

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 8 7 4

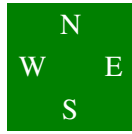
♣ A 8 6

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q 9 5 3

♦ K Q 6 3

♣ Q 9



♠ Q

♥ J 8 4

♦ J T 2

♣ K J T 5 4 3

♠ A J T 7 4

♥ K T 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♥

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by North

Baker 2over1 6

South opens 1♠ and North, with 14 points, responds 2♥. Note that North is not permitted to make this bid without a 5-card or longer ♥ suit.

South, knowing that North has 5, bids 3♥ to confirm the trump suit.

North has a minimum strength hand with no slam aspirations, so he uses Fast Arrival and bids 4♥. South is also satisfied to just play at game.

2/1 is a good bidding method, and here, 4♥ is a good contract. But you can see that it is not a laydown - there is no bidding system that will always reach T0% contracts. In this hand a 3-3 ♦ split will provide the Tth trick, or if that fails, taking 2 ♠ finesses provides a 75% chance of success.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

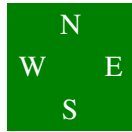
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 ♥ A K 7 5
 ♦ K 7 6 2
 ♣ K Q T 6

♠ Q 4 3

♥ J 6 4

♦ Q T 8

♣ J 9 7 2



♠ J T 8

♥ Q 2

♦ A J 9 5 3

♣ 5 4 3

♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ T 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All Pass

4 ♥ by East

Baker 2over1 7

East has 13 points and naturally opens 1 ♠.

West, with 15 points, would bid 2 ♥ in standard bidding, but with 2/1 this promises a 5-card suit. So instead, West responds 2 ♣, forcing the partnership to game. Note that holding two 4-card minors West bids them up-the-line, just as in standard bidding.

East has a nice 6-card ♠ suit, so you might think he would rebid them. But Opener's first responsibility with his second bid is to show a 4-card Major if he has one. This isn't much of a suit, but East still bids 2 ♥.

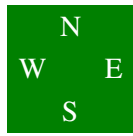
You can see why it is important for Opener to show a 4-card Major. Since West couldn't bid ♥s in her first response the fit would have been lost if East had not mentioned the suit. West now confirms the trump suit with a 3 ♥ bid, and East shows his minimum by just bidding the game.

Board 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6



♠ Q J T 6
♥ J T 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J T 7
♣ K 9 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

partnership to reach a game somewhere.

Baker 2over1 8

North opens 1 ♥, his 5-card Major. South, with 14 points, naturally responds 2 ♦, forcing the partnership to game.

North next bids 2 ♠, showing the other Major suit. In standard bidding North would not be able to bid the ♠s since that would be a Reverse and North is far too weak to Reverse. But after a 2/1 Response the concept of a Reverse does not apply, and the priority of showing a 4-card Major certainly does apply.

South assumes North to be 4-5 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She bids 2NT. If North actually has 6 ♥s (or 5 ♠s) he will rebid the suit. South's 2NT bid guarantees a stopper in the fourth suit.

North does not have either 6 ♥s or 5 ♠s so he just bids 3NT. Notice that North never once considered the possibility of passing what might be a misfit - the initial 2/1 response unconditionally forced the

Board 4

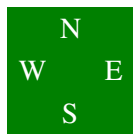
West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ Q 7

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

♠ Q T 6 5 3	
♥ K 5 2	
♦ Q T 2	
♣ 5 3	



West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3 NT by West

Baker 2over1 9

West opens 1 ♠, his 5-card Major. East, with 14 points, responds 2 ♣, a 2/1 force to game.

West next bids 2 ♥, showing the other Major suit.

East assumes West to be 5-4 in the Majors, so she cannot support either. She cannot bid 2NT without a stopper in ♦s. So East bids the fourth suit, 3 ♦, telling West she knows she must make a bid, but can't find anything appropriate.

West now must find a bid. His choices include rebidding the 5-card ♠s, supporting East's ♣s with a doubleton Queen, or bidding 3NT with the ♦ K 6 as a stopper. He chooses this last option. It appears that 3NT is the best game for these two hands.

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ T 5

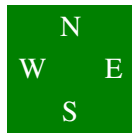
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♠ A 4

♥ K J T 8 6 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7



♠ Q

♥ -

♦ A J 9 7 6 3 2

♣ 9 5 4 3 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♥

Pass

1♠

Pass

3♠

Pass

3♥

Pass

4NT

Pass

4♣

Pass

6♥

Pass

5♥

6♥ by North

Baker 2over1 10

South opens 1♠, her 5-card Major and North responds 2♥. South knows this is a 5-card suit, and bids 3♥, confirming the 8+card trump fit.

Once the trump fit is known, North revalues his hand to about 19 points. He makes a slam try with a control-showing bid of 3♠. He knows South won't take this as ♠ support since the partnership has agreed that ♥s are going to be trumps.

South now shows her control by bidding 4♣.

That was what North needed to hear; when Blackwood uncovers two Aces he bids 6♥.

The slam is a good one. If either the ♠Q or ♣K is right there are 12 tricks by way of a finesse. But the best way to play the hand would be to try to establish a ♠ in the South hand, and if that fails try the ♣ finesse.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A 8 6

♠ 6 5
♥ A Q 9 5 3
♦ K Q 6 3
♣ Q 9

N
W E
 S

♠ Q
♥ J 8 4
♦ J T 2
♣ K J T 5 4 3

♠ A J T 7 4
♥ K T 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ 7 2

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

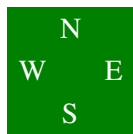
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♠ Q 4 3

♥ J 6 4

♦ Q T 8

♣ J 9 7 2



♠ A K 9 6 5 2

♥ T 9 8 3

♦ 4

♣ A 8

♠ J T 8

♥ Q 2

♦ A J 9 5 3

♣ 5 4 3

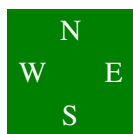
Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6



♠ Q J T 6
♥ J T 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J T 7
♣ K 9 7

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 6

♣ Q 7

♠ J

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A J 8 4 3

♣ T 9 8 4



♠ K 8

♥ J T 7

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A K J 6 2

♠ Q T 6 5 3

♥ K 5 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 5 3

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ T 5

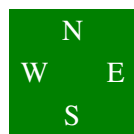
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♥ K J T 8 6 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7



♠ Q

♥ -

♦ A J 9 7 6 3 2

♣ 9 5 4 3 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 8 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q 9 5 3

♦ K Q 6 3

♣ Q 9



♠ Q

♥ J 8 4

♦ J T 2

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♠ A J T 7 4

♥ K T 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

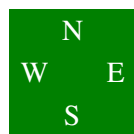
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♥ J 6 4

♦ Q T 8

♣ J 9 7 2



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♦ 4

♣ A 8

♠ J T 8

♥ Q 2

♦ A J 9 5 3

♣ 5 4 3

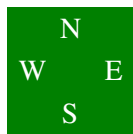
Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6



♠ Q J T 6
♥ J T 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J T 7
♣ K 9 7

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 6

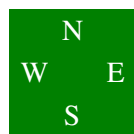
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♠ J

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A J 8 4 3

♣ T 9 8 4



♠ K 8

♥ J T 7

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A K J 6 2

♠ Q T 6 5 3

♥ K 5 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 5 3

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ T 5

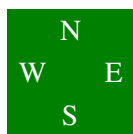
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♠ A 4

♥ K J T 8 6 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7



♠ Q

♥ -

♦ A J 9 7 6 3 2

♣ 9 5 4 3 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 8 7 4

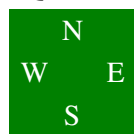
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♣ Q 9



♠ Q

♥ J 8 4

♦ J T 2

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♠ A J T 7 4

♥ K T 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K 7 6 2
♣ K Q T 6

♠ Q 4 3
♥ J 6 4
♦ Q T 8
♣ J 9 7 2



♠ A K 9 6 5 2
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ 4
♣ A 8

♠ J T 8
♥ Q 2
♦ A J 9 5 3
♣ 5 4 3

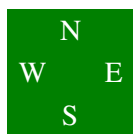
Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6



♠ Q J T 6
♥ J T 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J T 7
♣ K 9 7

Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 6

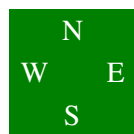
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♠ J

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A J 8 4 3

♣ T 9 8 4



♠ K 8

♥ J T 7

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A K J 6 2

♠ Q T 6 5 3

♥ K 5 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 5 3

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ T 5

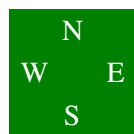
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♠ Q

♥ -

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♣ 9 5 4 3 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 8 7 4

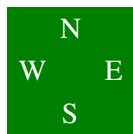
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♠ 6 5

♥ A Q 9 5 3

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♣ Q 9



♠ Q

♥ J 8 4

♦ J T 2

♣ K J T 5 4 3

♠ A J T 7 4

♥ K T 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K 7 6 2
♣ K Q T 6

♠ Q 4 3
♥ J 6 4
♦ Q T 8
♣ J 9 7 2



♠ A K 9 6 5 2
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ 4
♣ A 8

♠ J T 8
♥ Q 2
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♣ 5 4 3

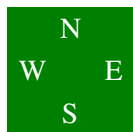
Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

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♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6



♠ Q J T 6
♥ J T 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J T 7
♣ K 9 7

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 6

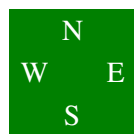
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♠ J

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♠ K 8

♥ J T 7

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A K J 6 2

♠ Q T 6 5 3

♥ K 5 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 5 3

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ T 5

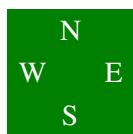
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♥ K J T 8 6 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7



♠ Q

♥ -

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♣ 9 5 4 3 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 8 7 4

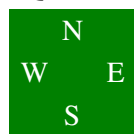
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♥ A Q 9 5 3

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♣ Q 9



♠ Q

♥ J 8 4

♦ J T 2

♣ K J T 5 4 3

♠ A J T 7 4

♥ K T 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ 7 2

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

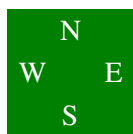
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♥ J 6 4

♦ Q T 8

♣ J 9 7 2



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♦ 4

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♠ J T 8

♥ Q 2

♦ A J 9 5 3

♣ 5 4 3

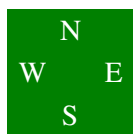
Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

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♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6



♠ Q J T 6
♥ J T 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J T 7
♣ K 9 7

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

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♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 6

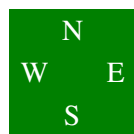
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♠ J

♥ Q 6 4

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♠ K 8

♥ J T 7

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A K J 6 2

♠ Q T 6 5 3

♥ K 5 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 5 3

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ T 5

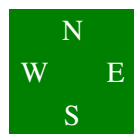
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♠ A 4

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♦ K Q

♣ 8 7



♠ Q

♥ -

♦ A J 9 7 6 3 2

♣ 9 5 4 3 2

♠ K J 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q J

Board 31

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 9 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A 8 6

♠ 6 5
♥ A Q 9 5 3
♦ K Q 6 3
♣ Q 9



♠ Q
♥ J 8 4
♦ J T 2
♣ K J T 5 4 3

♠ A J T 7 4
♥ K T 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ 7 2

Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ K 7 6 2

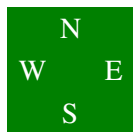
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♠ J T 8

♥ Q 2

♦ A J 9 5 3

♣ 5 4 3

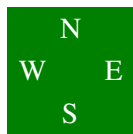
Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 2
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6



♠ Q J T 6
♥ J T 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 4
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♣ K 9 7

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 7 4 2

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K 6

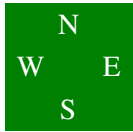
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♠ J

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♣ T 9 8 4



♠ K 8

♥ J T 7

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A K J 6 2

♠ Q T 6 5 3

♥ K 5 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 5 3

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ T 5

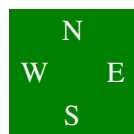
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