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\star \star Masterpoint Winners \star \star \star
Partnership Pct Rank MP
Denise Strueber - John Ellis 68.75 1st OA 1.29
Jon Bauman - Lou Bauman 56.88 2nd OA 0.97
Beth Castleberry - Josephine Basel 55.63 3rd OA 0.73
Arlene Sanders - Janice Trombello 53.13 2nd OB 0.71
Anne Collier - Marilyn Elliott 45.63 2nd SB 0.36
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1 Janice Trombello Arlene Sanders
1 . 42.50 53.13 0.71(OB)
                                     B 4 2 . | 2
2 Louise LeRoux
. . . 40.50 50.63
                 Stanley Weinberg
                                        Α . . . . . . .
3 Josephine Basel Beth Castleberry A 3 . . | 1
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         tel John Hartel
37.00 46.25
 4 Jill Hartel
                                     Α . . . . . .
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1 ♠A8 ♥862 ♠J5 ♠KQJ652 Dlr: North Vul: None 200.00

- **↑**T4
- **♥**JT95
- **♦**AT987
- **+**97
- **♦**KQ752
- **♥**3
- ♦KQ6
- **♣**AT83
- **♠**J96<u>3</u>
- ♥AKQ74

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♦432
♣4
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11 5 14 10

Double Dummy Makes NS: 1♣ 1♥ ◆3/4 ♠4 NT5 EW: 3♦ 2♠ 1NT ♣5 ♥5

LOTT: 16 - 16 = 0Par: -110 2♠-EW N-S E-WN-S E-W Contract Ld 0.00 ♥J 140 4.00 3♥ S B3-Basel-Castleberry vs B5-Elliott-Collier 110 1.50 2♥ S B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs 2.50 **♠**T 2♥ S 110 2.50 1.50 ♣A B1-Trombello-Sanders vs B1-Strueber-Ellis 4♥ S -2 0.50 3.50 100 ♠Τ B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs B3-Cottingim-Munnell 3.50 100 0.50 4♥ S -2 ♠T B5-Patterson-Taylor vs B4-Bauman-Bauman

David Loeb Hand Analysis
West North East South
1♣ 1♠ 2♥
Pass Pass 3♥ All pass

#### The Bidding:

North's hand passes the Rule of 20 for an opening hand. Some may wish to downgrade the hand because of the Jack doubleton, but two quick tricks and the concentration of honors in the 6-card club suit makes opening North's hand an easy decision. East will overcall 1♠. West has nothing to say over 2♥. South's 2♥ Free Bid shows 10+ HCP and is forcing for one round. North has a choice between supporting hearts, or rebidding 2NT or 3♣. A non-forcing raise to 3♥ is best. It shows heart support and a minimum opening hand. South, with a minimum for a 2♥ Free Bid, will pass 3♥, ending the auction.

## The Play:

On a spade lead against 3♥, declarer will be concerned their spade Ace will be ruffed if they Hold Up and East has a six-card spade suit. After rising with the Ace, declarer has no high card entry to dummy. Leading a high club from dummy will establish two winners, but declarer has no reliable way to get to dummy to enjoy the winners. Leading a diamond at trick two will ensure a diamond ruff. If declarer attempts to ruff a spade in dummy, the defense may Page 3

begin to draw trump, and West is likely to ruff high in front of dummy.

Declarer has little chance of making the contract. If hearts break 3-3, declarer will have seven tircks: five hearts, a diamond ruff, and the spade Ace. If hearts break 4-1 declarer will need to scramble to score both small hearts or establish a club or spade winner. There is not likely to be much matchpoint difference between -50 and -100. So declarer needs to work to avoid a three trick set, and hope East-West can make 2, 3, or 2NT.

To reduce the risk of going down three, declarer should lead a diamond at trick two. Now the defense can attempt to draw trump, but declarer is a tempo ahead. After ruffing the third round of diamonds in dummy, declarer can exit a high club. Now East must put declarer on dummy or lead their high spades. Either way, the defense scores only two more spades and 1 more trump. 3♥ down 2.

2 ♠K73 ♥Q75 ♦T3 ♣QJ843 Dlr: East Vul: N-S

- **♦**QJ5 **♥**J64
- ♦AKJ82
- **♣**A2
- **♦**9642
- **♥**T3
- ♦965 • ₩8975

**♠**AT8 **♥**AK982

**♦**Q74 **♣**T6

8 16 3

Double Dummy Makes

NS: 2/1♣ 2♥ ♦5 ♠6/5 NT6 EW: 2♦ 1♠ ♣5 ♥5 NT5

LOTT: 16 - 16 = 0Par: +100 2♠\*-EW-1 N-S E-WN-S E-W Contract Ld 110 2.50 1.50 2♥ S B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs ♦A 2♥ S 110 2.50 1.50 B1-Trombello-Sanders vs ♣A B1-Strueber-Ellis 1.50 2♥ S B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs 110 2.50 ♣A B3-Cottingim-Munnell 1.50 2♥ S 110 2.50 ♣A B5-Patterson-Taylor vs B4-Bauman-Bauman 4.00 50 0.00 3♦ W -1 ♥Q B3-Basel-Castleberry vs B5-Elliott-Collier

David Loeb Hand Analysis
West North East South
Pass 1♥
2♦ 2♥ Pass Pass
2♠1 Pass 3♦ All pass

1. likely a 3-card suit if playing Equal Level Conversion Doubles

#### The Bidding:

Playing a strong notrump, West planned to open the auction 1NT. After South opens  $1\Psi$ , West should not overcall 1NT without a heart stopper. West has the wrong shape for an Equal Level Conversion Doubles . So West will overcall  $2\Phi$ . With 3-card heart and 9 Support Points, North should freely raise to  $2\Psi$ .

How does your partnership treat a 2NT bid by Advancer on this auction? That is not much merit to playing it as a natural offer to play. Many experts play 2NT as a cue bid showing an invitational hand in support of diamonds. A 3♥ cue bid by Advancer would force the partnership to the 4-level if 3NT was not playable. Some partnerships play 2NT as Good Bad Two Notrump, where 2NT is bid when intending to show a weak diamond raise. Why should East consider bidding with their three HCP hand? West may well have three hearts on this auction. If so, West may have difficulty balancing if 2♥ is passed.

At most tables, East and West will pass 2♥, and West will have a difficult decision in the balancing seat. Few matchpoints will be available defending 2♥ when the opponents have found a fit. However, balancing with length in the opponents suit can be risky. Here the vulnerability and the strength of West's hand argue for competing. How should West compete? If playing Equal Level Conversion Doubles, balancing with 2♠ looks best. East can infer partner is likely to have just three spades. With five or more diamonds and four spades, West would have made a takeout double, converting a 2♣ advance to 2♠. With four small spades, East will take a preference to 3♠ which will likely end the

auction. North should not consider doubling 3♦ with a quacky 8 HCP hand opposite a third seat opener. Neither North nor South has a reason to compete to 3♥. Let the opponents violate the LOTT, and take your plus-score.

The Play:

In 3•, declarer has eight losers potential losers: three spades, three hearts, and two diamonds. A heart loser can be ruffed on dummy. Diamond losers can be avoided with a 3-2 break with the Queen onside, or a 4-1 break with North holding the Ten singleton. A spade loser can be avoided with lobbing finesses towards the Queen-Jack if South has one or both of the high honors. Of course, if spades don't break 3-3, the defense may be able navigate a spade ruff and potentially an uppercut. These chances can be combined. For instance, a finesse against the diamond Queen can be combined with playing South for a doubleton honor in spades.

After a heart lead and continuations, declarer will ruff the third round of hearts in dummy. With just one entry to return to dummy, declarer must decide how to proceed. In general, the chance of spades breaking 3-3 is 35.5%. With South holding five hearts, the odds of a 3-3 spade break are somewhat worse on this hand. South almost certainly has a high spade for their opening bid. Finessing against the diamond Queen offers a 34% chance of success, requiring a 3-2 break and the Queen onside. The potential of picking up a 4-1 break when North has the singleton Ten improves chances by 3%. So combining the diamond finesse with the possibility of spade honor doubleton or a defensive error looks best.

when the diamond finesse wins and diamonds break 3-2, declarer will cross to the club King after drawing trump and lead a low spade from dummy. South must duck. North will win declarer's Queen (or Jack) with their King. North should have a complete count of declarer's hand. Declarer started with 5 diamonds and three hearts. Declarer's offer to play in 2♠ requires at least three spades. Declarer must have the club Ace. Otherwise, partner would not have allowed dummy's club King to take a trick. So declarer's Ace of clubs is now bare. North can safely lead a club, end playing declarer to lead a spade from their Jack (or Queen) doubleton into South's Ace-Ten. 3♠ down 1.

3 ♠AQJ ♥A854 ♠K5 ♣JT84 Dlr: South Vul: E-W

**♦**9843 ♥J72 **♦**94

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+9532
 ♠K2
♥KQ9
♦ЈТ862
♣Q76
♠T765
♥T63
♦AQ73
 ♣AK
15
1 11
13
Double Dummy Makes
NS: 3♣ 2♦ 4♥ 4/5♠ 3NT
     ♣4 ♦4 ♥3 ♠2 NT3
LOTT: 15 - 14 = +1
Par: +450 5♦-S
   N-S
         E-W
                N-S
                              Contract Ld
                        E-W
               3.50
  460
                       0.50
                                        +9
                                            B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs
                             3N S + 2
               3.50
                       0.50
                             3N N + 2
                                        ♦6
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
  460
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
               2.00
                       2.00
                             3N N + 1
                                        ♦6
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
B1-Strueber-Ellis
                       3.00
                             3N N
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
  400
               1.00
                                        ♦6
B4-Bauman-Bauman
                       4.00
                             1♥ N +4
                                        ♠2 B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
  200
               0.00
B5-Elliott-Collier
David Loeb Hand Analysis
West North East South
      1♦
Pass 1♥ Pass 1♠
Pass 2♣1 Pass 2♥
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT
All pass
1.artificial and game forcing (4th Suit Forcing)
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The Bidding:

After the North-South uncontested auction begins 1 - 1 - 1, North has the option of bidding 2, Fourth Suit Forcing, or jumping to 3NT, showing 13-15 HCP, a balanced hand, and a club stopper. Partnership's playing XYZ will bid an artificial 2 to force to game instead of 2, Fourth Suit Forcing. Which path did North take at your table? If South has a minimum balanced hand, a jump to 3NT is fine. If South has a diamond and spade two suiter, a slower approach is beneficial. So 2, Fourth Suit forcing, looks best.

Over 2\*, artificial and forcing to game, South's primary responsibility is to show their 3-card heart support. Now North will suggest notrump as the strain, showing a club stopper. South will be happy to agree, placing the contract at 3NT.

#### The Lead:

With 11 HCP, East cannot expect partner to have much on this auction. Leading anything other than a diamond is likely to give a trick away. Leading the suit South opened looks like the best option. Which diamond should East lead. Rather than leading top of a sequence, my preference would be to lead a low diamond hoping to catch partner with the Nine or hoping declarer misguesses. Since partner is unlikely to get on lead, my preference would be to lead the two, pretending to have just four diamonds.

#### The Play:

Declarer has seven quick winners: two clubs, three diamonds, a heart and a spade. Two additional spade winners can be established by knocking out the spade King. If the spade King is onside guarded by fewer than three small cards, three additional tricks can be developed in spades by finessing against the King, two additional tricks if the King is offside. An additional trick can be established in clubs by knocking out the club Queen. Two additional club tricks are available if the club Queen is singleton or doubleton. With blockage in spades, diamonds, and clubs, declarer must manage entries carefully.

On a diamond lead, declarer should win in dummy to unblock the suit. Now declarer can cross to hand in clubs to take the spade finesse. When the spade finesse loses to the King and East continues a diamond, declarer has nine tricks. 3NT making 3.

4 ♠K752 ♥T5 ♠Q64 ♣KQ97 Dlr: West Vul: Both

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♦0J8
¥76
♦АКЈ92
 ♣AJ5
 ♠AT6
♥AK43
♦873
 ♣T42
♦943
♥QJ982
♦T5
 +863
 10
16
    11
 3
Double Dummy Makes
NS: ♣3 ♦2 ♥5 ♠3 NT2
EW: 3♣ 4/5♦ 2♥ 4♠ 4/5NT
LOTT: 16 - 15 = +1
Par: -660 5NT-E
   N-S
         E-W
                N-S
                        E-W
                              Contract Ld
        210
                4.00
                       0.00
                             2N W + 3
                                        ^2
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                3.00
                       1.00
                             1N W + 5
                                        ♣7
                                             B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
        240
B4-Bauman-Bauman
        600
                1.50
                       2.50
                             3N W
                                        $2
                                             B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs
        600
                1.50
                       2.50
                             3N W
                                        ♣7
                                             B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
B5-Elliott-Collier
                                             B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
        630
               0.00
                       4.00
                             3N W +1
                                        ♣7
B1-Strueber-Ellis
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David Loeb Hand Analysis West North East South 1NT Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass 3NT All pass

### The Bidding:

Players have been taught to use Stayman with North's hand when responding to a strong notrump. If West does not show a 4-card heart suit, East will place the contract at 3NT. That is great advice if North held two 4-card majors. Holding Page 9

just one 4-card major, this auction needlessly shares information about opener's shape with the defense. This makes the defense easier, and will cost declarer tricks and matchpoints in the long run. See the reference to an article by Justin Lall in the "Related Articles for Advancing Players" section for a better approach.

#### The Lead:

In "Winning Notrump Leads", David Bird and Taf Anthias advise on this auction: "your first thought should be '[Opener] has the minors' rather than '[Responder] has a major". Their simulations suggest the declaring side will hold 6.09 cards in each major and 6.91 cards in each minor. This strongly suggests a major suit lead. Holding 10 HCP on this auction, North cannot expect South to more than four or five HCP. So leading from an unsupported King may well cost a trick. My preference would be to lead the heart Ten, hoping the lead is neutral. Partner will have at least four hearts on this auction.

Related Articles for Advancing Players:

Responding to a notrump with a 5-card major and game forcing values, players know to transfer and bid 3NT, offering opening a choice of games. A similar approach can be used when responder holds one 4-card major and game forcing values. Many experts play a jump to 3\* as an artificial Game Force asking opener to show or deny a 5-card major. Over an artificial 3\* response denying a 5-card major, responder can show their 4-card major with an artificial bid of the other major. This right sides the contract and hides opener's distribution from the defense. With two 4-card majors and game forcing values, standard 2\* Stayman is used. See Justin Lall's "Puppet Stayman after a 1N Opener" article for details.

### The Play:

Declerer has six winners: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds, and a club. An additional trick can be established in spades, two if a finesse against the King is successful. As many as three additional tricks can be established on diamonds. Two additional tricks are available in diamonds when the suit breaks 3-2. An additional trick in clubs is guaranteed if North breaks the suit. If both the spades and diamonds cooperate, declarer will have 11 tricks with possibilities for a twelfth on an end play or Squeeze.

On the lead of the heart Ten, a Hold Up play would be clear if using IMP scoring where overtricks are of little consequence. Playing matchpoints, conceding a heart trick may be expensive. The heart Ten is either top of a sequence, top of an interior sequence, or a lead from shortness. The 3NT contract should be reached at every table. At tables where a diamond or a club was led, declarer will take eleven tricks if diamonds behave and the spade King is onside. At tables where a spade is led, declarer will not be forced to Hold Up in hearts. 75% of the time, either the spade finesse, diamond finesse, or both, will be successful. So there is a 75% chance diamond and spade tricks can be established without giving up the lead twice. To keep pace with other tables, declarer should reject the Hold Up play. Declarer should win the first round of hearts; South following with an encouraging heart.

Declarer will first attack diamonds. When the diamond finesse loses and North plays the heart Five, declarer's contract is at risk. Now declarer needs a 3-2 Page 10

diamond break, or a 4-1 break with South holding the long diamonds, and the spade King onside to establish their spade and diamond tricks without losing the lead. What is the heart situation? If South signaled encouragement with the Nine, declarer can place North with a heart doubleton. If South encouraged with the Queen guaranteeing the Jack, or encouraged deceptively with the Eight, the heart situation is more difficult to read. Should declarer Holds Up on the second round of hearts? With a Hold Up, the defense will score three tricks: one diamond, one heart, and one club. The same logic applies. To keep pace with other tables, declarer should continue their aggressive line of play and reject the Hold Up play.

Declarer will cash a high diamond, noting the 3-2 break. Now when the finesse against the spade King wins, declarer can cash their diamond winners. North has an easy discard of a club on the fourth round of diamonds. On the fifth round of diamonds, North must part with their long spade or must bare their King-Queen of clubs. If North pitches a second club, declarer can cash the club Ace, falling the King (or Queen) and setup an eleventh trick in clubs. If North pitches their long spade, declarer can end play North in clubs. See the annotated bridge movie below.

5 ♠K ♥AK9763 ♦J52 ♣AJ5 Dlr: North Vul: N-S

↑T876 ♥8 ↑AKT9 ↑T743 ↑AJ943 ♥Q42 ↑Q ↑KO92

**♦**Q52 ♥JT5 **♦**87643 **♣**86

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16
7 14
3
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Double Dummy Makes NS: 2\Psi \stackrel{*}{+}3 \stackrel{*}{+}6 \stackrel{*}{+}3 NT4 EW: 4\stackrel{*}{+} 1\stackrel{*}{+} 3\stackrel{*}{+} 1NT \Psi5
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LOTT: 17 - 18 = -1
Par: -140 3♠-EW
   N-S E-W
                N-S
                        E-W
                              Contract Ld
   50
               4.00
                       0.00
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
                             3♠ E -1
                                       ♥J
B5-Elliott-Collier
                       1.00
                             3♠ E
        140
               3.00
                                       ♥J
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
        170
               1.00
                       3.00
                             3♠ E +1
                                       ♥J
                                            B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B1-Strueber-Ellis
               1.00
                       3.00
                                       ♥5
        170
                             3♠ E +1
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs
               1.00
                       3.00
                             2♠ E +2
                                            B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
        170
                                       ♥J
B4-Bauman-Bauman
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David Loeb Hand Analysis
West North East South
1♥ 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♠ All pass

The Bidding:

After North opens 1, East overcalls 1, South does not have the values for a Free Bid direct raise. West now has an opportunity to show their spade support. How did West advance the bidding at your table? Many pairs play a jump cue bid as showing a Mixed Raise. With 10 Support Points, West is a bit heavy for a Mixed Raise. A 2 cue bid, showing an invitational or better hand, looks best.

With 17 Support Points, East is inclined to accept invitation to game. East's singleton diamond Queen requires a downgrade. The unsupported Queen-third of hearts is less than desirable, but the Queen is behind the 1♥ opener. East's club holding deserves an upgrade with the King, Queen, and Nine working together in a 4-card suit. East's Losing Trick Count of six and a half is half a trick is slightly less than desired to accept an invitation to game. If the Queen of diamonds was moved to spades and a small spade was moved to diamonds, accepting the game invitation would be clear cut. Even with the questionable value of the red Queens, the Game Try should be accepted. The quality of the club suit makes up for some of the red suit downgrades. With a small downgrade, East's hand is still good enough to accept the invitation.

At a minimum, East should counter with a Game Try. Playing help suit game tries, East will bid 3. Three small clubs would be the worst holding opposite a help suit Game Try. Four clubs to the Ten is little better. With just seven HCP and lacking an honor or shortness in the help suit, West will decline a help suit Game Try in clubs. It is up to East to reach game after West's cue Page 12

bid.

The Play:

A club lead is needed to beat 4. Whether North takes the Ace and continues a club or ducks the first round is immaterial. When South is in with the spade Queen, they can put North on lead to obtain a club ruff. The defense will score four tricks: one spade, one club, a club ruff, and a heart.

At most tables, the heart Jack, top of a sequence, will be led. When West wins the first trick with the King, the lower of touching honors, prospects for setting 4♥ look dim. There is little future in diamonds or hearts. Leading the singleton spade King might help reduce ruffs. The club suit looks like the best possibility for the defense. North should resist the temptation to under lead their club Ace. East will have no difficulty placing the club Ace with North. On this hand, under leading the club Ace at trick two is a disaster. Declarer can play the Ace of trump, dropping North's King. Cash their diamond Queen, ruff a heart, and discard their losing clubs on the Ace, King and Ten of diamonds.

6 ♠KJ3 ♥Q8 ♦KQ5 ♣T9842 Dlr: East Vul: E-W

↑♥KT643
♦AJ832
♣J75
♠QT9654
♥AJ7
◆T9
♣06

♠A872♥952♦764♣AK3

11 9 9 11

Double Dummy Makes

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NS: 2/14 + 5 = 4/3 + 6 NT6
EW: 24 = 10 1NT 45 + 6
LoTT: 17 - 16 = +1
Par: -140 3♥-EW
          E-W
                  N-S
                                 Contract Ld
   N-S
                          E-W
  200
                 4.00
                         0.00
                                2♠ E -2
                                            ♣A
                                                B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs
  100
                                2♠ E -1
                                                B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
                         1.00
                 3.00
                                            ♣A
B5-Elliott-Collier
                                3♦ W
                                                B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B1-Strueber-Ellis
                         2.00
                                            ♥Q
         110
                 2.00
         170
                 0.50
                         3.50
                                2♥ W +2
                                            ♦K
                                                B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
B4-Bauman-Bauman
                 0.50
                         3.50
                                2♥ W +2
                                                B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
         170
                                            ♦5
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
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7 ♠T64
♥K973
♠Q
♣AKJ52
Dlr: South
Vul: Both
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♠7
♥AQ5
♦9742
♣QT764
♠K9532
♥T6
♦AKJT
♣98
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↑AQJ8
♥J842
♦8653
♣3
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13

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11
Double Dummy Makes NS: 1 + 4 \lor 2 + 2 \lor 1 \lor 6
EW: 1♦ ♣6 ♥3 ♠4/5 NT5
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LOTT: 17 - 16 = +1
Par: +620 4♥-NS
  N-S
                              Contract Ld
         E-W
                N-S
                        E-W
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs
               4.00
                       0.00
                                       ♣5
  300
                             1N W - 3
  140
               2.50
                       1.50
                             3♥ N
                                       ♦Α
                                            B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
B4-Bauman-Bauman
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
                       1.50
                             2♥ S +1
                                       ^7
  140
               2.50
B5-Elliott-Collier
                       3.00
                             2♥ N -1
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
        100
               1.00
                                       ♦Α
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                                            B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B1-Strueber-Ellis
        200
               0.00
                       4.00
                             2♣ N -2
                                       ♦A
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8 ♠KQT
♥JT9432
♦T4
♣J7
Dlr: West
Vul: None
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- **♦**98652
- **♦**K72
- **♣**Q8654 **♠**A3
- ♥AQ5
- **♦**AQ93
- **♣**AT93
- **♠**J74
- ♥K876
- **♦**J865
- **♣**K2

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7
5 20
8
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Double Dummy Makes NS:  $1 \checkmark +2 \checkmark 3 \checkmark 3$  NT3 EW:  $5 \checkmark 4 \checkmark 4 \checkmark 4/3$  NT  $\checkmark 6/5$ 

LOTT: 18 - 19 = -1Par: -430 4NT-W N-S E-W N-S E-W Contract Ld 110 4.00 0.00 **V**6 B1-Trombello-Sanders vs 3**♦** E B5-Elliott-Collier 140 **♦**5 B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs 3.00 1.00 3**♠** E 2**♠** E +2 2.00 170 2.00 **♥**7 B5-Patterson-Taylor vs B3-Cottingim-Munnell B3-Basel-Castleberry vs 400 1.00 3.00 3N E **♦**5 B4-Bauman-Bauman B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B1-Strueber-Ellis 0.00 4.00 420 4♠ W ♥J

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9 ♠Q9873
♥J
♦T97432
♣5
Dlr: North
Vul: E-W
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♠A642♥T32◆Q86♣AK3♠-

**♥**AK95

◆AK **♣**QJ98762

♠KJT5
♥Q8764
♦J5
♣T4

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3
13 17
7
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Double Dummy Makes

NS: ♣0 ♦6 ♥2 ♠5/6 NT0 EW: 7♣ 5♥ 7NT ♦6 ♠6

LOTT: 19 - 19 = 0Par: -2220 7NT-EW E-W  $\mathsf{E}\!-\!\mathsf{W}$ N-SN-S Contract Ld 620 3.50 B1-Trombello-Sanders vs 0.50 5♣ E +1 **\$**5 B4-Bauman-Bauman 3.50 0.50 5♣ E +1 B3-Basel-Castleberry vs 620 B3-Cottingim-Munnell 2.00 5♣ E +2 640 2.00 ♥J B5-Patterson-Taylor vs B2-Cohen-Luehrs 1.00 720 3.00 3N W + 4B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs **♦**4 B1-Strueber-Ellis 1440 0.00 4.00 6N W **•**9 B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B5-Elliott-Collier

David Loeb Hand Analysis
West North East South
Pass 1♣ Pass
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♣1 Pass 3♠ Pass
4NT Pass 5♠2 Pass
5NT3 Pass 6♠4 Pass
6NT All pass

1.natural, showing game forcing values opposite a reverse

2.2 key cards and the queen

3.confirming all the key cards, specific king ask

4.diamond king

The Bidding:

After East opens 1♣ and West responds 1♠, East will reverse into hearts. Playing Lebensohl over reverses, West's raise to 3♣ shows game forcing values opposite a reverse. Now East can show diamond values by bidding 3♠. East will have good hearts and diamonds to reverse with a club suit headed by the Queen-Jack, at best. East's 3♠ bid suggests spade shortness. With three quick tricks, including the club Ace-King, and an outside Queen, West should be interested in slam.

Cue bidding will be awkward with West having just one control outside of clubs. My preference would to bid Roman Keycard for clubs at this stage. East will Page 17

show two key cards and the Queen. Showing a void in partner's suit is typically not a good idea. West's obligation is now to inform partner they have all the key cards. West does this by asking for Kings. Now East can count 12 tricks: 7 clubs, 2 diamonds, 2 hearts, and a spade.

If playing 4NT as Roman Key Card, the auction gets crowded. Over a 5NT Specific King ask, West can bid 6♦. Now West will likely signoff in 6NT. The 6NT bid denies a major suit King. If playing 5NT asks for the number of outside Kings, East will bid 5♥ showing two. East will be encouraged, but cannot count 13 tricks, and does not have room to show their third round control in diamonds.

If playing Kickback, West can use 4\( \Display \) as their Key Card ask. East will respond 5\( \Display \), showing two Key Cards and the Queen. Now, playing 5\( \Display \) as asking for Specific Kings, East can bid 5NT. On this auction that strongly suggests both red Kings. With no Kings, really an impossibility on this auction, East would signoff in 6\( \Display \). With just one, East would show their specific King. So 5NT shows at least two outside Kings. West can now show their third round diamond control. Counting 13 tricks, East will bid 7\( \Display \). With a diamond doubleton, West would pass 7\( \Display \). With Queen-third, West corrects to 7NT, eliminating the possibility of a ruff on the first trick.

Related Articles for Advancing Players:

In lebensohl over reverses Karen Walker shares advice on use lebensohl clarify auctions after opener reverses. An alternate approach to consider is Blackout, where the cheaper of the Fourth Suit or 2NT is used to signal weakness, and a rebid of a major by responder is forcing for one round.

District 17 provides a nice description of Kickback and Minorwood in their "Roman Keycard Blackwood (RKC), part12, Kickback and Minorwood" article.

Gavin Wolpert advises asking for Specific Kings rather than the number of Kings in his "Specific Kings" article on Bridge Winners .

#### The Play:

Declarer has 13 tricks in clubs or notrump. The two heart losers can be discarded on the diamond Queen and the spade Ace. Declarer must take care to unblock the diamonds while their is still communication to dummy in clubs.

10 ♠AK54 ♥KT63 ♦J94 ♣J6 Dlr: East Vul: Both

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♣AQ54
↑762
♥AQJ98
♦K2
♣K32
12
4 11
13
Double Dummy Makes
NS: 4♥ 2♠ 2NT ♣6 ♦6
EW: 1♣ ♦6 ♥3 ♠5 NT5
LOTT: 17 - 17 = 0
Par: +620 4♥-NS
   N-S
         E-W
                N-S
                        E-W
                              Contract Ld
                       0.00
                                            B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
  620
                4.00
                             4♥ S
                                        ΦA
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
  170
                2.00
                       2.00
                             3♥ S +1
                                        ♠8
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
                2.00
                       2.00
                             3♥ S +1
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
  170
                                        ♣T
B1-Strueber-Ellis
  170
                2.00
                       2.00
                             3♥ S +1
                                        ♣T
                                            B4-Hartel-Hartel vs
B5-Elliott-Collier
                       4.00
                             4♥ S -2
                                        ♥2
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
        200
               0.00
B4-Bauman-Bauman
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♥QT652 ♦J8 ♣KJ7 Dlr: South Vul: None

11 **♠**K75

♥42
◆AT875
♣T987
♠QJT9
♥75
◆Q63

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♠Q4
♥AK97
♦643
 ♣0432
 ♠J986
♥J8
♦AQT97
 +95
♠AT32
¥43
♦K52
 ♣AT86
 10
11 8
 11
Double Dummy Makes NS: 3♣ 3/2♥ 2♠ 1NT
EW: 1♦ ♣4 ♥4 ♠4/5 NT5
LOTT: 16 - 15 = +1
Par: +140 3♥-N
   N-S
        E-W
                  N-S
                          \mathsf{E}\!-\!\mathsf{W}
                                Contract Ld
                                               B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
                 4.00
                         0.00
                               1♠ S +2
                                           +2
  140
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                               3♦ E -1
                                               B4-Hartel-Hartel vs
                         1.00
                                           V4
   50
                 3.00
B5-Elliott-Collier
                 1.50
                         2.50
                               Pass Out
                                               B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
    PASS
B4-Bauman-Bauman
                         2.50
                 1.50
                               Pass Out
                                               B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
    PASS
B1-Strueber-Ellis
         100
                0.00
                         4.00
                               2N S -2
                                           +2
                                               B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
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Dlr: West
Vul: N-S
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♦87
♥T75
♦98643
♠AK2
♠A95432
♥J4
♦Q5
♣Q75
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♠KJ6
♥AKQ9
♦JT
♣T963

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10
7 9
14
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Double Dummy Makes NS:  $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{+} 1 \stackrel{\bullet}{+} 3 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{-} 2 \text{NT} \stackrel{\bullet}{+} 6$  EW:  $1 \stackrel{\bullet}{+} 4 \stackrel{\bullet}{+} 6 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{-} 4 \text{ NT5}$ 

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LOTT: 16 - 16 = 0
Par: +140 3♥-NS
                        E-W
  N-S
         E-W
                N-S
                              Contract Ld
  140
               4.00
                       0.00
                             2♥ N +1
                                       ΦA
                                            B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                       1.00
                             3♠ E -2
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
  100
               3.00
                                       ♥A
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
                       3.00
                             2♠ E -1
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
               1.00
                                       ♥A
   50
B4-Bauman-Bauman
               1.00
                       3.00
                             2♠ E -1
                                       ♥A
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
   50
B1-Strueber-Ellis
                       3.00
                             2♠ E -1
                                       ♥K
                                            B4-Hartel-Hartel vs
   50
               1.00
B5-Elliott-Collier
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♥QJ95 ♦KQT953 ♣54

Dlr: North

B5-Elliott-Collier

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Vul: Both
♠A98752
♥АКТ8
♦86
‡7
♠KQ43
♥72
♦J7
♣QJ632
♠JT
♥643
♦A42
♣AKT98
8
11
    9
12
Double Dummy Makes
NS: 1♣ 3♦ 1♥ ♠3 NT5
EW: 4♠ ♣6 ♦2 ♥6 NT4
LOTT: 19 - 19 = 0
Par: -500 5♦*-NS-2
   N-S
         E-W
                N-S
                        E-W
                              Contract Ld
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
               3.50
                       0.50
  130
                             3♦ N +1
                                        ♠K
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                       0.50
  130
               3.50
                             2♦ N +2
                                        ♠K
                                            B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B4-Bauman-Bauman
        170
               2.00
                       2.00
                             3♠ E +1
                                        ♣A
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
B1-Strueber-Ellis
               0.50
                       3.50
                                        ♣5
                                            B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
        620
                             4♠ W
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
                       3.50
        620
               0.50
                             4♠ E
                                        ♦A
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
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14 **♦**A63 ♥KJ93 **♦**A985

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♣J6
Dlr: East
∨ul: None
↑T98
♥AT64
♦732
 ♣A74
♠KJ72
♥Q872
♦Q
♣K853
♦Q54
♥5
♦КЈТ64
♣QT92
13
8 11
Double Dummy Makes
NS: 1♣ 3♦ 1♠ 2NT ♥6
EW: 1♥ ♣5 ♦4 ♠6 NT4
LOTT: 16 - 17 = -1
Par: +120 2NT-NS
   N-S E-W
                N-S
                        E-W
                              Contract Ld
  760
               4.00
                       0.00
                             2♦** N +1 ♥8
                                            B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
  200
               3.00
                       1.00
                             3♥ W -4
                                       ♣J
                                            B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B4-Bauman-Bauman
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
                       2.50
                             3♦ N +1
  130
               1.50
                                       ♠J
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                       2.50
                             3♦ E +1
                                       ♣8
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
B5-Elliott-Collier
  110
               0.00
                       4.00
                            2♦ N +1
                                       ♥2
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
B1-Strueber-Ellis
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15 ♠A542
♥K82
♦A53
♣097
D]r: South
Vul: N-S
♠K87
♥QJ3
♦J64
♣J654
♠QJT
♥T75
♦KQT2
♣KT2
♦963
♥A964
♦987
♣A83
13
  11
Double Dummy Makes
NS: 1♥ 1♠ 1NT ♣6 ♦6
EW: 1♣ 1♦ ♥6 ♠6 NT6
LOTT: 14 - 14 = 0
Par: +90 1NT-NS
   N-S
         E-W
                N-S
                              Contract Ld
                        E-W
        100
                                            B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
                3.00
                       1.00
                             1N N -1
                                        ♦K
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
        100
                3.00
                       1.00
                             1N N -1
                                        ♦K
                                            B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
B5-Elliott-Collier
                3.00
                       1.00
                             1N N -1
                                        ♦2
                                            B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
        100
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
                       3.50
                             1N S -2
                                            B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
        200
               0.50
                                        +9
B1-Strueber-Ellis
               0.50
                                        ♦2 B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B4-Bauman-Bauman
        200
                       3.50
                             1N N -2
                                      Page 24
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16 ♠QJ86
♥J854
♦AT
 ♣762
 Dlr: West
Vul: E-W
♠A7542
♦97653
 ♣A84
 ♠T3
♥AT9762
♦QJ8
 ♣КЈ
♠K9
♥KQ3
♦K42
 ♣QT953
 8
8 11
 13
Double Dummy Makes NS: 2 + 1/-  45  7/6  5  NT6
EW: 2♦ 2♠ ♣5 ♥6 NT6
LOTT: 16 - 16 = 0
Par: -100 3♣*-NS-1
   N-S E-W
                N-S
                        E-W
                               Contract Ld
                                             B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
  300
                4.00
                       0.00
                              2N W -3
                                        +7
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
  110
                3.00
                        1.00
                              3♣ S
                                         +4
                                             B4-Hartel-Hartel vs B4-Bauman-Bauman
                              3♦ W -1
                                             B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
  100
                2.00
                        2.00
                                         +2
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                        3.00
                             2♣ S
                                         ♦3
                                             B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
B5-Elliott-Collier
                                       Page 25
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Untitled
                      4.00 3♣ S -1 ♦5 B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
         50
               0.00
B1-Strueber-Ellis
17 ↑T864
♥A852
♦Q74
♣T2
Dlr: North
Vul: None
♠Q
♥97
♦KT32
♣K96543
♠AJ9532
V63
♦A9865
-
♠K7
♥KQJT4
♦J
♣AQJ87
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Double Dummy Makes NS: 1♣ 2♥ 1NT ◆2 ♠4 EW: 5♦ 2♠ ♣6 ♥3 NT6

LOTT: 19 - 18 = +1Par: -400 5♦-EW

B5-Elliott-Collier 50

50

B4-Bauman-Bauman

E-W

N-S

4.00

1.50

1.50

E-W

0.00

2.50

2.50

Contract Ld

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4♥ S -1

4♥ S -1

5♥ S

♠Q B5-Patterson-Taylor vs

♠Q B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs

♠Q B4-Hartel-Hartel vs

N-S

450

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Untitled
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                                        ♠A B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
         50
               1.50
                       2.50
                            4♥ N -1
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
         50
              1.50
                       2.50 4♥ N -1
                                        ♠A B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
B1-Strueber-Ellis
18 ♦954
♥T94
♦K9874
 ♣AJ
 Dlr: East
Vul: N-S
∲КЈ7
V862
♦QJ65
 ♣KQ5
 ♦32
♥KQ5
♦T32
 ♣T8763
♠AQT86
♥AJ73
♦Α
 +942
12 5
Double Dummy Makes NS: 2/1♦ 3♥ 3♠ ♣6 NT6
EW: ♣5 ♦5 ♥4 ♠3 NT6
LOTT: 14 - 16 = -2
Par: +140 3♠-NS/3♥-NS
   N-S
                N-S
                        E-W
                              Contract Ld
                                        ♣K B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
                3.00
                       1.00
                             3♠ S
B1-Strueber-Ellis
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Untitled
                            2♦ S +1
                      1.00
  140
               3.00
                                       ♦Q B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
B5-Elliott-Collier
               3.00
                      1.00
                            2♠ S +1
                                       ♣K
                                           B4-Hartel-Hartel vs
  140
B3-Cottingim-Munnell
                            4♠ S -1
                                           B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
        100
               0.50
                      3.50
                                       ♦Q
B2-Cohen-Luehrs
                                       ♣K B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
        100
               0.50
                      3.50
                            4♣ S -1
B4-Bauman-Bauman
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19 ♠T2
♥J932
♠A763
♣743
Dlr: South
Vul: E-W
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- ♠A753
  ♥AKT864
  ♦J
  ♠82
  ♠KQJ9
  ♥7
  ♦T942
  ♣QT65
- **♦**864 ♥Q5 **♦**KQ85 **♣**AKJ9

Double Dummy Makes NS: 1 + 2 + 1NT 4 + 4EW: 2 + 3 + 4

LoTT: 17 - 16 = +1 Par: -140 3♠-EW

#### Untitled E-W E-W N-S N-S Contract Ld 100 3.50 0.50 3♠ W -1 **♦**Α B5-Patterson-Taylor vs B5-Elliott-Collier B4-Hartel-Hartel vs 0.50 3♠ E -1 100 3.50 ♥Q B3-Cottingim-Munnell **\$**3 B1-Trombello-Sanders vs 90 2.00 2.00 1N S B2-Cohen-Luehrs 110 0.50 3.50 2♥ W ΦT B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs B4-Bauman-Bauman 110 0.50 3.50 2♥ W **♦**Α B3-Basel-Castleberry vs B1-Strueber-Ellis

20 ♠3 ♥QT98 ♠T83 ♣Q9652 Dlr: West Vul: Both

♥KJ4 ◆AKJ62 ♣AJT ◆KT985 ♥753 ◆Q9 ♣K84

**♠**A7

**♦**QJ642 **♥**A62 **♦**754 **♣**73

4 21 8 7

Double Dummy Makes NS: 44 + 1 3 + 6 3 4 4 5 NT

LoTT: $16 - 14 = +2$						
Par: -1370 6♦-EW						
N-S	E-W	N-S		Contract		
200		4.00	0.00	4♠ W -2	♥T	B2-LeRoux-Weinberg vs
B4-Bauman-Bauman						
	630	2.00	2.00	3NW+1	♥T	B1-Trombello-Sanders vs
B2-Cohen-Luehrs						
	630	2.00	2.00	3NW +1	<b>+</b> 7	B3-Basel-Castleberry vs
B1-Strueber-Ellis						
	630	2.00	2.00	3NW +1	<b>♣</b> 5	B5-Patterson-Taylor vs
B5-Elliott-Collier						
	660	0.00	4.00	3NW + 2	♥T	B4-Hartel-Hartel vs
B3-Cottingim-Munnell						