

Board 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

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

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

North holding 16 HCP and a nice 5 card suit will accept the game invite from South. Declarer will start work on clubs and spades to come to 9 tricks. East can beat the contract with a diamond shift but that is not clear cut and will likely just continue attacking hearts. On the Queen of hearts West should give count in hearts at trick one. When defending 3 NT if you can not beat honor in dummy or partners card then try to give count. In standard carding a low card would show an odd number of cards and high card will show a even number of cards.

Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

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

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 10 8 7 3 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K

EW 5♦; EW 4♣; EW 2N; NS 2♥; NS 1♠; Par -400: EW 5♦=

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

1. Negative = 4 Spades , Competing Values
2. Reverse , Forcing, Club is Longest Suit

East will get aggressive with their nice 15 count and 6-5 in the minors. They will probably open 1 ♣ planning to reverse in diamonds. East/West should find their diamond fit and give 5 ♦ a try although playing in 3 NT is not unreasonable. On a heart lead East can discard their spade loser on the king of hearts, although there still work to be done in club suit to hold it to just 1 loser.

Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul

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

NS 3N; NS 3♦; NS 2♣; NS 1♠; Par +600; NS 3N=

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	1 NT	All pass	

West should be reluctant to rebid their spade suit with such poor spot cards opposite a partner who could not respond. West needs to keep in mind the vulnerability minus 200 is rarely a good score at matchpoints. North/South will probably land in 1 NT but might play either minor. In any contract they will lose 2 hearts and 2 clubs.

Board 5
 North Deals
 N-S Vul

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

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

EW 5♠; EW 5♥; EW 2N; NS 3♣; NS 2♦;
 Par -450: EW 4♥+1; EW 4♠+1

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

1. Jacoby 2 NT, 4+ spades Game Forcing
2. Singleton Club

East/West might not be playing Jacoby 2 NT but all roads should lead to 4 ♠. East/West should be able to stop in 5 ♠ even if they get aggressive. An opening club lead will see declarer make 12 tricks while a diamond lead holds declarer to 11.

Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

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

W 2♠; NS 1N; E 1♠; NS 1♥; NS 1♦; NS 1♣; Par -100; NS 2N×-1

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

East/West should have a straight forward path to reach 2 ♠. Declarer will be unhappy with all their finesses losing and will go down 1, maybe even down 2 if they wind up with a diamond loser.

Board 7
 South Deals
 Both Vul

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

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


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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 NT	Pass	All pass

North does really have a proper response to 1 ♦ . Sometimes hands with long minors will get treated as balance because there is no better bid. Note North can not bid 2 ♣ as that is game forcing in a 2/1 system. South might rebid their 5 card diamond suit but they should note North is mark with at least 4+ clubs on this auction (at most 3 cards in each major, less than 4 diamonds) . East might overcall 2 ♥ but E/W are vulnerable. Declarer will probably end up with 8 tricks, (6 Clubs, diamond, 1 heart).

Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

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

W 1N; NS 2♦; EW 2♣; EW 1♠; Par +90; NS 2♦=

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

1. Responsive (aka Takeout DBL)

North will likely raise diamonds but they do have another option by making take-out double. All take-out doubles show the same thing, support for the unbid majors (usually 4 cards) and competing values. When the advancer (partner of the overcaller) makes a take-out double this is technically called a responsive double. Either 3 ♣ or 3 ♦ are the likely final contracts. Clubs will make 9 tricks while diamonds will go down either 1 or 2 tricks. South in a diamonds should try to score as ruffs in the North hand instead of going for the trump finesse. Ruffing in the hand with short trump generates extra tricks, ruffing in the hand with long trump does not.

Board 9
 North Deals
 E-W Vul

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

♠ A K 9 3 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ K 10 2
♣ Q 2

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

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

1. Limit Raise or better in spades

North will want to show their values to South by making a cuebid to show a limit raise or better in spades. South will want to sign off in 3 ♠ but with 5 trumps North will drive to game. In the play declarer will have to guess both the heart suit and the diamond suit correct to make their contract.

Board 10
 East Deals
 Both Vul

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

♠ 10 8 6 5	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ K 7		♥ K 7
♦ A K J 3		♦ A K J 3
♣ K 8 7		♣ K 8 7

EW 3♥; EW 2N; NS 1♦; Par -140; EW 1♥+2

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

East/West should land in a normal heart contract and will take 3 finesses and only 1 will work to make 9 tricks.

Board 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ 8 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; 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	♠ K
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W E					
S					
♥ Q 6		♥ A K 8 2			
♦ A Q 3 2		♦ K 10 7 5			
♣ A K 8 5 4		♣ Q J 3 2			

E 3N; EW 3♥; W 2N; EW 1♠; EW 1♣; Par -400: E 3N=

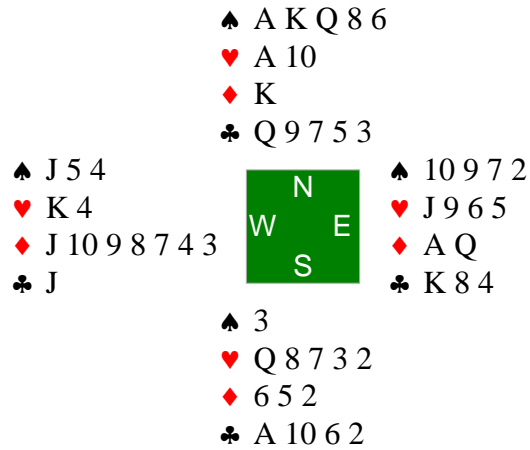
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2♥ ¹	Dbl ²	Pass
Pass	Rdbl ³	Pass	2♠

All pass

1. Spades
2. Lead Directing, 4+ Hearts
3. Asking partner to take the Transfer

South with 15 HCP will want to show their strength by opening 1 NT. If they open 1♦ or 1♣ it will become hard later in the auction to show this HCP strength. East with AKxx in hearts will have no problem making a lead directing heart bid. East might make a second takeout double by double 2♠ and West will likely convert the takeout double to penalty.

Board 12
 West Deals
 N-S Vul



NS 4N; NS 4♠; NS 5♣; NS 3♥; EW 1♦; Par +630: NS 4N=

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

1. Strong hand with spades

If West passes initially North/South will have no problem finding their club fit and might even land in game. If West does preempt North make a takeout double and then bid spades to show a strong hand with a spade suit. South with a singleton spade will pass. Declarer will come to nine tricks unless they smother ♣ J.

Board 13
 North Deals
 Both Vul

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

EW 4♦; EW 4♣; NS 2♠; NS 2♥; Par -130: EW 3♣+1; EW 3♦+1

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	3♥
Dbl	Pass	4♦	All pass

West might just bid their club suit but doubling brings diamonds and spades into the picture. In both diamonds declarer should have just three losers to make their contract.

Board 14
 East Deals
 None Vul

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

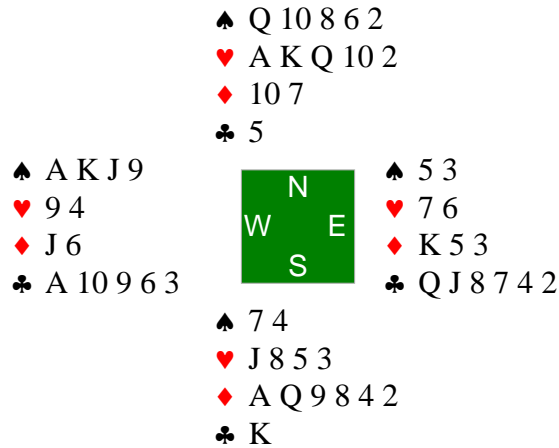
EW 4♥; EW 3N; E 3♠; W 2♠; EW 1♦; Par -420: EW 4♥=

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT ¹	Pass
2 ♥	All pass		

1. Forcing

The common premise is that declarer will often play a 5-2 fit better than a 4-3 fit. This is one of the reasons we correct 2♣ & 2♦ to 2 Major when holding 2 card support in partners major. East could correct hearts back to spades for this reason or they could pass hearts hoping partner was 5-5 initially. West will likely lose 1 club, 2 spades and 2 hearts and make 8 tricks.

Board 15
 South Deals
 N-S Vul



NS 4♥; NS 2♠; NS 3♦; EW 3♣; Par +300; EW 5♣×-2

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

1. Michaels, Both Majors

South might preempt in diamonds despite holding a 4 card major and North/South will lose the heart fit in the auction. If North is not playing Michaels (a convention to show a 2 suit handed by the overcaller) they should plan to bid 1 ♠ and then rebid hearts. East with 6 clubs will take the push to the 4-level. If North/South go to the 4-Level they will make 10 tricks with the diamond finesse working. East/West in clubs will have 4 losers (2 diamonds and 2 hearts)

Board 16
 West Deals
 E-W Vul

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

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

NS 5♥; NS 4N; NS 2♠; EW 2♣; Par +450; NS 4♥+1

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

All pass

1. Reverse Bergen, 4 trumps, 10-12 points

North with a nice 11 count could start the auction with 1 ♥ instead of South. 4 ♥ should play itself and there is always two spade losers on this hand.

Board 17
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

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

EW 7♥; EW 6N; EW 5♠; EW 4♣; EW 2♦; Par -1510; EW 7♥=

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

1. Keycard
2. 2 No Queen of Hearts
3. All the keycards, king ask
4. No ♣ K , No ♦ K

The East hand has no perfect home but 10 cards in both majors, 2 and half quick tricks, and a easy rebid the best bid is probably 1 ♠. West will be surprise their partner open the bidding and make a game forcing 2 ♥ response. Note that bidding 2 ♥ by West shows 5+ hearts, with just 4 hearts West should bid either 2 ♣ or 2 ♦. West will have no problem driving to slam.

Board 18
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

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

♠ 10 7
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 9 8 3

W 5N; W 5♠; E 4N; E 4♠; EW 4♣; W 3♦; E 2♦; NS 1♥;
 Par -460: W 3N+2

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

1. Spades

East with a nice balance 21 count with 3 spades will likely correct a 3 NT to 4 ♠. There is 11 tricks in a spade contract after a normal high diamond lead but likely only 10 in notrump.

Board 19
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

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

NS 2♠; NS 3♣; EW 2♦; EW 1♥; Par +110: NS 2♠=; NS 3♣=
West *North* *East* *South*
 Pass Pass 1 NT Pass
 Pass Pass 1 NT All pass

A boring auction will see East land in 1 NT. South will likely lead a 4th best club and the defenders will take the first 4 club tricks. The defenders can beat the contract if they find a heart switch but this is not easy. Most declares will get 5 diamonds, 1 heart, 1 spade to make 1 NT.

Board 20
 West Deals
 Both Vul

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

NS 5♠; NS 4♣; EW 2♥; NS 3♦; NS 1N; Par +650: NS 4♠+1

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	2♣	All pass	

North might chose to double instead of making a club overcall. If North doubles than North/South will find their spade fit and likely land in 4♠. North will likely take 11 tricks in either spades or clubs.

Board 21
 North Deals
 N-S Vul

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

♠ K Q
♥ Q 9 6 5 2
♦ J 10 7
♣ 10 5 2

EW 3♦; EW 2♣; EW 1♠; EW 1♥; Par -110; EW 1♦+2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1 NT ¹	Pass	2♥	Pass
2 NT ²	All pass		

1. Forcing
2. Invitational

Most pairs will not be able to show both minors with a invitational values. In most partnership West can either show a long diamond suit by bidding 3♦ to play or 10-12 points by bidding 2 NT. Declarer will have a hard time making tricks on this hand and go down 1,2, or even 3 tricks.