Summer Instant Matchpoint Game

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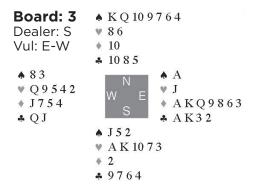


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Board: 1	♦ AQJ53	West North East South	Results	of Board 1
Dealer: N	♥ 10	1♠ 1NT 2♠	Scores	MPS
Vul: None	♦ AK84	All Pass		100
	★ 972		300	99
↑ 10 7 2	N ★ K 8	2♠ by North	170	96
♥ Q8532	W E AKJ6		140	90
♦ QJ2 ♣ 106	S + 65	This event starts with a good old-fashioned partscore battle in which both sides easily make	110	85
4 100	♠ 964	a three-level contract. After 1. East must choose	100	77
	♥ 974	between double, 1NT or 2. Overcalling two of a	50	57
	10973	minor with a weak five-card suit is not usually the	-50	37
	* KQ4	best idea. We prefer to have a six-card suit for a	-90	28
		two-level overcall and don't have the best shape	-100	24
for a takeou	ıt double, so 1NT it	is. If South chooses to raise to 2 (a good idea when not	-140	14
		d there. If South chooses to pass, E/W will find their nine-	-170	5
		ers to that suit. N/S may still compete after this action,	-300	2
but the imm	nediate 2 . raise wo	ould stop the bidding competition right there.		0

Board: 2	♠ KQJ8	West	North		South	Results o	
Dealer: E	♥ 3 ♦ KJ8432	1♥	Pass 2♦	Pass 3♦	Dbl	Scores	MPS
Vul: N-S	* Q3	3 ♥	∠▼ All Pa:		DDI		100
♦ 973	★ A 6 5 4 2	5 ♥	All Fa	55		800	99
▼ A 9 6 4 2	0 10 0 5	3♥ by	\Λ/ast			670	97
* 10	VV E + 0.95	J ▼ Dy	VVCSt			600	96
* AK54	S * 2	West's	hand is	an one	ning bid in any seat due to the	500	94
	↑ 10				ck tricks (A-K, A). North shows		92
	♥ KJ7				overcall should look like with	150	87
	♦ A 7 6				and opening values. (Some	130	84
	♣ J 10 9 8 7 6	may do	ouble bu	it you s	hould expect a 2 response	100	72
		from p	artner.)	East sh	ould reevaluate their hand	50	50
					th four-card heart support,	-100	37
					ts. East should add 3 "dummy	-110	35
					This 3♦ bid shows 10+ total	-140	29
					th's double of 3♦ shows	-200	21
					el. West has their minimum so	-300	18
	r in 3 v. 3 v will likely for	aii wnen a	eciarer s	starts ti	ne trump suit by cashing the	-420	16
♥ A.						-500	12
						-530	6
						-800	3
							0



West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	3 ^	6♦	All Pass

6♦ by East

What a hand! After North makes the normal 3♠ opening, we were torn between two options. This blast to 6♠ seemed best but 3NT was our clear second choice. The preempt deprives us of the room we need to investigate. What can we bid over 3♠ to discover whether partner has the ♥A or club help? We are in a spot where we just have

to guess the final contract. If you are settling for game, 3NT is your best gamble. Yes, you might be off the entire heart suit, but partner is likely to have heart length and all we need to do is get in once and we have enough tricks to make it. If you bid 3NT, you did well but $6 \spadesuit$ is the winner. Besides, how often do you get to dip into your bidding box on your first call and bid a slam? If they do jump to $6 \spadesuit$, South could consider doubling with the $\P A$ K on lead but if the opponents jumped to slam on their first bid, they usually have the goods!

	Desulte of	Decret 7
	Results of	
	Scores	MPS
		100
	200	99
	100	97
	-150	96
	-170	95
is	-500	94
15	-620	88
	-690	82
	-800	73
	-950	65
e	-1370	38
	-1400	11
	-1540	5
I		0

Board: 4 Dealer: W Vul: Both	♦ K 10 9 6 2 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 7 6 5
♣ J7543♥ A Q 7◆ J953♣ 9	W E S E V K 8 4 3 V K 10 8 4 K K J 4 3
	♦ A8 ♥ J92
	* A Q 6 * A Q 10 8 2

West North East South
Pass Pass 1♦ 1NT
2♦ 2♠ All Pass

2♠ by North

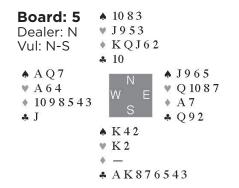
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The 1NT overcall is automatic here: 15–18 balanced with a stopper in diamonds. Note once again, when there is a good alternative, we should resist the overcall of 24 with only a five-card suit. After these first two bids, we could see a number of different choices. The 24 raise is a great option for West and this is where the auction may end at many tables.

The Norths who compete will earn the best result for their side. North knows they have around 18-20 points within their partnership and that the opponents have a diamond fit. Playing matchpoints means making these marginal competitive decisions. It's almost never right to let the opponents play in two of a suit they have an eight-card-fit. 2♠ shows five or more cards in the suit and is a clear signoff. This bid wins the hand. You will either play 2♠ or defeat 3♠ defensively (maybe doubled).

Scores	MPS
	100
710	99
690	98
670	95
500	89
400	86
300	83
200	74
150	68
140	67
110	59
100	44
90	36
-90	34
-100	22
-110	10
-120	9
-180	8
-200	6
-300	4
-380	3
-400	2
-500	1
	0

Results of Board 4



West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♥	3 .
All Pass			

3♣ by South

South has a very strong trick-taking hand and starts with 1♣. If North responds 1♦ South plans to rebid 3NT ("I can take nine tricks"). West will beat North to the 1♦ bid at most tables. North's best choice is to pass the 1♦ overcall. North's hope is that partner will reopen the auction with a double which they

intend to pass and play 14 doubled. East advances partner's overcall at the one level with a 1 bid and South shows their strong single-suited club hand with the jump rebid. North has a tough decision after this call, but we felt pass was likely the best choice in the long run. It would be hard to blame you for bidding 3NT.

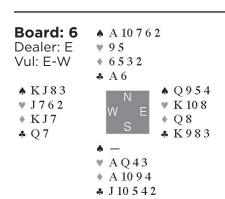
		100
	500	99
	300	97
	200	96
	150	95
5	130	94
	110	92
	100	88
	90	86
	50	85
	-100	71
	-120	57
	-180	56
	-200	44
	-280	33
	-300	24
	-400	15
	-470	13
	-500	9
	-600	5
	-800	3
	-1400	1
		0

Results of Board 6

Results of Board 5

MPS

Scores



West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pa	SS

2♦ by South

South can see a problem coming on this hand. With their spade void, they can expect to see a 14 response to their opening bid quite frequently. So, before making your opening bid choice, ask yourself what will you do after you open 14 and partner responds 14? It's impossible to make a good bid. A

2♦ or 2♥ rebid would be a reverse (17+ HCP) and a 2♣ rebid would show six cards. To avoid this likely problematic rebid, we can choose to open 1♦. When we do this we are still distorting the shape of our hand, but we gain an easier rebid of 2♣ as a result. The above is the ideal auction. If you opened 1♣ as South, you faced the tough rebid and a choice that will inevitably lead to the wrong contract.

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Scores	MPS
	100
500	99
470	98
400	97
280	96
200	94
180	91
130	77
120	64
110	49
100	32
90	27
PASS	18
-50	9
-90	5
-100	4
-120	3
-150	2
-300	1
	0

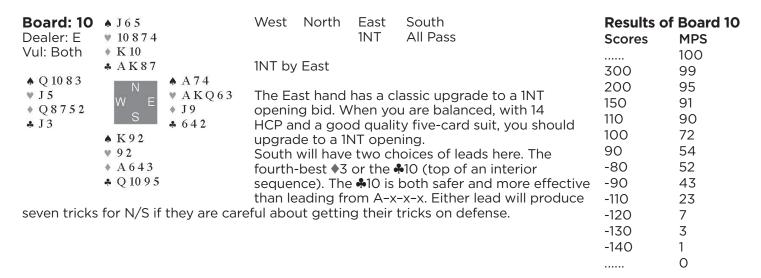
Board: 7 Dealer: S	♠ A K 10 9 ♥ Q	065	West	North	East	South 1♥	Results o	f Board 7 MPS
Vul: Both	* AKQ6		Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT		100
	* 86		Pass	2 👫	Pass	2♠	1470	99
↑ Q87 ▼ 10642	N	♦ 3 ♥ K 7 5	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥	1460	98
• 8 2	W E	• 10 9 7 5 3	Pass	6♠	All Pas	55	1430	76
* K 10 7 2	S	* O954	6♠ by I	North			720	55
	♦ J42		0 -1- 10 y	10111			710	53
	♥ AJ983		After S	outh's 11	NT rebi	d North can use new minor	680	48
	♦ J 4		forcing	(your b	id may	be different depending on	660	43
	♣ AJ3		_			o find out about the nine-card	650	36
			spade 1	fit. Nortl	h has a	good enough hand to drive to	630	30
slam. If East	t makes ar	n aggressive o	club lead	, the de	clarer w	vill likely fail. After cashing the	260	29
♠AK ("Eigl	ht ever, nin	e never") No	rth will o	juickly c	hange	focus to discarding dummy's	-100	15

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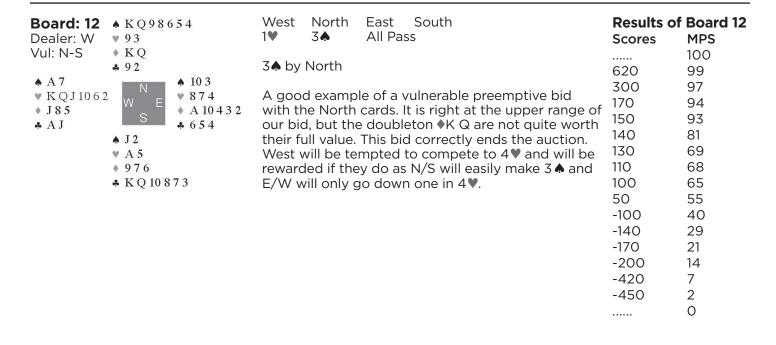
slam. If East makes an aggressive club lead, the declarer will likely fail. After cashing the A K ("Eight ever, nine never") North will quickly change focus to discarding dummy's clubs on the diamonds. Unfortunately for declarer West only has two diamonds and can ruff the third diamond and take the K before declarer has a chance to pitch the last club. On a passive diamond lead, the defense cannot stop the declarer from making by discarding clubs.

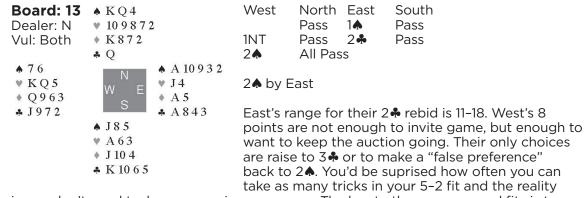
Board: 8 Dealer: W Vul: None	♦ 52 ▼ 10 7 6 5 ♦ 10 8	West Pass Pass	North Pass Pass	1♦ Dbl	South 1NT Pass	Results of Scores	of Board 8 MPS 100
↑ 763	♣ QJ943 ♠ K 1084	Pass 2∳	2♣ All Pas	Pass ss	Pass	480	99
♥ KJ93	W E VAQ4					380 200	98 97
• 6432	s * KQJ7	2♦ by E	East			150	95
♣ 6 2	★ K 10	Many n	nav iust	nlay 1N	T by South on this hand.	130	87
	♥ 82	-			1NT doubled. East's double	120	79
	♦ A 9 5				type of hand and be penalty	110	76
	♣ A 8 7 5	in natu	re. West	would	pull the double with their	100	72
					th 4 HCP their side has more	90	66
					ss is the best choice. Now it's	50	59
					Nest competes to 2♦ and	-50	51
					assuming a nine-card club	-90	38
IIL?) or do t	they pass? This decision	on will dete	ermine v	wno wii	is the board.	-100	27
						-110	23
						-120	16
						-150	6
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Board: 9 Dealer: N Vul: E-W	A K 9 7 6♥ K 9 5♦ K 5 3₹ 7	i 4	West 4NT	North 1♠ 5♠	East Pass All Pa	South 4♠ ss	Results of Scores	of Board 9 MPS 100 99
catch nine-co West has 12 may compe		nk, upon fir ke far mor wo suits ar r may pass s compete	above this had until won you differed you need the tricks and bids to 5 it it is above.	a crazy is one cand can exercised to units nine-cathan the will take	of a seen be hand xpand for you not ces with nderstacard spanishment of the show the a diamond a seen high	is is. Our suggested auction mingly unlimited number of ways dled. Consider it a placeholder urther in our videos. Depending hay have made a number of the South hand. The one thing had, as South, is that you are ade fit. Big two-suited hands that cards suggest. is two-suited hand. North and preference if given the or E/W to sacrifice with E/W	700 650 500 480 450 420 200 100	98 97 96 92 82 69 54 43 32 21 19 18 17 15 7
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Board: 11	♦ AJ5		West	North	East	South	Results of	f Board 11
Dealer: S	♥ J85					Pass	Scores	MPS
Vul: None	• A 10 4		Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦		100
	♣ KJ109		Pass	1NT	All Pa	SS	180	99
♠ Q8432	N	♠ K 10 7					150	97
♥ Q94	W E	♥ AK73	1NT by	North			130	94
 KJ3 	s -	8 2						
* 76		* 8543	The big	g questic	on durir	ng this auction is what will	120	87
	♦ 96		West c	hoose to	o do wh	nen South responds 1♦. Will	110	80
	♥ 10 6 2		they ov	ercall 1	•? We d	don't love it. West would be	100	78
	* Q9765					suit and a bad hand, usually a	90	71
	♣ A Q 2			_		pass instead. West may never	50	64
			have th	nis choic	e if Sou	th decides to respond 1NT	-50	47
instead of 1	on this h	and. With no	stoppei	rs in the	majors	South should bid 1♦ to allow	-100	26
partner to d	declare. Eas	st will have to	o decide	whethe	r to lea	d the ♥A or low. A general	-110	18
rule against	notrump:	With A-K-x-	x, lead t	he ace; \	with A-I	K-x-x-x, lead fourth best.	-140	11
16 = 0.47	C: 1	1. 1.161 11.	1 1				-150	6
						e obvious six tricks: four clubs	-170	4
			o spades	5, N/5 Ca	an build	extra diamond tricks by	-200	3
finessing th	rough wes	ot.					-470	2
								0
								0





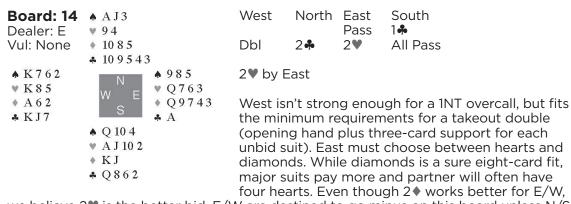
is you don't need to, because majors pay more. The key to these seven-card fits is to draw trumps quickly and avoid ruffing in your long trump hand. The singleton $\ Q$ gives declarer the opportunity to lose only one club trick. When the queen falls under the ace, declarer can finesse South for the $\ 10$. Declarer will lose two spades, one heart, one diamond and one club to make $\ 2$.

 500	100 99
200	96
110	92
100	79
PASS	68
-80	67
-90	63
-100	58
-110	35
-120	13
-130	12
-140	9
-150	5
-180	4
-200	3
-380	1
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Results of Board 13

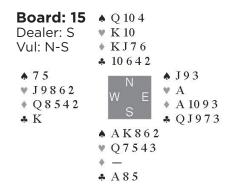
MPS

Scores



we believe 2♥ is the better bid. E/W are destined to go minus on this board unless N/S overcompete. South may be tempted to bid 3♣ with four of them but, their quality heart suit should sway them towards defending.

Results of	Board 14
Scores	MPS
	100
500	99
400	98
300	97
200	95
150	86
120	80
110	78
100	67
90	54
80	51
50	43
-50	30
-80	24
-90	22
-100	17
-110	11
-120	8
-140	5
-150	2
-300	1
	0



North	East	South
		1
2♠	Pass	3♥
4♠	All Pas	SS
	2♠	

4♠ by South

This is our ideal auction that will lead to 4♠ down one. South's 3♥ is a natural game try. It tells North about South's second suit so North can evaluate the location of their points. With ♥K 10 and a maximum hand, North should accept the game try. The ♦K J turned out to be unfortunate cards opposite South's

void. The 4 no contract itself is reasonable but fails when hearts break terribly. If the defense leads a diamond that will save N/S a trick, but that still isn't enough to make the game.

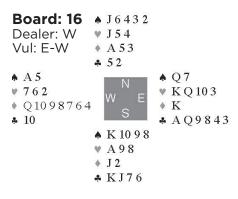
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	100
800	98
620	95
500	85
300	67
250	59
200	58
100	56
-100	44
-110	34
-200	22
-300	7
-400	4
-470	3
-500	2
-510	1
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Results of Board 16

Results of Board 15

MPS

Scores

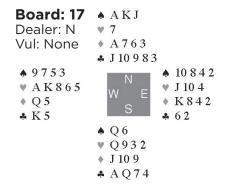


West North East South
2♦ Pass Pass Dbl
Pass 2♠ 3♣ Pass
3♦ All Pass

We would normally open 3♦ with the West cards but felt that the unfavorable vulnerability warranted a two-level opening instead. Q-10-9-8-7 isn't three of the top five or two of the top three, but the 10-9-8-7 is an excellent complement to our queen. Unfortunately for West, they end up preempting partner a bit. East has a strong hand but it is very important they do not get excited. Whenever you

have a singleton in your partner's preempt suit, your hand is always worse than it looks. After the double in the balancing chair, North prefers spades and East gets a chance to offer up clubs as a playable spot. West can bid $3 \diamond$ with their unknown extra card and end up playing it right there. If N/S can find a way to compete to $3 \spadesuit$ they will be rewarded as their down one or two is a better score than the minus 130 they will earn by defending $3 \diamondsuit$.

Scores	MPS
	100
400	99
300	95
200	90
140	87
110	86
100	82
-50	75
-90	72
-100	66
-110	53
-130	31
-140	17
-150	13
-200	9
-300	7
-500	4
-600	3
-650	2
-670	1
	0



West	North 1♦		South 1 ♥
Pass All Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3♣

For the second time this session, the opening bidder must prepare for an awkward rebid by opening 1. This opening choice allows for a more comfortable 2. rebid after partner's likely 1. response. South invites with 3. and N/S have a comfortable landing spot for their best plus score. With clubs breaking 2-2, declarer can simply discard a diamond from the South hand on the third round of spades and lose

one heart, one diamond and one club. If the trumps had broken worse, declarer would need to rely on a double diamond finesse.

430	98
400	89
210	82
180	80
150	71
130	54
120	33
110	23
100	21
50	20
-50	12
-100	4
-150	3
-470	1
	0

Results of Board 18

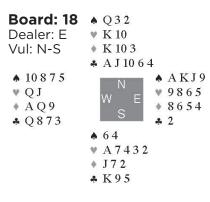
Results of Board 17

MPS

100

Scores

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West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1 👫	Dbl	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2 👫
Pass	Pass	2	Pass
Pass	3 .	All Pa	SS

3♣ by North

West could open this hand 1♣ and the auction would proceed differently. This is a style decision. In the end we decided that with ♥Q J doubleton, West would not be unhappy if the hand got passed out.

East is a passed hand with the perfect shape for a stretchy double and now E/W get to find a spade fit. When it gets back to South they can deduce that partner has five clubs – North has at most two hearts (no support double) and likely only three spades; if they were 4-4 in the minors, they would have opened 1♠ – and compete. East would now balance 2♠ (law of total tricks with eight trumps). Alas, South's brilliant deduction on this hand may also lead North to assume a nine-card club fit and compete to the three level. Note that East could win this competitive battle by simply raising partner's 1♠ to 2♠. South would no longer be able to give partner a bump in clubs and therefore E/W would win the auction in 2♠.

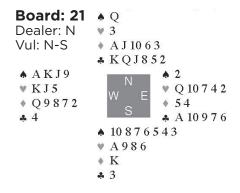
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Scores	MPS
	100
210	99
200	98
180	97
150	93
130	90
120	87
110	77
100	64
90	55
50	44
PASS	36
-80	35
-100	33
-110	23
-140	8
-170	3
-200	1
	0



Board: 20 Dealer: W Vul: Both	♦ QJ53 ♥ QJ985 ♦ 82		West 1♦ 3♣	North E 1♥ 2 All Pass	ast !♣	South 2♥	Results of Scores	f Board 20 MPS 100
			with clubetter is close and show very impone. With competer and show that is a single of the competer and th	ust choose ubs) or cue n diamond . West kno ould raise p portant to ith a minime to three k	ebid r ds). W ows a partn o show num h becau	ween 2♣ (showing 10+ points raise (2♥, showing a limit or /ith only four diamonds it bout the eight-card club fit er, even with a minimum. It's w partner a fit when we have hand, East passes 3♣. Note: use of their double fit in the fit and both North and South	730 670 500 400 300 200 170 140 100 PASS	99 97 94 87 81 76 73 69 63 53
are too bala	anced to co	ompete to th	e three le	evel.			-110 -120 -130 -150 -180	30 13 8 3 1

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West	North	East	South
	1 🚓	1♥	1 🖍
2♣	2♦	2♥	2♠
3♥	All Pas	S	

3♥ by East

North's hand is very strong. When you are 6-5 with almost all of your opening values in your two suits, you should treat this as a strong hand and bid your longer suit first. With lots of extra shape, nonvulnerable, East has enough to enter at the one level. South's 1 shows five or more cards in spades

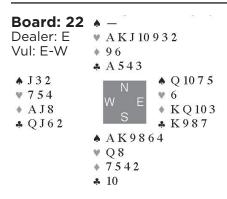
and West now has the opportunity to cuebid raise partner's suit (10+ points, at least an eight-card fit in hearts). North's 2♦ shows extra values and will almost always show six clubs. South tries to sign off in 2♠ (showing a bad hand with at least six spades) but West sees a nice push to 3♥. If West chose to pass 2♠(or double for penalty), they would get a great score as N/S have a complete misfit with everything breaking badly. North has shown their hand already and should wave the white flag after 3♥. If N/S bid any more, they could be in serious trouble.

100
99
98
97
96
95
94
92
85
70
58
52
51
46
40
39
30
21
20
14
5
2
1
0

Results of Board 21

MPS

Scores



Pass All Pas	3 ♥ s	Pass	4♥		
4 ♥ by	North				
This is Someti can sho forcing	true evolumes we come the come	en when e are goi r strengt s reason	n we oper ing to pre th. We ke . After 3	ep our ne	ively. ore partner w suits an raise to

South

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the preempt. North will lose just two diamonds in the play. They can trump one club an pitch two on the top spades.

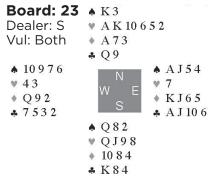
West

North East

Pass

Scores	MPS
	100
650	99
480	96
450	54
420	14
400	13
230	12
200	10
140	9
110	8
-50	5
-100	3
-150	1
	0
	650 480 450 420 400 230 200 140 110 -50 -150

Results of Board 22



West	North	East	South Pass
Pass Pass All Pass	1 ♥ 3 ♦	Dbl Pass	2♥ 3♥
3♥ by North			

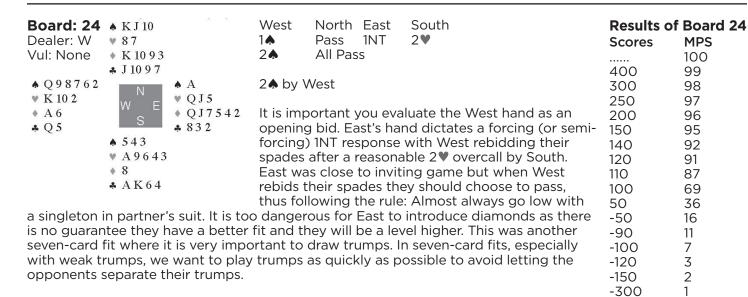
	of Board 23
Scores	MPS
	100
650	98
630	95
620	86
600	78
180	76
170	74
140	60
100	48
-100	26
-140	3
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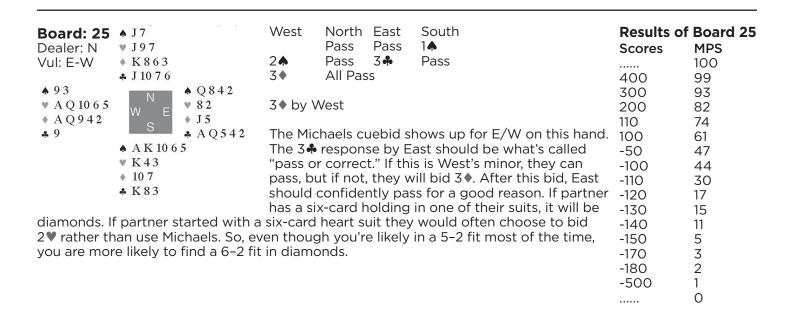
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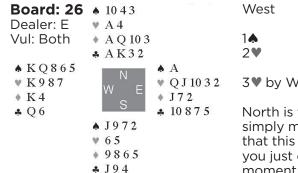
methods available for the N/S pair. If N/S have an agreement for a mixed raise (7-9 HCP with fourcard support) after an opponent's double they will definitely choose that route. If not, South should ared to compete to the three level if needed. North South is very close on this one. The shape, worst-case

The auction on this hand will depend greatly on the

raise directly and then be prepared to compete to the three level if needed. North makes a natural game try and South is very close on this one. The shape, worst-case holding in diamonds and scattered values make this slightly unattractive to accept game with. East has a terrible choice of opening leads after the 3♠ call. A singleton trump, which is usually a no-no, might be their best option. If East wastes either of their black aces without capturing North's honor, the declarer will find a 10th trick.







West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Dbl	3♥	All Pass

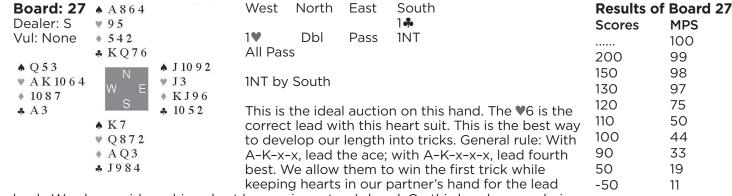
3♥ by West

North is tortured by West's opening bid of 1♠ and simply must pass to start. It's important to realize that this is likely not your last chance to bid and you just don't have anything you can bid at this moment. After another 1NT response. West shows their four-card heart suit and now North has the

perfect action: a two-suited takeout double. Alas, this was always a hand for E/W and their nine-card heart fit. We have East only bidding 3♥ on this hand but we wouldn't blame Easts for getting excited and jumping straight to 4. North can never find their way over to partner's hand so the best they can do is get four tricks against 3♥: ♣A K. A and A. At some point they must cash the A or it will go away on the spades.

Scores	MPS
	100
500	99
200	95
130	92
110	90
100	83
90	76
-90	74
-100	66
-110	56
-120	54
-140	38
-170	20
-200	13
-300	7
-400	4
-730	3
-800	2
-1100	1
	0

Results of Board 26



back. We also avoid crushing short honors in partner's hand. On this hand, surrendering the first heart tricks leads to four total tricks in the suit for west. N/S can make eight tricks on a heart lead: one heart, two spades, three clubs and two diamonds. After knocking out the ♣A, the defense cashes out their heart suit. South discards the ♦3 from their hand. Now if the defense plays a spade, declarer can jump up with the ace and take a safe diamond finesse for the overtrick.

	Scores	MPS
		100
	200	99
	150	98
	130	97
	120	75
У	110	50
y 1	100	44
	90	33
	50	19
	-50	11
g	-90	8
	-100	6
	-110	3
		0

Board: 28 Dealer: W Vul: N-S	↑ Q72 ♥ J73 ↑ AK75 ♣ A76
♦ J 10 6 ♥ K Q 6 5 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ J 4 2	W E S K 98 V - 9632 K 109853
	♦ J4 ♣ Q

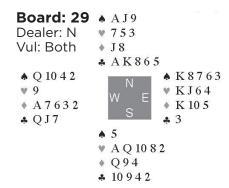
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3 \(\psi\)
Pass	4♥	All Pa	SS

4♥ by South

East may put some pressure on this auction with a 3. overcall. It's a close choice nonvulnerable. The 3♥ call by South is invitational with six or more hearts. North with a maximum plus a heart fit has an easy accept of the invitation. This was not a lucky day for N/S with the hearts breaking badly

and the ♠K offside. Don't despair 4♥ bidders, you should have a lot of good company in this contract.

	Results of Scores	Board 28 MPS
a	620 600 500 300 170 140	100 98 96 94 93 92 90 87
у	100 50 -100 -200 -300 -400 -500	86 85 52 12 3 2 1



West	North	East	South
	1 👫	1♠	Dbl
2 ♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

2♠ by East

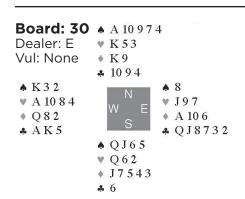
Another nice competitive auction with a lot of the basics involved. South's choice of double instead of 2♥ is very close. South doesn't quite have the values to bid 2♥ (10+ points 5+ hearts) but their club fit makes it very close to an upgrade. If South bids 2♥ it will change the trajectory of the hand considerably. South's other option is to make a

negative double with five hearts and less than 10 points. West now makes the cuebid raise of partner's suit after adding 3 dummy points for the singleton heart and spade fit. East will show a hand that can't accept a game invite and that may end the auction. South still may choose to compete to 3. pushing West to the three level. We're sure there were a lot of different auctions on this hand depending on the choices made in each seat. The double dummy says N/S can make a ton of tricks but it can see a way of playing hearts and clubs for zero losers, both of which are unlikely in practice.

Scores	MPS
	100
790	99
600	98
500	94
400	91
300	89
200	81
170	74
150	73
140	70
130	64
120	60
100	46
PASS	32
-100	29
-110	25
-140	19
-150	13
-200	11
-300	9
-500	7
-620	4
-730	2
	0

Results of Board 29

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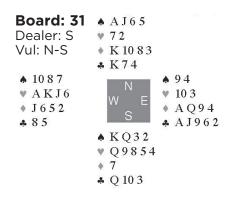
West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT by West

Our suggested auction is kind of a placeholder on this hand as so many options are on the table. Many experienced partnerships have methods to discuss minor suit holdings and those would be welcome on this hand. The real issue, for East, is that they need to know if their clubs will provide the tricks needed to make game in notrump. With this six-card suit

and at least one sure entry we are uncomfortable just signing off so we will choose to make a 3NT bid. This may keep the opponents in the dark a little more than a transfer to a minor and some other calls. Expert methods would likely see East transfer to clubs and show spade shortness, ending in 3NT via a different route.

	Scores	MPS
		100
	100	98
	50	96
	-50	94
,	-100	93
/	-110	92
n	-130	88
	-140	85
	-150	80
	-180	75
	-200	74
	-240	73
	-300	72
	-400	57
	-420	42
	-430	32
	-450	21
	-460	15
	-480	8
	-490	6
	-520	2
		0



West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ^
All Pass			

3♠ by North

North's choice of whether to open with 11 or not is made easier by being third chair. If North does rebid 1♠, South can re-evaluate their hand with their extra shape (3 dummy points for a singleton with a four-card fit) and make an invitational 3♠ bid (11-12)

dummy points). North will pass quickly and we will play 3♠. Note, modern methods may produce a 1NT rebid rather than 1♠. In that case N/S may miss their spade fit and play it right there in 1NT. East may choose to overcall an aggressive 2♣ bid over 1♠. We try to have a six-card suit to overcall a minor at the two level, unless you have a very solid opening hand. This East hand is not good enough to overcall at the two level.

itesuits of	Doar
Scores	MPS
	100
500	99
300	98
200	97
150	96
140	86
110	72
100	64
50	58
PASS	47
-90	40
-100	26
-110	13
-200	7
-300	2
-500	1
	0

Results of Board 32

MPS

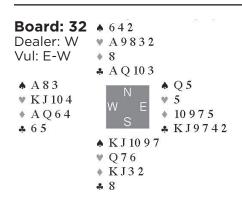
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99

Scores

530

Results of Board 31



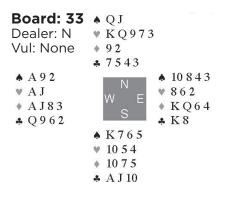
West	North	East	South
1♦	1♥	2♦	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pas	S	

3♦ by West

South has an interesting choice at their first turn to bid. They technically have enough values to make a cuebid raise of partner's hearts but, their 4 points in diamonds are likely bad cards for their side.
2♥ is enough for South initially. East can now offer up their club suit as an option and West will get

back to a known diamond fit. Both North and South will have very difficult choices as to whether or not to bid on. South may even consider a penalty double of 3. Lots of action on this one.

550	99
500	98
300	97
200	96
170	95
140	91
110	87
100	82
-50	69
-100	47
-110	34
-130	31
-150	23
-200	15
-250	12
-300	8
-500	4
-670	2
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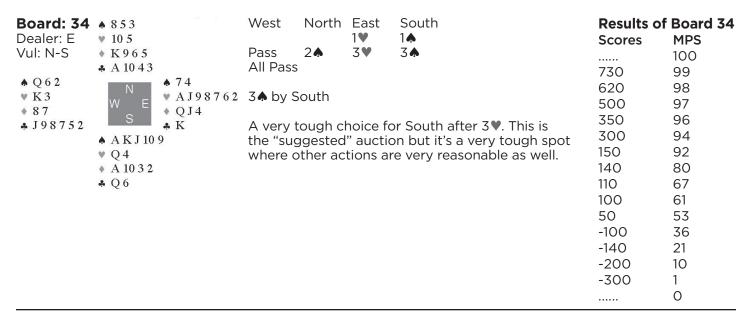
West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

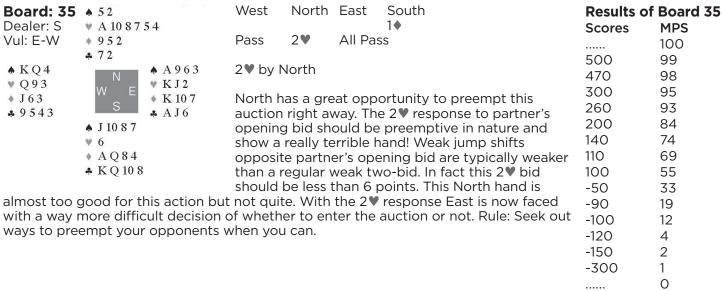
2NT by West

Standard stuff here with the Stayman bid being the only tight choice. With well placed cards (a nice four-card diamond suit) and this shape East is just strong enough for the invitational values this sequence will show. With a longer suit (five cards) and this same 16 points, West would accept the

invite to game. Here it's a pass and 2NT only. On a fourth-best heart lead, West will survive with eight tricks.

Result	s of Board 33
Scores	MPS
	100
150	98
110	97
100	91
50	75
-50	64
-90	58
-100	52
-110	47
-120	29
-130	16
-140	15
-150	10
-180	5
-400	2
	0
	•





Board: 36 • J2 Dealer: W • A K 9 8 6 2	West 1 ♠	North East 2♥ Dbl	South Pass	Results of Scores	of Board 36 MPS
Vul: Both • J2	2♠	All Pass			100
* KJ3	2 A by	\		950	99
• AK8543 • J4 • 1073	2♠ by	vvest		690	91
• Q954 W E • A10763	Notice	that West one	ns 1♠ on this hand. This is a	660	81
* 10 S * A 9 6 5			llculation. Total points + total	630	76
♠ Q 10 7 6			our two longest suits = if 20+	600	74
♥ Q 5			es may have seen a 2 nopener	200	72
* K8			strong for that action. After a	140	70
* Q8742			s a textbook 2♥ overcall and	110	69
			n aggressive negative double	100	67
(as noted) or pass. West will rebid	their spa	ades after eith	er action and that is likely	-100	61
where we will play this contract.				-110	51
				-130	44
				-140	37
				-150	31
				-200	22
				-300	9
				-500	3
				-600	2
				-870	1
					0