

<p>Board 1 Love all Dealer North</p> <p>♠ Q1072 ♥ J4 ♦ AJ54 ♣ Q102</p> <p>♠ 93 ♥ 1092 ♦ K103 ♣ J9853</p> <p>♠ AK654 ♥ K5 ♦ 8762 ♣ 76</p>	<p>P-1♥-1♠-P 2♥-X-2♠-3♥ 3♠-P-P-P</p> <p>South has an easy overcall on the basis of his good suit and West might well support hearts straight away. When his partner doubles he can safely compete with 3♥, though North should go on - a nine card fit generally suggests competing to the three level.</p> <p>It looks like South has five losers but in fact one may well disappear. After ace and another heart, declarer draws trumps and plays a club to the ten. The best East can do is cash ace and exit in a club, allowing declarer to pitch a diamond. Ace and another diamond leaves East on lead to give a ruff and discard. Declarer should probably find this as East is marked with the values.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	-	2	-	3	1	S	-	2	-	2	1	E	2	-	3	-	-	W	2	-	3	-	-
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<p>Board 16 EW Game Dealer West</p> <p>♠ AQ84 ♥ K ♦ Q10864 ♣ 953</p> <p>♠ J753 ♥ A52 ♦ J3 ♣ AK108</p> <p>♠ K106 ♥ Q1084 ♦ K95 ♣ 742</p>	<p>♠ 92 ♥ J9763 ♦ A72 ♣ QJ6</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	-	2	-	1	1	S	-	2	-	1	1	E	1	-	1	-	-	W	1	-	1	-	-	<p>1NT-P-2♦-P 2♥-X-P-P P</p> <p>North has a difficult choice over 2♥. He has really minimal values and the opponents could still have lots of values. However, he doesn't want to allow 2♥ to pass out, so he enters the fray. South has an easy pass of 2♥, and they will achieve the magical one down doubled, earning an excellent pairs score.</p>
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<p>Board 21 NS Game Dealer North</p> <p>♠ A ♥ 975 ♦ A984 ♣ AQ1072</p> <p>♠ KQ10754 ♥ AQ6 ♦ J ♣ J54</p> <p>♠ J32 ♥ KJ10 ♦ KQ10753 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ 986 ♥ 8432 ♦ 62 ♣ K986</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>♠</td><td>♦</td><td>♥</td><td>♣</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>4</td></tr> </table>	♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	2	-	-	1	S	2	-	-	1	E	-	3	-	4	W	-	3	-	4	<p>1♠-1♦-2♣-2♠ 3♣-3♠-P-4♠ P-P-P</p> <p>Even with minimal values South may well support clubs, cutting out the major suits. West should not worry whether 2♠ is forcing or not, though of course he is more comfortable bidding it if it is not (and it should ideally be non forcing), and the game is reached.</p> <p>North will no doubt try to give his partner a diamond ruff, but there isn't one and there are ten tricks.</p>				
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<p>Board 23 Game all Dealer South</p> <p>♠ 943 ♥ K1097 ♦ QJ6 ♣ 532</p> <p>♠ AKQJ2 ♥ 8653 ♦ K3 ♣ A9</p> <p>♠ 10765 ♥ QJ4 ♦ 752 ♣ K106</p> <p>♠ 8 ♥ A2 ♦ A10984 ♣ QJ874</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>♠</td><td>♦</td><td>♥</td><td>♣</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>2</td></tr> </table>	♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	2	3	-	-	S	2	3	-	-	E	-	-	3	3	2	W	-	-	3	3	2	<p>1♦-1♠-X-2♠ 3♣-3♥-P-4♠ P-P-P</p> <p>East-West may well get too high here, as it should be easy for the defence to beat 4♠. West should start with an overcall - no need to double on a hand this strength, and then West can content himself with a raise to the two level. While it is often right to raise to the three level with four card support the balanced nature of the hand suggests caution.</p>		
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<p>Board 24 Love all Dealer West</p> <p>♠ K9876 ♥ AQ1042 ♦ 875 ♣</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ K97 ♦ 94 ♣ AJ107643</p> <p>♠ A QJ542 ♥ 83 ♦ A2 ♣ 982</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ J65 ♦ KQJ1063 ♣ KQ5</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>♠</td><td>♦</td><td>♥</td><td>♣</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table>	♠	♦	♥	♣	N	N	-	5	3	-	S	-	5	3	-	E	3	-	-	-	W	3	-	-	-	<p>3♣-X-3♠-3NT P-P-P</p> <p>Preempts make life difficult. North has a choice between pass, double and 4♣, none of them ideal. 4♣ shows the shape but is normally stronger than this, so people may well settle for a double. East bids 3♣ and the spotlight is now on South. With KQ of clubs, 5♦ looks a long way off, and 3NT may well make.</p> <p>This will probably go five off, as it seems natural to play on diamonds before hearts.</p>				
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<p>Board 26 Game all Dealer East</p> <p>♠ J ♥ A K J 6 ♦ K J 1 0 9 5 2 ♣ Q 8</p> <p>♠ A 9 6 5 4 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A 4 3</p> <p>♠ 1 0 8 7 ♥ 1 0 7 4 3 ♦ A 3 ♣ J 9 6 2</p> <p>♠ K Q 2 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ K 1 0 7 5</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</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> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	2	4	3	1	4	S	2	4	3	1	4	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>P-P-2♠-X 3♣-3NT-P-P P</p> <p>North should not hesitate to double on this shape. It brings hearts into the game, and over 2NT or 3♣ he can bid 3♦, which should be reserved for this type of hand rather than a strong one.</p> <p>South has an easy 3NT bid, though feels a lot happier when he sees the jack in dummy. 10 tricks should be made.</p>
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<p>Board 27 Love all Dealer South</p> <p>♠ 5 ♥ Q 1 0 8 6 3 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A 6 5 3</p> <p>♠ K 3 ♥ K J 9 7 5 ♦ ♣ K Q 9 8 7 4</p> <p>♠ A Q J 8 2 ♥ ♦ K J 7 6 5 2 ♣ J 1 0</p> <p>♠ 1 0 9 7 6 4 ♥ A 4 ♦ A 1 0 8 4 3 ♣ 2</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	E	4	1	-	2	2	W	4	1	-	2	2	<p>P-1♠-2♥-2♠ P-3♣-P-3♦ P-3♠-P-4♦ P-4♠-P-P P</p> <p>An awkward hand which will see many auctions. West would have liked his partner to make a take out double, but 2♠ is best shot to try to get two suits into the auction. East knows there is only a 5-2 fit in spades, so tries rather optimistically to find diamonds instead. He could take a view and pass 3♠. This might surprise West, but he won't be disappointed.</p> <p>Once 4♠ comes to South he fancies his chances against this. It has all the hallmarks of a misfit, though I imagine most will pass his hand.</p>
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<p>Board 28 NS Game Dealer West</p> <p>♠ A K Q 5 3 ♥ J 7 3 2 ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣</p> <p>♠ 8 7 6 ♥ Q 1 0 8 6 ♦ A 7 ♣ 1 0 9 6 5</p> <p>♠ J 1 0 ♥ K 5 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ K J 8 7 4 3</p> <p>♠ 9 4 2 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ K 1 0 6 4 ♣ A Q 2</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>♠</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♣</th> <th>N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		♠	♥	♦	♣	N	N	-	4	4	5	5	S	-	4	4	4	4	E	1	-	-	-	-	W	1	-	-	-	-	<p>P-1♠-3♣-3NT P-P-P</p> <p>Looks like it could be the easiest hand of the set. 3NT makes 11 tricks on a heart or club lead, unless West makes the inspired lead of the 10 of hearts.</p>
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