1	♥K	B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B2-Stern-Schiff
420	2.50	2.50	4♣ W	♥7	B3-Briney-Briney vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
420	2.50	2.50	4♣ E	♥A	B6-Markham-Markham vs B6-Israelson-Cane
450	0.50	4.50	4♥ W +1	♦J	B2-Josset-Josset vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
450	0.50	4.50	4♥ E +1	♣A	B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr

♠A98
 ♥AJ
 ♦A6543
 ♣Q65
 4 Double Dummy Makes
 12 9 NS: 4♣ 5♦ 2NT ♥2 ♠2
 15 EW: 4♥ 4♣ ♠3 ♦2 NT5
 LoTT: 21 - 21 = 0
 Par: +100 5♠*-EW/5♥*-EW-1

22 ♠QJ6532 Dlr: East
 ♥Q6 Vul: E-W
 ♦AKT
 ♣Q5
 ♠K94 ♠8
 ♥2 ♥AKJT743
 ♦876542 ♦3
 ♣K63 ♣J842

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
140		4.50	0.50	3♠ N	♥A B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B2-Stern-Schiff
140		4.50	0.50	3♠ N	♥A B6-Markham-Markham vs B6-Israelson-Cane
	50	3.00	2.00	4♠ N -1	♥A B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B1-Noble-Strueber
	100	2.00	3.00	4♠ N -2	♥A B2-Josset-Josset vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
	140	0.50	4.50	3♥ E	♣A B3-Briney-Briney vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
	140	0.50	4.50	3♥ E	♦Q B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr

♠AT7
 ♥985
 ♦QJ9
 ♣AT97

14 Double Dummy Makes
 6 9 NS: 1♦ 3♣ ♠6 ♥4 NT5
 11 EW: 1♠ 2♥ 2NT ♦6 ♣4
 LoTT: 17 - 17 = 0
 Par: +140 3♣-NS

23 ♠J7 Dlr: South
 ♥Q7 Vul: Both
 ♦AKQJ85
 ♣A76
 ♠KQ ♠A85432
 ♥AT9532 ♥J8
 ♦T4 ♦97
 ♣K42 ♣JT5

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
200		5.00	0.00	3♥ W -2	♦A B3-Briney-Briney vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
100		3.50	1.50	3♥ W -1	♦A B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B1-Noble-Strueber
100		3.50	1.50	3♥ W -1	♦A B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
	100	2.00	3.00	4♦ N -1	♥J B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B2-Stern-Schiff
	140	1.00	4.00	3♥ W	♦A B6-Markham-Markham vs B6-Israelson-Cane
	200	0.00	5.00	4♦ N -2	♥8 B2-Josset-Josset vs B3-Norvell-Norvell

♠T96
 ♥K64
 ♦632
 ♣Q983

17 Double Dummy Makes
 12 6 NS: 1♠ 3♦ 2NT ♥5 ♠5
 5 EW: 2♥ 2♣ ♠5 ♦4 NT4
 LoTT: 17 - 17 = 0
 Par: +120 2NT-NS

24 ♠T82 Dlr: West
 ♥64 Vul: None
 ♦KJT864
 ♣92
 ♠A97 ♠J643
 ♥KT952 ♥87
 ♦AQ7 ♦93
 ♣AQ ♣T8753

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ld
120		5.00	0.00	2N S	♥T B3-Briney-Briney vs B5-Patterson-Taylor
100		4.00	1.00	2N W -2	♦J B2-Josset-Josset vs B3-Norvell-Norvell
	50	3.00	2.00	1N S -1	♥T B5-Weinberg-Elsner vs B4-Ducayet-Ducayet Jr
	100	2.00	3.00	3N S -2	♥T B4-Trombello-Sanders vs B1-Noble-Strueber
	300	1.00	4.00	2N* S -2	♥5 B6-Markham-Markham vs B6-Israelson-Cane
	500	0.00	5.00	3N* S -3	♣7 B1-Slater Jr-Bauman vs B2-Stern-Schiff

♠KQ5
 ♥AQJ3
 ♦52
 ♣KJ64

4 Double Dummy Makes
 19 1 NS: 3/2♦ 1NT ♠6/5 ♥6 ♠6
 16 EW: 1♣ 1♥ 1♠ ♦4 NT6
 LoTT: 16 - 15 = +1
 Par: +110 3♦-N