

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 6 3
♥ J 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q J 3 2

6
11 9
14

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 2
♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5
♣ 8 7

♠ Q 10 4
♥ A 10 9 6 5
♦ 3 2
♣ K 10 6

♠ A 8 7
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ J
♣ A 9 5 4

West North East South
3 ♦ Pass Pass

Pass
3 ♦ by North

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You estimate you can win 6 ♦ tricks so you open 3 ♦. Everybody passes.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 **6**
 9

West

Pass
3 ♠ by East

♠ A 7
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2

N
W
E
S

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

3 ♠

North
3 ♠

East
Pass

South
Pass

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have 13 points and if partner had opened with a 1 ♠ bid you'd be feeling "jumpy". But what a preemptive bidder needs from dummy are immediate winners, not points. So you pass.

Here's a pretty good tip: When partner opens with a 3-bid and you are trying to decide whether to take him to game, visualize him holding this very hand: K Q J T x x x of trumps and nothing in any other suit. Then base your decision on that.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ K 9
♦ 10 6 3
♣ J 9 8 3

¹²
9 ¹²
7

♠ J 9 8 7 3

♥ A 4 2
♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 6 4
♥ 5
♦ A K Q J 4
♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ A
♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You expect your hand to produce 5 ♥ tricks and the ♠ A. So you open 3 ♥. Partner responds 4 ♥. What do you bid?

When you preempted 3 ♥ you described your hand perfectly. You have nothing more to say except pass.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2
 ♦ 8 6 2
 ♣ 5

13
5 12
10

♠ Q J 9 5

♥ —
 ♦ A K Q J 10 5
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ A K 7 6
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ A 8 7 4

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

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

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

No matter how much we try to reduce bridge to rules and guidelines we will never get rid of the judgement factor. With this hand you definitely have 3 fast tricks for partner. In theory he can take 6 of his own, so 3 ♥ should be the right contract. BUT, maybe he could ruff a ♦ in your dummy?

Fortune favors the bold so you bid 4 ♥ . . . and live happily ever after.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠	—
♥	A J 7 5 3
♦	K J 10 8 4
♣	K 5 3

♠	K Q J 9 8 7 5 2
♥	9
♦	5 2
♣	8 7

♠	—
♥	A J 7 5 3
♦	K J 10 8 4
♣	K 5 3

W	N
E	S

♠	A 6 3
♥	K 10 4 2
♦	Q 7
♣	A Q 10 9

6	♠ 10 4
12	♥ Q 8 6
15	♦ A 9 6 3
7	♣ J 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

9 ♥s between them, they have no ♠ losers, no ♣ losers and just one ♦ loser. If they decide to finesse your partner for the ♥ Q they can make slam.

This is what preempting is all about.

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 7 estimated winners and an 8-card suit you preempt 4 ♠. And you are not going to make it. In fact you are only going to make 8 tricks so you will go down 2.

You may be wishing that you had opened just 3 ♠, rather than following the guidelines and opening at the 4-level. The problem with that thinking is that the lower your preempt, the less difficult it is for the opponent's to enter the bidding. If you had opened 3 ♠ East might have been able to make a Takeout Double and they could have found their ♥ fit. Just visualize their combined hands; they have

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 6
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ A K
♣ A 8 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

9
20 6
5
♣ K J 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by East			

♠ A 5 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 10 9 5

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 7

♠ 2

♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

If is hard to imagine any hand partner could have where the slam wouldn't be there. Maybe you should use Blackwood, just to be sure? If partner shows 1 Ace you would then bid 6 ♠. And if he shows no Aces you would then . . . bid 6 ♠ anyway. So you leave out the middle step and bid 6 ♠.

Did you think about bidding 6 NT instead? Ugh, they would have led a ♣.

Deal 7 ♠ 9 5 2
South Deals ♥ 2
Both Vul ♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5
 ♣ 8 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 7
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ J
♣ A 9 5 4

6
11 9
14

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 8 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ K 9

♦ 10 6 3

♣ J 9 8 3

N
W S E

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ A

12

9

7

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♦ A K Q J 10 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5

13
5 10

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

Deal 11 ♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

South Deals ♥ 9

None Vul ♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7

♠ —

♥ A J 7 5 3

♦ K J 10 8 4

♣ K 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 3

♥ K 10 4 2

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 10 9

6
12 15
7

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ J 6 4 2

Deal 12

West Deals	♠ A 5 4
N-S Vul	♥ J 9 3
	♦ Q 10 3
	♣ Q 10 9 5
♠ 10 6	♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ A K Q 8 5	♥ 6
♦ A K	♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 8 6 4	♣ 7
9	2
20 6	10 7 4 2
5	♦ J 7 6 5
	♣ K J 3 2

N
W E
S

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 2

♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 8 7

♠ K J 6 3

♥ J 4

♦ K 6 4

♣ Q J 3 2



♠ Q 10 4

♥ A 10 9 6 5

♦ 3 2

♣ K 10 6

♠ A 8 7

6
11 9
14

♥ K Q 8 7 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 5 4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7

♥ A 10 6 3

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ 9 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 9

♣ K Q 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4

♥ 9 7

♦ 6 5

♣ 10 4

12
13 6
9

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 8 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ K 9

♦ 10 6 3

♣ J 9 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ A

12

9

7

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 9 5

♥ —

♦ A K Q J 10 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5

N
W S E

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

13
5 12
10

♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

Deal 17 ♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

North Deals ♥ 9
None Vul ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 8 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ J 6 4 2

6
12 15
7

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 5 4

♥ J 9 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ Q 10 9 5

♠ 10 6

♥ A K Q 8 5

♦ A K

♣ A 8 6 4

W N E S

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ 7

♠ 2
9
20 6
5
♦ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

Deal 19 ♠ 9 5 2
South Deals ♥ 2
E-W Vul ♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5
♣ 8 7

♠ K J 6 3
♥ J 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q J 3 2

6
11 9
14
♠ A 8 7
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ J
♣ A 9 5 4

N
W E
S
♠ Q 10 4
♥ A 10 9 6 5
♦ 3 2
♣ K 10 6

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7

♥ A 10 6 3

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ 9 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 9

♣ K Q 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4

♥ 9 7

♦ 6 5

♣ 10 4

12
13 6
9

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

Deal 21 ♠ J 9 8 7 3

North Deals ♥ A 4 2

N-S Vul ♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ K 9

♦ 10 6 3

♣ J 9 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ A

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

12

9 12

7

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♦ A K Q J 10 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5

5
13
10
12N
W
S
E

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7

♠ —

♥ A J 7 5 3

♦ K J 10 8 4

♣ K 5 3



♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 9

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7

♠ A 6 3

♥ K 10 4 2

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 10 9

♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 6

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ J 6 4 2

6
12 15
7

Deal 24

West Deals	♠ A 5 4
None Vul	♥ J 9 3
	♦ Q 10 3
	♣ Q 10 9 5
♠ 10 6	♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ A K Q 8 5	♥ 6
♦ A K	♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 8 6 4	♣ 7
	♠ 2
20 9 6	♥ 10 7 4 2
5	♦ J 7 6 5
	♣ K J 3 2



Deal 25 ♠ 9 5 2
North Deals ♥ 2
E-W Vul ♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5
 ♣ 8 7

♠ K J 6 3
♥ J 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q J 3 2

6
11 9
14
♠ A 8 7
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ J
♣ A 9 5 4

N
W E
S
♠ Q 10 4
♥ A 10 9 6 5
♦ 3 2
♣ K 10 6

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

Deal 27 ♠ J 9 8 7 3

South Deals ♥ A 4 2

None Vul ♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ K 9

♦ 10 6 3

♣ J 9 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ A

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

12

9

7

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 9 5

♥ —

♦ A K Q J 10 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5

N
W S E

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

13
5 12
10

♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

Deal 29 ♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

North Deals ♥ 9
Both Vul ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 8 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ J 6 4 2

6
12 15
7

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 4

♥ J 9 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ Q 10 9 5

♠ 10 6

♥ A K Q 8 5

♦ A K

♣ A 8 6 4

W N E S

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ 7

9
20 6
5♠ 2
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 2

♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 8 7

♠ K J 6 3

♥ J 4

♦ K 6 4

♣ Q J 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 4

♥ A 10 9 6 5

♦ 3 2

♣ K 10 6

6
11 9
14

♠ A 8 7
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ J
♣ A 9 5 4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 6
9

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7

♠ K Q 5 2

♥ K 9

♦ 10 6 3

♣ J 9 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ A

9 12
7 12

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♦ A K Q J 10 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5

13
5 12
10

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

Deal 35 ♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

South Deals ♥ 9
E-W Vul ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 8 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ J 6 4 2

6
12 **15**
7

Deal 36

West Deals	♠ A 5 4
Both Vul	♥ J 9 3
	♦ Q 10 3
	♣ Q 10 9 5
♠ 10 6	♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ A K Q 8 5	♥ 6
♦ A K	♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 8 6 4	♣ 7
	♠ 2
20 9 6	♥ 10 7 4 2
5	♦ J 7 6 5
	♣ K J 3 2

N
W E
S