

The Hugh Kelsey Cup March 2021

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We hope you have enjoyed competing in this Simultaneous Pairs event.

The Trophy honours the memory of a Scotsman who achieved world-wide recognition as one of the greatest ever bridge authors. He wrote and co-authored over 50 books about the game, was a respected contributor to Bridge magazines and for many years Bridge Correspondent of 'The Scotsman' newspaper. Most of his books are aimed at the expert player but his love for the game shines through all his work.

The results in your heat will be compared with those in other heats and the boards will be scored over the entire field. We shall do our best to get the results out quickly. They will appear on the SBU Education web site, hopefully by Mon 29th March **<http://www.spanglefish.com/sbueducation/news.asp>**

Your tutor may announce your heat score, but you should remember that the results can be quite different when all the other heats are scored. Your scores will be compared with all the scores nationwide.

If you have enjoyed today's event the next stage is joining a club and playing in Bronze level competitions. Your tutor will advise how to join local clubs.

National Bronze events are advertised on our national site.

<https://www.sbu.org.uk/bronze> and District Bronze events are on the District sites which can be accessed from <https://www.sbu.org.uk/>

Best wishes for many years of happy bridge playing.

Hugh Kelsey Hands 2021

Deal 1	♠K10862 ♥982 ♦K4 ♣QJ5	None Vul Dealer N
♠Q54 ♥Q ♦J10753 ♣A1073	N W E S	♠973 ♥J73 ♦AQ86 ♣K98
	♠AJ ♥AK10654 ♦92 ♣642	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	P	P	1H
P	1S	P	2H
all pass			

Lead DJ. After winning 2 diamond tricks, East is likely to switch to a small heart – lead up to weakness. Depending on how they play the hearts, NS may lose 1 heart trick, and also 2 club tricks, but the contract should make.

Deal 2	♠6542 ♥AJ2 ♦87 ♣A843	NS Vul Dealer E
♠K ♥K10754 ♦AK1094 ♣92	N W E S	♠AQ9 ♥Q963 ♦Q62 ♣K65
	♠J10873 ♥8 ♦J53 ♣QJ107	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1NT	P
2D*	P	2H	P
3D	P	4H	all pass

Lead SJ or CQ.

If a spade lead, before drawing trump, East should cross to DQ (only sure entry in East's hand) and discard C92 on SAQ. Depending on the play of the trump suit, declarer will make either 11 or 12 tricks. A club lead will mean only 10 or 11 tricks.

Deal 3	♠2 ♥9432 ♦K9 ♣KJ8632	EW Vul Dealer S
♠J3 ♥AKJ8 ♦AQ52 ♣Q74	N W E S	♠AQ1065 ♥76 ♦108743 ♣5
	♠K9874 ♥Q105 ♦J6 ♣A109	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			P
1H	P	1S	P
1NT	P	pass (or 2D)	

Assuming contract is 1NT by West, North should lead C6 (4th best). On 4th club, South should play S9 (high encourages). Defence should get SK and also DK and now the contract is likely to be 2 off. If E cleverly plays SA, on first round of spades, North will have no spade left to return and contract would only be 1 off.

Deal 4	♠1087 ♥9874 ♦KQ1075 ♣5	E/W Vul Dealer W
♠Q2 ♥KQ10 ♦A8632 ♣QJ9	N W E S	♠K872 ♥A532 ♦J94 ♣864
	♠AJ943 ♥J6 ♦ ♣AK10732	

West North East South
 1NT P P 2C
 all pass

Lead HK. Trump third heart and play CA, CK and a third club, ruffing in dummy. Declarer should make 5 club tricks and 3 spade tricks.

Deal 5	♠AK ♥9754 ♦Q109872 ♣4	All Vul Dealer N
♠872 ♥2 ♦AKJ3 ♣Q9873	N W E S	♠Q1053 ♥AQJ63 ♦54 ♣62
	♠J964 ♥K108 ♦6 ♣AKJ105	

West North East South
 P P 1C
 P 1D P 1S
 P 2D all pass

Lead S3. Declarer must finesse in 2 suits, i.e. play towards the DQ and towards the HK, to ensure 2 spade tricks, 2 club tricks, 1 heart and 3 diamonds.

Deal 6	♠ 94 ♥ AKQ72 ♦ KQJ10 ♣ Q7	NS Vul Dealer E
♠KQ10765 ♥54 ♦765 ♣94	N W E S	♠A83 ♥3 ♦A432 ♣108532
	♠J2 ♥J10986 ♦98 ♣AKJ6	

West North East South
 P P P
 P 1H P 4H
 all pass

Lead C3 – not ideal, but diamond and spade leads are unattractive as one should neither lead away from an Ace nor lead an unsupported Ace against a suit contract. Contract will make easily. In this case if East does lead SA and gets an encouraging card from partner defence will take 3 tricks.

Some students may be playing weak twos in which case West will open the bidding, with 2S, but NS should still reach 4H.

Deal 7	♠1082 ♥KQ ♦A84 ♣QJ543	EW Vul Dealer S
♠AQ6 ♥J864 ♦KQ73 ♣76	N W E S	♠K53 ♥1052 ♦J952 ♣K98
	♠J974 ♥A973 ♦106 ♣A102	

West North East South
 1NT all Pass P

Lead C4, 4th best. Declarer should play on diamonds to establish 3 tricks along with 3 spade tricks, to go with a club trick. Best play would be for South to play C10 on first trick and then switch to a heart. North may overcall 2C.

Deal 8	♠7 ♥AQ72 ♦J865 ♣AJ98	All Vul Dealer W
♠1095 ♥106 ♦Q1042 ♣10762	N W E S	♠KJ42 ♥J85 ♦AK93 ♣Q5
	♠AQ863 ♥K943 ♦7 ♣K43	

West North East South
 P 1H P 4H
 all pass

East has points but not the right shape to either bid a suit or overcall so should pass.
Lead DA. Declarer wins any continuation and after taking 2 club winners and the top spade, cross ruffs the hand for 11 tricks.

Deal 9	♠109874 ♥ ♦K954 ♣K1083	None Vul Dealer N
♠KJ32 ♥AQJ53 ♦J6 ♣Q2	N W E S	♠A5 ♥1062 ♦A1087 ♣J654
	♠Q6 ♥K9874 ♦Q32 ♣A97	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	P	P	P
1H	P	1NT	all pass

Lead D2 – low from an honour. Note: not usually a good idea to lead your longest suit when it has been bid by opponents. Declarer should take 3 spade tricks (aiming to finesse SJ, but the SQ drops), 3 heart tricks and 2 diamonds.
South should not open 1H with only 11 points and no sensible rebid.

Deal 10	♠107 ♥A109864 ♦QJ ♣AK7	EW Vul Dealer E
♠843 ♥J3 ♦108 ♣J109843	N W S	♠KQ62 ♥K7 ♦K7532 ♣52
	♠AJ95 ♥Q52 ♦A964 ♣Q6	

West	North	East	South
		P	1NT
P	2D	P	2H
P	4H	all pass	

Lead JC. South should take 11 tricks, losing only 1 spade and 1 heart. After drawing trump, playing the Ace first and then low towards Queen, he returns to hand to take diamond finesse. If DQ is not covered, he should play low from dummy.

Deal 11	♠107 ♥QJ84 ♦7 ♣KJ8642	All Vul Dealer S
♠KJ842 ♥A10 ♦A1063 ♣103	N W S	♠AQ953 ♥K975 ♦J5 ♣Q7
	♠6 ♥632 ♦KQ9842 ♣A95	

West	North	East	South
			P
1S	P	4S	all pass

Lead HQ. Win first trick in hand and draw trump, ending in your own hand. Then play H10 taking marked finesse (from the lead, North should have HJ). You are now be able to get rid of a losing club and make 11 tricks.

Deal 12	♠KJ52 ♥K83 ♦K106 ♣1064	None Vul Dealer W
♠1043 ♥J975 ♦Q9 ♣QJ85	N W S	♠A96 ♥Q62 ♦742 ♣K972
	♠ Q87 ♥ A104 ♦ AJ853 ♣ A3	

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	1NT
P	3NT	all pass	

Lead C5 (4th best unless QJ10, or QJ9). Play on spades. If in doubt about which suit to play first, choose the suit where you must lose a trick. You may not lose a diamond trick as Queen might drop or finesse might work. Declarer should take 3 spade tricks, 2 hearts, and 1 club. The number of diamond tricks depends on how they are played. Declarer could go down but could also make 11 tricks.

Deal 13	♠84 ♥Q1053 ♦A9 ♣K10876	NS Vul Dealer N
♠K9763 ♥A84 ♦K7 ♣QJ4	N W E S	♠QJ ♥J72 ♦Q543 ♣A952
	♠A1052 ♥K96 ♦J10862 ♣3	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	P	P	P
1NT	all pass		

Lead C7. From the rule of 11, West knows that South has no card higher than the 7, so can safely let the lead come round to his own hand. Play on spades. Declarer should win 2/3 spades, 3 clubs 1 diamond and 1 heart.

Deal 14	QJ976 ♥K9 ♦109 ♣K943	All Vul Dealer E
♠A5 ♥4 ♦AJ876 ♣A8765	N W E S	♠K108 ♥AQ10875 ♦Q54 ♣Q
	♠432 ♥J632 ♦K32 ♣J102	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1H	P
2D	P	2H	P
3C	P	3NT	all pass

Lead S3 (MUD lead in unbid suit). Shouldn't lead 4th best when the suit has been bid on your right. This gives opponent a free finesse. East has very few entries, so it would be difficult to set up heart suit. I would win SA and finesse a heart, while I still have SK as an entry. When the finesse is successful we have control of all the suits and can now play on diamonds. We have 2 spades, 2 hearts, 1 club and 4 diamonds.

Deal 15	♠J10 ♥KQJ9 ♦A6 ♣A10652	None Vul Dealer S
♠Q8 ♥108653 ♦K52 ♣QJ4	N W E S	♠A7652 ♥42 ♦109874 ♣K
	♠K943 ♥A7 ♦QJ3 ♣9873	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			P
P	1C	P	1S
P	1NT	P	3NT
All pass			

Lead D10. Top of honour sequence in unbid suit. With 2 suits, it is often better to lead the poorer in the hope of getting it established while you still have an entry. This contract should not make, as declarer does not have time to set up his club suit before EW gets diamonds established. Spade Ace acts as an entry for long diamonds.

Deal 16	♠962 ♥742 ♦Q2 ♣KQJ82	N/S Vul Dealer W
♠KJ7 ♥A53 ♦KJ95 ♣1097	N W E S	♠A8543 ♥Q9 ♦A64 ♣A65
	♠ Q10 ♥ KJ1086 ♦ 10873 ♣ 43	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1NT	P	2H	P
2S	P	3NT	P
4S	all pass		

Lead CK – top of honour sequence. Contract likely to go down as EW may lose a diamond, a heart and 2 clubs. The normal diamond play would be DA and finesse DJ, but if East plays to drop the DQ he does make the contract.