

**Board 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 10 9 4 3	♠ Q 7	♠ A K J 2
♥ K Q 5	♥ J 9	♥ 7 6
♦ A J 2	♦ K Q 6 4	♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 8 5	♣ K Q J 4 2	♣ 9 7 6 3
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	♠ 8 6 5	
	♥ A 10 8 4 3 2	
	♦ 10 9 3	
	♣ 10	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	2 ♥ <sup>1</sup>
Dbl	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. weak (2-6hcp)

As long as West makes a take-out double, E/W should get to the par contract of 2 ♠, making 8/9 tricks. If N/S over compete to 3 ♥, E/W need to double to ensure at least +300. Without a double, they'd be at risk of only collecting +100, but also possibly +150 for above par. If North starts with an offshape 1 NT (either weak 12-14/14-16 or upgrading to 15-17), then after a red suit transfer to 2 ♥, west should balance with a double, with East taking out to 2 ♠.

**Board 2**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ Q 4	♠ K 9 3	♠ A 10 2
♥ A J 6	♥ Q 9 7	♥ 10 3
♦ K Q J 7 2	♦ A 10 5	♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 7 6 2	♣ Q 9 8 4	♣ A J 5 3


♠ J 8 7 6 5
♥ K 8 5 4 2
♦ 9
♣ K 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 N	2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2 ♠	3 ♦	Pass
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Both Majors

This auction could go completely differently at most tables, with a mix of different results likely. North would be disappointed to find a below par dummy in either a ♥ or ♠, and likely only making 7/8 tricks in either contract. Vulnerability could be a big factor in the final MP scores on this board.

**Board 3**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ A 4 2	♠ K J 6 5	♠ 10 7
♥ A 6 3	♥ 10 7	♥ K Q 9
♦ K 9 5	♦ Q 8 7 6	♦ A J 4 3
♣ Q 10 9 6	♣ 7 5 2	♣ J 8 4 3
		
	♠ Q 9 8 3	
	♥ J 8 5 4 2	
	♦ 10 2	
	♣ A K	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Dbl
1 N	2 ♠	Dbl	Pass
2 N	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Another competitive hand, with both sides potentially competing for the partscore. E/W should win with their minors, although 3 ♠ is a good sacrifice at the vulnerability. E/W might buy the contract if East starts with an immediate 2 NT response to partner's 1 ♣ opening.

**Board 4**

West Deals  
Both Vul

	♠ 10 2		
	♥ A 2		
	♦ 10 8 4 3		
	♣ J 10 6 5 4		
♠ A J 8 6 5 3		♠ K Q 9 4	
♥ Q 10 7		♥ K 8 6 4 3	
♦ K		♦ A J 6 5	
♣ K 9 2		♣ —	
	♠ 7		
	♥ J 9 5		
	♦ Q 9 7 2		
	♣ A Q 8 7 3		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣ <sup>1</sup>	Dbl
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Splinter

The hands fit together well on this deal. West has wasted values in the ♣ K, and shouldn't get too excited by the splinter. The void in ♣, along with the combined 10 card fit, makes this slam pretty good on average, with only really bad trump and ♥ breaks potentially beating the contract.

**Board 5**  
 North Deals  
 N-S Vul

	♠ K Q 9 6		
	♥ A 9 4 2		
	♦ 8 3		
	♣ 10 9 7		
♠ 8 5 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">       N        W     E        S     </div>	♠ A 7 4	
♥ K 6		♥ J 7 5 3	
♦ K Q 10 6 2		♦ 9	
♣ A K J		♣ Q 8 5 3 2	
	♠ J 10 3		
	♥ Q 10 8		
	♦ A J 7 5 4		
	♣ 6 4		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Board 6**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ K Q 8	♠ A 9	♠ J 10 6									
♥ K 6 3	♥ 7	♥ Q 8 4									
♦ Q 10 9 7 3	♦ A 8 5 2	♦ K J 4									
♣ 4 3	♣ A 10 9 8 6 5	♣ K J 7 2									
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 7 5 4 3 2										
	♥ A J 10 9 5 2										
	♦ 6										
	♣ Q										

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♥

**Board 7**  
 South Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ K 10 5	♠ Q	♠ A 8 6 4
♥ K J 4 2	♥ 9 6 5	♥ 10 3
♦ K 8 4 3	♦ 10 9 7 6	♦ A Q J
♣ 9 7	♣ A J 8 5 2	♣ K 6 4 3
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	♠ J 9 7 3 2	
	♥ A Q 8 7	
	♦ 5 2	
	♣ Q 10	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 N	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South might overcall 1 ♠, but E/W should still end in 1 NT.

**Board 8**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6 3 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A K J 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W     E S</div>	♠ A K ♥ A 5 2 ♦ K J 10 9 5 ♣ 9 6 2	♠ Q 9 7 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 8 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7 5
		♠ 5 4 ♥ J 10 8 7 6 ♦ A Q 7 4 2 ♣ 4	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	1 N	2 ♠	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

With a double fit in ♥ and ♦, N/S has no problem making 4 ♥. South has a choice to make over East's 2 ♠ bid, on whether to force to game with 3 ♥, or use some system to show a weakish hand (Lebensohl/Rubensohl). With the extra shape, the stronger approach is likely to be more productive on balance, especially with partner's values being over the opening bid. E/W would do well to take the sacrifice over 4H, only going for -300, but difficult to judge.



**Board 9**  
 North Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ J 2	♠ A K Q 10 9 8	♠ 5 4
♥ 7 6 2	♥ 5	♥ Q 10 9 8 4 3
♦ J 4	♦ Q 10 6 3	♦ K 9 8 2
♣ K Q 9 8 7 3	♣ 4 2	♣ 5

♠ 7 6 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 5 4
N					
W E					
S					
♥ A K J		♥ Q 10 9 8 4 3			
♦ A 7 5		♦ K 9 8 2			
♣ A J 10 6		♣ 5			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4 N <sup>2</sup>
Pass	5 ♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	6 ♠

All pass

1. Cuebid 1st/2nd round control. Denying C/D controls
2. RKCB
3. 2 Keycards + Q trumps

This auction is based on a 2/1 GF system, with 2 ♣ forcing to game, and 3 ♠ setting the trump suit. Playing standard SAYC, where 2 ♣ is only a 1 round force, and 3 ♠ is non forcing, you'd either have to commit to Blackwood over 2 ♠, or use some other forcing auction to investigate the slam. A jump to the 4 level in a new suit is a popular way of simply setting opener's suit and cuebidding. In this case, 4 ♦ would be that bid, after which the auction might proceed in the same fashion. Admittedly not a great slam looking at just the N/S hands, but with trumps behaving and the ♦ position favourable, this one will come home. If North had the ♣ Q instead of the ♦ Q, the slam would be considerably better, provided there isn't a ♦ lead.

**Board 10**  
 East Deals  
 Both Vul


♠ 8 5	♠ K 3	♠ A 9 7 6
♥ 8 7 4 2	♥ K 10 9 6	♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 9 6 4	♦ A 7 3	♦ K J 8
♣ K 10 6	♣ A 8 5 3	♣ Q J 2

♠ Q J 10 4 2
♥ A 5
♦ 10 5 2
♣ 9 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♣	Pass
Pass	1 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 10-14

**Board 11**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<p>♠ Q 4 3 2          ♥ K Q J 6          ♦ Q 7 3          ♣ 9 4</p>		<p>♠ K J 10 7 5          ♥ 8          ♦ A 10 9 8          ♣ 10 8 6</p>	<p>♠ A 8          ♥ 9 7 5 4 3          ♦ J 5 2          ♣ Q 5 2</p>
<p>♠ 9 6          ♥ A 10 2          ♦ K 6 4          ♣ A K J 7 3</p>			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 N
Pass	2 N	Pass	2 ♠
Pass			Pass

**Board 12**  
 West Deals  
 N-S Vul

	♠ K 9		
	♥ K J 10		
	♦ J 9 6 2		
	♣ A 6 3 2		
♠ A J 6 5 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N              W     E              S           </div>	♠ Q 10 8 4 3	
♥ A 5		♥ 8 7 2	
♦ K 8 3		♦ Q 10	
♣ 10 7 5		♣ K J 9	
	♠ 7		
	♥ Q 9 6 4 3		
	♦ A 7 5 4		
	♣ Q 8 4		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

This board could produce some excitement, depending on the aggressiveness of the players involved. North might well double the 1 ♠ opening, after which East might act more bravely at the vul and bid 4 ♠ instead of 3 ♠, with a minimum of 10 trumps. That might buy it, but South might also double that, for either +100/+300, depending on the play. If East only bids 3 ♠, one wouldn't blame South for bidding 4 ♥. With the ♠ K wasted, North doesn't have much to show as dummy, and 4 ♥ should be -2.

**Board 13**  
 North Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ 5 3	♠ 2	♠ A K Q 10									
♥ K 10 9 7 2	♥ 8 5 4	♥ A Q J 6 3									
♦ K 10 6 4	♦ J 9 3 2	♦ A 8 5									
♣ J 8	♣ A 6 5 3 2	♣ 7									
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ J 9 8 7 6 4										
	♥ —										
	♦ Q 7										
	♣ K Q 10 9 4										

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 ♥	2 ♥ <sup>1</sup>
4 ♥	4 NT <sup>2</sup>	5 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Spades + minor
2. Bid your minor

Some players will prefer to open 2 ♣ with the East hand, being close to 9 tricks after all. With 2 suits, it's often easier to bid these hands naturally. If partner passes 1 ♥, you're likely not making game anyway. South has the option of showing a 2 suiter, usually either with a Michaels cue-bid or Ghestem, or also just bidding the suits naturally. With the weak ♠ suit and extra shape, my choice would be the immediate 2 suiter - If partner can't support one of my suits, then I'd rather not be competing at this vulnerability.

Ghestem is the more accurate system, describing both suits exactly, whereas a Michaels cue-bid would show ♠ + either minor, leaving partner to guess. That wouldn't be a problem on this hand, as North has primary support for both minors, but if there was only a 3 card ♦ suit, you might assume the minor is ♦, and not compete over the 4 ♥ bid. Ghestem bidders would know the suits exactly, and have no problem competing with 5 ♣ over 4 ♥, pushing E/W to 5 ♥, and possibly finding the sacrifice in 6 ♣!

**Board 14**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 10 3	♠ Q J 8	♠ A K 6 4
♥ Q 10 9 7 5 4 3 2	♥ A K J	♥ 6
♦ K 6	♦ A Q J	♦ 8 4 3
♣ 2	♣ J 7 6 3	♣ K 10 9 8 4

♠ 9 7 5 2	♠ A K 6 4
♥ 8	♥ 6
♦ 10 9 7 5 2	♦ 8 4 3
♣ A Q 5	♣ K 10 9 8 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♥	3 N	Pass	Pass
Pass		Pass	Pass

Many West's will open 4 ♥, which will likely result in the final contract being 4 ♥x. Unfortunately with both minor Aces over the Kings, this will finish -3 for 500, slightly too expensive when N/S only makes 460 in 3 NT+2.

**Board 15**  
 South Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 6  
 ♥ K 5 3  
 ♦ Q 8 7 6 3  
 ♣ J 3

♠ A K Q 5 3 2  
 ♥ A 9 2  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ 9 2




♠ J 10  
 ♥ Q J 10 7  
 ♦ J 9 5  
 ♣ A K 10 5

♠ 7 4  
 ♥ 8 6 4  
 ♦ A 10 2  
 ♣ Q 8 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

**Board 16**  
 West Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ K Q 10 6		♠ 2
♥ A J 9 7 2		♥ 5
♦ A K 6 2		♦ Q 10 9 8 4 3
♣ —		♣ A 10 9 7 2

♠ J 8 4
♥ K Q 6 4 3
♦ J
♣ Q J 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	1 N	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
5 ♦	All pass		



**Board 17**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

	♠ A 9 5 3 2		
	♥ A Q 8		
	♦ A 5 3		
	♣ Q 9		
♠ K 8	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">       N        W     E        S     </div>	♠ Q J 6 4	
♥ 10 9 7 3		♥ 5 4 2	
♦ K 10 9 4		♦ 7	
♣ J 10 3		♣ K 8 7 6 2	
	♠ 10 7		
	♥ K J 6		
	♦ Q J 8 6 2		
	♣ A 5 4		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 N	Pass	3 N
All pass			

**Board 18**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7	♠ 6 4	♠ K 10 5
♥ 3	♥ 8 7 5 4	♥ A Q 6
♦ J 10 7	♦ A 5 3	♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ K 7 6 4	♣ A 9 5 3	♣ 10 8 2
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;">           N            W     E            S         </div>	
	♠ Q 3 2	
	♥ K J 10 9 2	
	♦ K 6 2	
	♣ Q J	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	1 ♥
3 ♠	All pass	3 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
1. Cuebid raise			

**Board 19**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ K 10 9 5	♠ Q 8 3 2	♠ A J 4									
♥ A 8	♥ Q 6 2	♥ 10 7 3									
♦ 8	♦ K J 3	♦ A Q 10 7 6 5									
♣ A J 9 8 7 4	♣ Q 6 3	♣ 10									
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 7 6										
	♥ K J 9 5 4										
	♦ 9 4 2										
	♣ K 5 2										

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	All pass

**Board 20**  
 West Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ 9 8 5 4	♠ A K 10 7 6 2	♠ Q J 3
♥ 10 8 6 3	♥ A Q	♥ 7 2
♦ Q 9 3	♦ J 10 8 5	♦ 7 2
♣ K 3	♣ A	♣ J 10 8 7 5 4
	♠ —	
	♥ K J 9 5 4	
	♦ A K 6 4	
	♣ Q 9 6 2	



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♦	All pass	

The 3 ♦ rebid by North somehow looks wrong, with such a weak suit, and playable in spades as well as hearts, but being so strong, it's one way of proceeding. Once South raises, it's just a formality to check for keycards and stop in 6, missing the trump Q. Although 6 ♠ and 6 ♥ both make for a better score, 6 ♦ is by far the safer contract, with NT only making 11 tricks on a ♣ lead.

**Board 21**  
 North Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ A 2	♠ Q 8 6	♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ 7 6	♥ K 10	♥ A 9 8 4 2
♦ A J 7 5	♦ K 8 4 3	♦ 9 2
♣ K Q J 3 2	♣ A 6 5 4	♣ 8 7
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;">             N              W     E              S           </div>	
	♠ K J 10 3	
	♥ Q J 5 3	
	♦ Q 10 6	
	♣ 10 9	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
2 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North would do best to pass the double, but with a minimum hand and poor ♣'s, this doesn't rate to do too well on balance, at unfavourable vulnerability.

**Board 22**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ —			♠ K 10 5 2
♥ A J 9 8 6 2			♥ K Q 10
♦ K 4 3			♦ 7 5
♣ A K 10 8			♣ Q 6 3 2
♠ A J 9 8 7 4 3	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0;">           N            W     E            S         </div>		
♥ 5 4			
♦ 9 2			
♣ 9 5			
♠ Q 6			
♥ 7 3			
♦ A Q J 10 8 6			
♣ J 7 4			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	3 ♦
Pass	6 ♦	All pass	

South has a few options at their first turn: Pass/1 ♦/2 ♦/3 ♦. All reasonable actions. I prefer a preempt because of the quality of the suit, and softish nature of the hand (♠ Q6 and ♣ J74 don't rate to produce much). At the vulnerability, 3 ♦ will often be more destructive to the opponents than 2 ♦ (If 2 ♦ is weak in your system).

North's jump to slam is purely a practical bid, likely making whenever partner has ♦ Axxxxxx, or a good 6 card suit. The ♥ suit is likely to play for maximum 1 loser, and often 0 when opener has a singleton.

I'd be scared of missing 7 ♦ when partner has ♠ Jxx ♥ xx ♦ Axxxxxx ♣ x

**Board 23**  
 South Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ Q J 9 8  
 ♥ K 9 2  
 ♦ 8 6 3  
 ♣ Q 10 2

♠ 2  
 ♥ 10 4  
 ♦ Q J 10 7 5 4  
 ♣ K 5 4 3



♠ A K 10 6 5  
 ♥ J 7  
 ♦ A K 9  
 ♣ J 9 6

♠ 7 4 3  
 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 3  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ A 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Board 24**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

♠ J 9 7 4	♠ 10 5	♠ 3
♥ 6 3 2	♥ 10 9 7 5 4	♥ A J
♦ 9 7	♦ K Q 6 3	♦ A 5 4 2
♣ 9 6 5 3	♣ 10 4	♣ A K Q J 8 2

♠ A K Q 8 6 2
♥ K Q 8
♦ J 10 8
♣ 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Rdbl
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3 ♥	4 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Strong, forcing
2. Takeout



**Board 25**  
 North Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ A J 6	♠ K 3	♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ A K	♥ Q 8 4 3 2	♥ 10 7 6
♦ A J 10 6 3	♦ 8	♦ K 4 2
♣ K 4 3	♣ Q J 10 9 2	♣ 7 6 5

♠ 10 7 4 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 9 8 5
N					
W E					
S					
♥ J 9 5		♥ 10 7 6			
♦ Q 9 7 5		♦ K 4 2			
♣ A 8		♣ 7 6 5			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 N	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 N	All pass

**Board 26**  
 East Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ Q 8 2	♠ K 7 3	♠ A 9 4
♥ 8 4	♥ A J 3 2	♥ 9 5
♦ A K Q 2	♦ J 10 8	♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ Q 10 9 4	♣ K J 3	♣ A 7 5 2

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ K Q 10 7 6
♦ 9 6
♣ 8 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	Dbl	2 ♦	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Board 27**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ J 5	♠ A K 10 9 2	♠ 8 7									
♥ A K J 8 4	♥ 7 5 2	♥ Q 10 6									
♦ A K Q 9	♦ J	♦ 10 7 6 5 4 2									
♣ K 9	♣ Q 5 3 2	♣ 8 4									
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ Q 6 4 3										
	♥ 9 3										
	♦ 8 3										
	♣ A J 10 7 6										

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠ <sup>1</sup>
Dbl	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Preemptive raise

The 1 ♥ opening won't be many player's choice of openings, with 2 ♣ and 2 NT both popular options. 2 NT would likely get passed out, with the defense cashing the first 6 tricks before declarer can claim the balance. a 2 ♣ opening might result in N/S taking the sacrifice in 4 ♠ if they dare to venture into the auction. Interesting hand!

**Board 28**  
 West Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ Q 4 2	♠ 8 7	♠ 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8	♥ 9 7 6	♥ A J 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 2	♦ J 8 4	♦ K 6 5 3
♣ 5 4	♣ J 9 8 7 3	♣ K Q 10
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	♠ A K J 10 9 5	
	♥ 4 3	
	♦ A 7	
	♣ A 6 2	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
Dbl	Pass	2 ♥	2 ♠
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Board 29**  
 North Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ K 8 7 4 2	♠ A Q J 10 9 5 3	♠ —
♥ Q 9 6 3	♥ J 10	♥ 8 4
♦ 4 3	♦ —	♦ A J 10 9 8 5
♣ J 2	♣ A K Q 3	♣ 10 9 8 7 4

♠ 6	♠ —
♥ A K 7 5 2	♥ 8 4
♦ K Q 7 6 2	♦ A J 10 9 8 5
♣ 6 5	♣ 10 9 8 7 4



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 N	Pass	5 ♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	6 ♠	All pass	

1. 1 or 4 Keycards

South is a bit endplayed into raising 3 ♠ to game. North can't help but get excited, and although 4 NT isn't ideal with a void, it'll help to get to 7 ♠ when South has all 3 missing keycards.

(Although unlikely when no cuebid was made on the way to 4 ♠).

As long as East isn't tempted to lead the ♦ A, North has always got to lose the ♠ K and the 4th ♣.

I wouldn't be surprised to see 12 tricks making the majority of the time though, have a look!

**Board 30**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 9 7 5  
 ♥ 7 5 4  
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4  
 ♣ A

♠ 10 6  
 ♥ A Q J 10 8  
 ♦ K J 6 2  
 ♣ J 9



♠ A K 4  
 ♥ 6 3 2  
 ♦ A 3  
 ♣ K Q 5 4 2

♠ Q J 8 3 2  
 ♥ K 9  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ 10 8 7 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 N	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

**Board 31**  
 South Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ A 8	♠ Q 10 3 2	♠ J 9									
♥ J 10 6 5	♥ 7	♥ A Q 9 4 2									
♦ J 10 5 4	♦ A Q 6 3	♦ K 9 8 2									
♣ A 5 2	♣ Q J 10 4	♣ 6 3									
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K 7 6 5 4										
	♥ K 8 3										
	♦ 7										
	♣ K 9 8 7										

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
3 ♥	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Good raise in hearts

**Board 32**  
 West Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ A 8	♠ 10 7 4	♠ 9 6
♥ 10 6 5 4 2	♥ K Q 7	♥ A J 8 3
♦ 9 4 2	♦ A 8 5	♦ K J 7 3
♣ J 6 3	♣ K Q 8 7	♣ A 4 2

N
W   E
S

♠ K Q J 5 3 2
♥ 9
♦ Q 10 6
♣ 10 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 N	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	



**Board 33**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

	♠ A Q 5		
	♥ Q 8 7		
	♦ A 8 6		
	♣ K Q 4 2		
♠ J 7 6	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">       N        W     E        S     </div>	♠ K 10 9 8 2	
♥ J		♥ 9 4 3	
♦ Q J 7 2		♦ K 5 4 3	
♣ A J 10 8 7		♣ 3	
	♠ 4 3		
	♥ A K 10 6 5 2		
	♦ 10 9		
	♣ 9 6 5		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 N	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			


**Board 34**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ K 10		♠ A Q 9 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 4		♥ A 3
♦ K 9 7 2		♦ 4
♣ A K 9 2		♣ 8 7 5 4
♠ J 8 7 4 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">           N            W     E            S         </div>	
♥ J 10 9 8		
♦ A Q		
♣ 10 6		
♠ —		
♥ K Q 5 2		
♦ J 10 8 6 5 3		
♣ Q J 3		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Dbl
4 ♠	Dbl	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Another potentially competitive hand. This auction all depends on what East opens, and whether South doubles/overcalls. If East opens anything preemptively (2/3 ♠), South is unlikely to overcall, and E/W will probably buy it in 4 ♠. If South bids over a 1 ♠ opening (either 2 ♦/dbl), North will take action over West's raise to 4 ♠, leading to E/W taking the push to 5 ♠, down 1 or 2 depending on the play in the trump suit. East might even get desperate and attempt a ♦ finesse, hoping to get the ♥ loser away on the 2nd ♦, unsuccessfully.

**Board 35**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ 10 9 5 4 2 ♦ 10 ♣ 6 4 2		♠ A J ♥ A K 7 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ K Q J 8 5	♠ K Q 5 ♥ Q J 8 6 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ A 3
		♠ 10 4 3 2 ♥ — ♦ A J 9 5 4 3 ♣ 10 9 7	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass 3 ♣ 3 N
Pass Pass All pass	2 NT 3 ♦	Pass Pass	

On a ♥ lead by East, North will give up the ♣ A to ensure 9 tricks, and later decide how to play the ♦ suit. Likely play for the drop, but a finesse leading to 12 tricks and a sure top score.

**Board 36**  
 West Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ K 8	♠ Q J 6 2	♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ A Q 7 3	♥ 8 5	♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ A 7	♦ 4 3	♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 9 8 7 5 4	♣ A J 10 6 3	♣ 2

♠ A 10 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 7 5 4
N					
W E					
S					
♥ K J 2		♥ 10 9 6 4			
♦ K Q J 10 9		♦ 8 6 5 2			
♣ K Q		♣ 2			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl <sup>1</sup>	Pass
1 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	3 N
All pass			
1. SOS			

**Board 37**  
 North Deals  
 N-S Vul

	♠ A 4		
	♥ J 8 6 4		
	♦ J 10 7 6 5		
	♣ 10 8		
♠ Q 10 9 5	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">       N        W     E        S     </div>	♠ 8 7 3 2	
♥ A 5 3		♥ Q 10	
♦ A 8 4		♦ 3 2	
♣ K 7 2		♣ A 6 5 4 3	
	♠ K J 6		
	♥ K 9 7 2		
	♦ K Q 9		
	♣ Q J 9		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 N
All pass			

**Board 38**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ A J 6 2	♠ Q 10 7 3	♠ 8
♥ 10 9 8 7 3	♥ J 2	♥ A K Q 6 4
♦ 7	♦ J 8 3	♦ A Q 9 6 4
♣ A K 5	♣ Q 9 4 2	♣ 10 7
	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           N            W     E            S         </div>	
	♠ K 9 5 4	
	♥ 5	
	♦ K 10 5 2	
	♣ J 8 6 3	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
4 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4 N	Pass
5 ♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	5 N	Pass
6 ♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	7 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Splinter
2. 2 Keycards + Queen
3. Club King

Splinter in ♦'s suits opener perfectly, and Keycard Blackwood is initiated. West shows the Queen of trumps due the 5th trump, and known 10 card fit. East is looking at the Queen, and thus knows about the 5th trump with partner. This will make ruffing the ♦'s a lot easier. 5 NT ask's for specific Kings, with partner showing the ♣ K. With all the black suit losers taken care of, bidding the grand is easy.

**Board 39**  
 South Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ A J 8 3	♠ Q 9 7	♠ 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6 4 3	♥ Q 5	♥ A K
♦ K 9 3	♦ A Q	♦ 10 7 6 5 4 2
♣ A	♣ J 10 9 7 6 5	♣ 4 2
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;">           N            W     E            S         </div>	
	♠ K 10 4	
	♥ J 8 7 2	
	♦ J 8	
	♣ K Q 8 3	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	1 N	Pass
Pass	2 ♣	2 ♦	3 ♣
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass