

# EBED



# Sim Pairs

Commentary by Abbey Smith

**Monday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Welcome to the **English Bridge Education & Development (EBED)** Simultaneous Pairs!

Proceeds from this event will be used by EBED, **the national charity for the promotion and development of bridge**, in pursuance of our two public benefit objectives: the furtherance of bridge as an activity which enriches the life of all, and secondly a specific aim to foster bridge among those in full-time education.

Participation in our SIMS events is just one way in which you and your club can help us in our efforts to secure the long term future of bridge. We hope that you can go one step further by looking at the added information which we have put in this brochure - and spread the word about what we are doing to others, particularly to those involved with young people and schools.

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Do please encourage your friends to come to play in these events which raise vital funds for our work. We thank you so much for your support!

**Simon Barb**

<div><div><div>♠ J94</div><div>♥ KQ4</div><div>♦ AKQJ</div><div>♣ Q96</div></div><div><div>♠ KQ1076</div><div>♥ J98</div><div>♦ 653</div><div>♣ 43</div></div><div><div>♠ 2</div><div>♥ A107532</div><div>♦ 1094</div><div>♣ K75</div></div><div><div>♠ A853</div><div>♥ 6</div><div>♦ 872</div><div>♣ AJ1082</div></div></div> <div><table><tr><th>HCP</th></tr><tr><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>67</td></tr><tr><td>9</td></tr></table><table><tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>♣</td><td>♦</td><td>♥</td><td>♠</td><td>NT</td></tr><tr><td>N</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>S</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr></table></div>	HCP	18	67	9	Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	5	5	1	3	5	S	5	5	1	3	5	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<div>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1♦</td><td>2♥</td><td>Dble</td></tr><tr><td>3♥</td><td>3NT</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <div><p>Anyone playing weak jump overcalls will bid 2♥ on the East cards. South can now make a Negative Double. To make life as difficult as possible West will raise the weak jump overcall to 3♥. North doesn't know whether South has five spades, but with a 3-3-4-3 shape North shouldn't worry about that as 3NT is likely to score better even if there is a 5-3 fit.</p><p>3♥ doubled is an easy defence to take 500, taking three diamonds, two clubs, one spade and one heart, but it is difficult to know that there are three diamond tricks, if not it might only be 300. North might believe that 3NT is safer. With the club finesse working North should manage 11 tricks, four diamonds, five clubs, one spade and a heart.</p></div>	West	North	East	South		1♦	2♥	Dble	3♥	3NT	All Pass									
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<div><div><div>♠ Q108</div><div>♥ A9754</div><div>♦ 62</div><div>♣ J72</div></div><div><div>♠ 643</div><div>♥ Q8</div><div>♦ AQ10985</div><div>♣ 93</div></div><div><div>♠ KJ972</div><div>♥ 6</div><div>♦ J3</div><div>♣ AQ1085</div></div><div><div>♠ A5</div><div>♥ KJ1032</div><div>♦ K74</div><div>♣ K64</div></div></div> <div><table><tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>14</td></tr></table><table><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>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>E</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>4</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>4</td><td>1</td></tr></table></div>	HCP		7	11	8	14	Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	-	-	2	-	-	S	-	-	2	-	-	E	3	3	-	4	1	W	3	3	-	4	1	<div>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1♠</td><td>2♥</td></tr><tr><td>2♠</td><td>4♥</td><td>4♠</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <div>Modern style, once again, suggests opening the East cards 1♠. There are many reasons for this, but one is to make it more difficult opponents to overcall in hearts. Here South will still make a 2♥ overcall. Playing 4- or 5-card majors West will raise spades, as he has limited options after the 2♥ overcall. North will raise to 4♥, the level of the fit and East with good shape will bid 4♠. It is decision time for South. Not vulnerable it must be fairly tempting to bid 5♥, but in terms of strength East might well be going off in 4♠, so I'd be inclined to pass and let East work for his plus score.</div> <div>On a heart lead and club switch East should lose a heart and a club. East has to negotiate the spades for one loser now. Missing the ace, he will have to hope that North holds both the queen and the 10 and play low to the ♠9.</div>	West	North	East	South			1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass								
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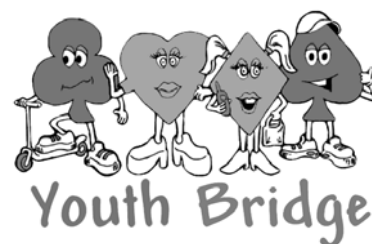


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# Young Bridge Challenge

With the new school year starting, we are looking for Schools ready to compete in our *Young Bridge Challenge* on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016.



A one day event held at Loughborough Grammar School for school-age players to test their mettle against their peers for the ***Schools Cup*** and ***Harry Scully Trophy***.

Participants can enter as part of a school team or as a pair-matching service will be available.

We particularly welcome first-timers to this event which is designed for participants, whatever their level to experience the excitement and fun of friendly competition.

Entries are **free** for this fun day-out which includes refreshments and prizes.

***Please register your interest with EBED and encourage your child to bring this event to the attention of their bridge teacher***

***Further information is available from Lisa Miller on 01296 -317217 or email [lisa@ebu.co.uk](mailto:lisa@ebu.co.uk)***

*EBED offers a range of support to help schools establish bridge and mini-bridge groups and classes – see <http://www.ebu.co.uk/education/schools>*

**AUTUMN CONGRESS**  
**16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October, Holiday Inn, Peterborough**

**Friday & Saturday - 2 Star Pairs**  
The first event towards the 2015/16 **Player of the Year Championship.**

**Friday – Really Easy Afternoon**  
An introduction to 'congress bridge' for less experienced players. Held simultaneously at the main congress site, and six other locations

**Saturday – Swiss Pairs**  
**Sunday – Championship Teams**

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