

## Yeats Country Bridge Congress 2015 – Radisson Blu Hotel Sligo Analysis of the hands from the Saturday Night Session

The theme throughout my year as CBAI President was 'Improve your Game' where I tried to encourage players to sit down and take a fresh look at their game and maybe discuss one or two aspects of their game with their partners. This is my last Congress and I offer this Commentary in the hope that it might turn on a few 'lightbulbs' and get some of us thinking a little more about this wonderful game. As ever I am only too delighted to talk to anyone about bridge now or in the future. A big thank you to all who helped and supported me during my big year. Fearghal.

<p>♠ A643 ♥ 109 ♦ 10 ♣ AK10972</p> <p>♠ KQ                      ♠ 10972 ♥ A853                    ♥ QJ76 ♦ KQ754                  ♦ 8632 ♣ 85                        ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ J85 ♥ K42 ♦ AJ9 ♣ QJ64</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">HCP</th> <th colspan="6" style="text-align: center;">Makeable contracts</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <th style="text-align: center;">♣</th> <th style="text-align: center;">♦</th> <th style="text-align: center;">♥</th> <th style="text-align: center;">♠</th> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">NT</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">14      3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">S</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">E</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> </table>	HCP	Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT		11	N	4	-	-	2	2	14      3	S	5	-	-	3	3	12	E	-	3	2	-	-		W	-	3	2	-	-	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>West</b></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>North</b></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>East</b></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><b>South</b></th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♣</td> </tr> </table> <p>All Pass</p> <p>Some N/S will get to 3NT and there is nothing E/W can do to stop South making 3NT. Most North's will make it as well since it takes the unusual lead of a top Heart from East to defeat it.</p> <p>The North hand is worth an opening bid in any system. Some South's will respond 2NT or even 3NT.</p> <p>The N/S's who play in Clubs will have an easier time of it but they might not get a lot of matchpoints.</p>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>		1♣	Pass	3♣
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♦ J832                    ♦ KQ6  
♣ AK5                    ♣ Q83

♠ KQ102  
♥ AKJ1063  
♦ 10  
♣ 94

HCP	
5	11
11	13

Makeable contracts					
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N	1	-	2	-	-
S	1	-	2	-	-
E	-	1	-	-	1
W	-	1	-	-	1

Board 23 : Dealer South : All vulnerable

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
			1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Anyone playing in Spades, be it East or South, will not have a pleasant time.

South with only a minimum opening is certainly not strong enough to reverse into 2♠ and a 2♥ rebid will land him in a makeable contract.

East might decide to overcall 2♠ at some point but his Spades are really not worth a vulnerable 2 level overcall. Some North's might decide to pass the 1♥ overcall and that is ok too.

♠ Q432  
♥ 3  
♦ KQJ1062  
♣ K6

♠ AK7                      ♠ 65  
♥ AJ5                      ♥ Q98  
♦ A98                      ♦ 43  
♣ AJ95                    ♣ 1087432

♠ J1098  
♥ K107642  
♦ 75  
♣ Q

HCP	
11	2
21	6

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

Board 24 : Dealer West : Love all

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
2NT	All Pass		

This should be another interesting board. 2NT will be the normal opening and now East has some options....Pass, 3NT, 3♣ followed by 4♣, 5♣, Pass followed by 3♣ if doubled in 2NT? 3♠(Transfer to ♣)?

If North didn't have such an obvious Diamond lead, E/W might well make 3NT but as it is declarer cannot make more than 7 tricks in No-Trump on a Diamond lead.

Any E/W pair who manage to play in Clubs at any level will get at least 70% of the matchpoints. 10 tricks will be normal. It is possible to make 11 if South shows you his ♥10 so that you can run your ♥9.

<p>♠ 985 ♥ Q ♦ 107632 ♣ AK108</p> <p>♠ J2                      ♠ Q743 ♥ 10853                 ♥ AK974 ♦ KJ                        ♦ 84 ♣ QJ973                ♣ 54</p> <p>♠ AK106 ♥ J62 ♦ AQ95 ♣ 62</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">9</td><td style="text-align: center;">9</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8</td><td style="text-align: center;">9</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">14</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table>	HCP		9	9	8	9	14		Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	2	4	-	3	2	S	2	4	-	3	2	E	-	-	1	-	-	W	-	-	1	-	-	<p>Board 25 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>West</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>North</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>East</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>South</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♦</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Some Souths will open a Weak No-Trump and that will work out very well tonight....but a good tip is not to open a Weak NT in third seat.</p> <p>Diamonds is a better place to play and this contract will put no strain at all on declarer making an easy 10 tricks for +130.</p> <p>Some East's might venture in but if they get doubled they will lose at least 200 for a bad score.</p>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass	3♦	All Pass	
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