

MATCH POINTS and PERCENTAGES

Below are the results from a session of bridge.

Pairs Trophy Session 4 - 03 May 2021			
Gross Result			
Place	Pair	Players	Gross
1	15	Pair 15 - player 1a & player 2a	60.12
2	4	Pair 4 - player 1a & player 2a	58.93
3	8	Pair 8 - player 1a & player 2a	57.74
4	13	Pair 13 - player 1a & player 2a	57.14
5	11	Pair 11 - player 1a & player 2a	55.36
6	14	Pair 14 - player 1a & player 2a	51.49
7	16	Pair 16 - player 1a & player 2a	51.19
8	10	Pair 10 - player 1a & player 2a	49.70
9	6	Pair 6 - player 1a & player 2a	49.40
10	2	Pair 2 - player 1a & player 2a	48.51
11	9	Pair 9 - player 1a & player 2a	46.43
12	7	Pair 7 - player 1a & player 2a	45.54
13	1	Pair 1 - player 1a & player 2a	45.24
14	3	Pair 3 - player 1a & player 2a	44.05
15 =	5	Pair 5 - player 1a & player 2a	39.58
15 =	12	Pair 2 - player 1a & player 2a	39.58

Each pair has a percentage score on the right-hand side, which is obviously their score for the night. But how are these percentages earned ?

Each board is played at different tables over the course of the session.

Here are the eight results from board 6 :

	N-S		E-W	Contract	NS Score	EW Score	NS MP	EW MP	Lead
11	Player 11a Player 11b	6	Player 6a Player 6b	4H W 4		620	2	12	CK
14	Player 14a Player 14b	9	Player 9a Player 9b	2H W 4		170	8	6	D4
13	Player 13a Player 13b	3	Player 3a Player 3b	3H W 3		140	14	0	CK
5	Player 5a Player 5b	7	Player 7a Player 7b	3H W 4		170	8	6	CK
10	Player 10a Player 10b	1	Player 1a Player 1b	3H W 4		170	8	6	CK
12	Player 12a Player 12b	4	Player 4a Player 4b	4H W 5		650	0	14	D6
16	Player 16a Player 16b	2	Player 2a Player 2b	3H W 4		170	8	6	S2
15	Player 15a Player 15b	8	Player 8a Player 8b	3H W 4		170	8	6	CK

We see the names of the N-S pair and E-W pair, the Contract, and the result as an EW Score.

All the contracts were played by West, all the contracts were successful, so all the scores are in the EW column.

The only difference between the scores is whether game was bid or not, and how many tricks were made by each West player.

On the first line West bid game and made 10 tricks, scoring 620.

On the second line West made 10 tricks but they didn't bid game, so they only score 170.

On the third line they didn't bid game, made the 9 tricks they bid, and so scored 140.

Etc.

We now RANK all of these eight scores from top to bottom.

The top score is 650, then 620, then all of the 170 scores are third equal, and the 140 score is last or bottom.

650	1st EW
620	2nd EW
170	3rd equal
170	"
170	"
170	"
170	"
170	"
140	8th EW

This ranking is reflected in the next two columns - NS MP and EW MP.

MP stands for **Matchpoints**.

It is just a number the computer calculates to give a score to each pair based on the ranking of their result on this board. Here the top score of 650 gets an MP score of 14, 620 gets 12, all the 170 scores get 6, and the 140 gets zero MPs.

*Matchpoint allocation – 2 MP points for every score you beat, 1 MP for each draw and 0 for every score beating you. With 8 pairs playing gives 7 results (1 for you) and maximum **14 Matchpoints***

The NS pairs get the opposite score.

So, the NS pair who had 650 scored against them are bottom and get zero MPs. The NS pair who had 140 scored against them are top and get 14 MPs. The two sides all add to 14.

As a Percentage

After you play a board the tablets show a percentage. This is just the number of Matchpoints gained, divided by the top MP score.

650 here scores $14/14 = 100\%$.

620 scores $12/14 = 85.7\%$

170 scores $6/14 = 42.8\%$

140 = 0/14 = 0.00%

At the end of the night, when all results are in the system, the computer takes each pair's percentages on each board and averages them, giving the overall percentage score.

(The computer actually does the calculations in MPs because some boards may not be played as many times as other boards, and some pairs may be phantom for a round and have no score on a couple of boards.)

When you see a percentage result on the Bridgemate, it is only the result so far. As more results come in the percentage for your score will change.

So early in the session the percentage doesn't mean much, but after a couple of hours it will be fairly representative of the final result.

Analysis

You can review the results on each board and come to some conclusions about what happened, who was skilful or not.

Here is the hand for Board 6, and also the Makeable contracts.

Board 6

East - Deals

E - W : Vul

West

♠ J 7

♥ A J 9 7 6 4 3

♦ J 5

♣ A 7

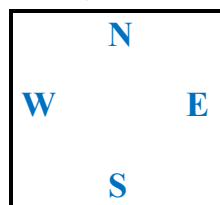
North

♠ T 8 6 2

♥ K

♦ A Q 6 4

♣ K Q T 5



East

♠ A 9 5 4

♥ T 8 5 2

♦ K T 3

♣ 4 2

South

♠ K Q 3

♥ Q

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ J 9 8 6 3

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT

N 1 2 - - -

S 1 2 - - -

E - - 5 1 3

W - - - - -

So, we can see that EW only had 18 combined points, but a big heart fit.

11 tricks are makeable with hearts as trumps (5H).

So, the pair that bid 4H and made 11 tricks made the maximum available.

All the other Wests didn't make as many tricks as they could have. You need to finesse twice in diamonds to pitch a loser in spades or clubs. The diamond lead certainly helped the player who made 11 tricks. So, 10 tricks is probably "normal".

Possible Auctions

Most pairs didn't bid the Game.

Possibly most West's opened 3H and East failed to raise to 4H, but they should.

Maybe North doubled and pushed East into bidding 4H.