

Board 1 ♠ A
 North Deals ♥ J 10 9 8 7 6 3 2
 None Vul ♦ K 9 2
 ♣ 6

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

♠ 10 9 7 4 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ Q 8 7 3 2

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If North opens 3♥, East has an easy 3NT, and should make it.

If North opens 4♥, EW may have a difficult problem. East wants to make a penalty double, but many partnerships play a double of 4♥ as takeout-oriented. On this deal, if East doubles, West may take it out, converting a plus score to a minus. Perhaps East should pass 4♥, accepting a small plus score.

If North opens 1♥, East will double and later bid notrumps, then West should raise to game.

EW 4N; EW 3♠; NS 2♥; EW 3♦; EW 2♣;
 Par -430: EW 4N=

Board 2 ♠ A 9 8
 East Deals ♥ 7 2
 N-S Vul ♦ K Q J 9 8
 ♣ A 10 2

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

♠ J 10 7 3 2
 ♥ K Q 8 5
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ J 5

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NS should find their spade fit and bid to 2♠. If EW compete to 3♣, it's best for NS to defend, rather than bidding on with only an 8-card fit.

NS 2♠; NS 1N; EW 2♣; NS 1♦;
 Par +100: EW 3♣x-1

Board 3 ♠ 7 5
 South Deals ♥ J 5 2
 E-W Vul ♦ A Q 8 7 5 2
 ♣ 7 4

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

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

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If South opens 1♦, West will double and EW will find their club fit.

If South opens 1♣, it's harder for EW. Have you discussed how West shows this hand after passing over 1♣?

If NS play in 3♦, they will probably make it, though there is a double-dummy defence to beat it. If EW compete to 4♣, it takes a spade ruff to beat it.

E 4♣; E 2♠; W 3♣; NS 2♦; W 1♠; NS 1♥;
 Par -130: E 4♣=

Board 4 ♠ Q
 West Deals ♥ 7 6 5 2
 Both Vul ♦ K Q J 10 8 5
 ♣ 8 7

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

♠ J 7 2
 ♥ A Q J 9
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ Q 10 4 2

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EW may reach a thin 4♠, especially if North overcalls 3♦. In 4♠, declarer should time the play so that they can lead up to ♥K, cash one trump, ruff a heart in dummy, and then finesse in trumps, applying the **Principle of Restricted Choice**.

If NS save in 5♦, on this deal that gains a few IMPs, but it's probably better to defend and hope to beat 4♠.

EW 4♠; NS 2♥; NS 3♦; EW 2♣;
 Par -500: NS 5♦x-2

Board 5 ♠ K J 10 7
 North Deals ♥ A K Q 7 5
 N-S Vul ♦ 8 2
 ♣ J 8

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

♠ Q 6
 ♥ J 10 4
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ 10 9 5 4 2

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EW need to find a way into the auction without getting too high. In your partnership, is East allowed to double 1♥?

What does it mean if East passes 1♥ and then bids 2♠ on the next round? Does West have enough to act after 1♥-pass-2♥?

EW 2N; EW 2♠; NS 2♥; EW 3♦; EW 2♣;
 Par -120: EW 2N=

Board 6 ♠ Q J 7 4 3
 East Deals ♥ J
 E-W Vul ♦ J 9 5 2
 ♣ A J 7

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

♠ K 10 2
 ♥ A Q 9 7 3
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ 9 4

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NS will probably make 4♠.

If the defence lead clubs, declarer gets a club ruff then just loses one diamond (or one heart).

If the defence play ace and another lead trump, declarer gives up a heart, throws the club losers on the hearts, and then does one of these:
 - Sets up the hearts (notice the heart small cards)
 - Plays diamonds, to only lose one trick, and make three tricks.

The best defence is to lead a trump and duck it. Now declarer might play a second trump. If East wins and plays a club to the queen, declarer can duck that, and get the club ruff. Another possible plan is for declarer to give up a heart at trick two; after that, declarer may or may not make.

NS 4♠; NS 2N; NS 2♥; N 3♦; S 2♦; EW 1♣;
 Par +420: NS 4♠=

Board 7 ♠ 10 7 2
 South Deals ♥ QJ 4 2
 Both Vul ♦ K 10 9 2
 ♣ 10 8

♠ A 9
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ J 8 5
 ♣ A K J 7 4 3

♠ K 8 5 4 3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ Q 6 5 2

♠ Q J 6
 ♥ A 10 9 8 6 5
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ 9

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EW have nine tricks in 3NT, but can they reach it after South opens 1♥ and North raises?

EW 3N; EW 3♠; EW 4♣; NS 2♥; NS 1♦;
 Par -500: NS 4♥x-2

Board 8 ♠ K J 7 5 4
 West Deals ♥ Q J 5
 None Vul ♦ —
 ♣ A Q J 8 7

♠ 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ K Q J 9 8 7 6 2
 ♣ K 10 4

♠ A 10 8
 ♥ 9 6 4 3
 ♦ 10 5 4 3
 ♣ 6 5

♠ Q 9 6 3
 ♥ K 10 8 7 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ 9 3 2

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Both sides have to judge how high to compete. West will compete to 5♦ rather than defend 4♠.

If South has promised four-card spade support, North will know to compete to 5♠. Now EW will probably defend, as they each have some defensive cards. In fact, bidding 6♦ would gain slightly.

NS 5♠; NS 5♥; EW 4♦; NS 4♣;
 Par +300: EW 6♦x-2

Board 9 ♠ J 9 8 7
 North Deals ♥ 2
 E-W Vul ♦ J 10 8 7 6 4
 ♣ K 9

♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ K J 8 7 4 3
 ♦ 9
 ♣ J 8 2

♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ 10 9 6 5
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ Q 10 6

♠ A K 3
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ A 7 5 4 3

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NS 6♦; NS 4♠; NS 3♣; S 1N; EW 1♥;
 Par +920: NS 6♦=

Board 10 ♠ K 4 2
 East Deals ♥ K 9
 Both Vul ♦ A J 9 7 3
 ♣ A 8 6

♠ J 10 9 3
 ♥ Q 10 7
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ Q 9 5

♠ A Q 7 6
 ♥ J 8 5 4
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ K 10 3

♠ 8 5
 ♥ A 6 3 2
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ J 7 4 2

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NS 2N; NS 3♦; NS 2♣; N 1♠; N 1♥;
 Par +120: NS 1N+1

Board 11 ♠ J 8 6 2
 South Deals ♥ K 10 7
 None Vul ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ 9 4 3

♠ K Q 5 4 3
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ Q 9 3
 ♣ A 7 2

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ J 6 5 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 6

♠ A 10
 ♥ A J 9 4 3
 ♦ K 10 4
 ♣ K J 5

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S 4♥; NS 3N; N 3♥; NS 2♠; NS 2♦; NS 2♣;
 Par +420: S 4♥=

Board 12 ♠ J 5 4 3
 West Deals ♥ A 5 3
 N-S Vul ♦ Q J 7 4
 ♣ Q 3

♠ K Q 10 8 6
 ♥ K Q 9
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ 9 2

♠ A 2
 ♥ J 10 8
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ A K 10 8 6 5

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 7 6 4 2
 ♦ K 10 9 6
 ♣ J 7 4

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EW 4♠; EW 3N; EW 5♣; EW 3♥; EW 1♦;
 Par -420: EW 4♠=

Board 13 ♠ A 9 8 5 2

North Deals ♥ 8 6 3 2

Both Vul ♦ J 4

♣ Q 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ Q 9

♦ K 5 3

♣ A K 7 6 3



♠ 6 4

♥ A J 5

♦ A Q 9 8 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ K Q 10

♥ K 10 7 4

♦ 10 7 6

♣ 10 9 4

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EW 5♦; EW 4♣; EW 2N; NS 1♠; NS 1♥;

Par -600: EW 5♦ =

Board 14 ♠ Q J 8 4

East Deals ♥ A Q 10 7

None Vul ♦ J 9

♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 10 9 5

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ A

♣ 10 9 8 6



♠ K 7

♥ 5 4 3

♦ K Q 8 7 3

♣ A Q J

♠ 6 3 2

♥ K 2

♦ 10 6 5 4 2

♣ K 4 2

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EW 3♣; EW 1N; EW 2♦; EW 1♠; EW 1♥;

Par -110: EW 2♣+1

Board 15 ♠ J 9 8 4

South Deals ♥ 9 4

N-S Vul ♦ A K J 9 7 5

♣ 9

♠ A Q 6

♥ A J 10 7 3

♦ 4

♣ A J 6 4



♠ K 7 5 3 2

♥ Q 5

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 5 3

♠ 10

♥ K 8 6 2

♦ 10 8 3

♣ K 10 8 7 2

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EW 4♠; EW 3N; EW 3♥; EW 3♣; S 2♦;

N 1♦; Par -420: EW 4♠ =

Board 16 ♠ K 6 4
 West Deals ♥ 7 6
 E-W Vul ♦ Q J 9 7 3
 ♣ K 10 2

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

	♠ J 8 2
9	♥ J 8 2
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9	♣ 9 4

EW 5♠; EW 5♥; EW 5♣; EW 2N;
 Par -650: EW 4♥+1; EW 4♠+1

Board 17 ♠ 4
 North Deals ♥ A 8 3 2
 None Vul ♦ 3 2
 ♣ K J 10 8 5 2

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

	♠ K J 10 9 5 2
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6	♣ 6 4

EW 6♦; EW 4N; E 4♥; W 3♥; EW 2♠;
 W 2♣; E 1♣; Par -920: EW 6♦ =

Board 18 ♠ K 8 7 5 2
 East Deals ♥ J 8 6 2
 N-S Vul ♦ K J 4
 ♣ J

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

	♠ 10 9 4 3
9	♥ —
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NS 5♠; EW 2♥; NS 3♣; NS 1♦;
 Par +650: NS 5♠ =