

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 3

♥ J 4

♦ K 6 4

♣ Q J 3 2

6
11 9
14

West

Pass

3 ♦ by North

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 2

♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 8 7

A green square diagram with the letters N, E, S, and W arranged in a circle, representing the four directions or players in a game.

♠ A 8 7

♥ K Q 8 7 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 5 4

North

3 ♦

East

Pass

South

Pass

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 2

East 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



♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

North

Pass

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

East

3 ♠

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 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ K 9
♦ 10 6 3
♣ J 9 8 3

12
9 12
7

West

Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ J 9 8 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7



♠ A

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

North

4 ♥

East

Pass

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

South

3 ♥

Pass

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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5

13
5 12
10

West

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ Q J 9 5

♥ —

♦ A K Q J 10 5

♣ 6 3 2

W N
S E

♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

North

Pass

Pass

East

4 ♥

South

Pass

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

6

12 15

7

West

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 9

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7



♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 6

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ J 6 4 2

North

4 ♠

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ A 6 3

♥ K 10 4 2

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 10 9

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

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.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6
 ♥ A K Q 8 5
 ♦ A K
 ♣ A 8 6 4

9
 20 6
 5

West

6 ♠

6 ♠ by East

♠ A 5 4

♥ J 9 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ Q 10 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 2

♥ 10 7 4 2

♦ J 7 6 5

♣ K J 3 2

North

Pass

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ 7

East

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

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

If it 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

South Deals

Both 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

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 6
9

♠ A 7
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2



♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W 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



♠ A

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

Deal 10

East Deals

Both 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



♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ A J 7 5 3

♦ K J 10 8 4

♣ K 5 3

6
12 15
7

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 9

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7



♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 6

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ J 6 4 2

♠ A 6 3

♥ K 10 4 2

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 10 9

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 6
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ A K
♣ A 8 6 4

9
20 6
5

♠ A 5 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ 2
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 7

Deal 13

North Deals

Both 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



♠ A 8 7

♥ K Q 8 7 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 5 4

♠ Q 10 4

♥ A 10 9 6 5

♦ 3 2

♣ K 10 6

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 6
9

♠ A 7
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2



♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S 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



♠ 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

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W 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



♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ A J 7 5 3

♦ K J 10 8 4

♣ K 5 3

6
12 15
7

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 9

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7



♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 6

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ J 6 4 2

♠ A 6 3

♥ K 10 4 2

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 10 9

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 6
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ A K
♣ A 8 6 4

9
20 6
5

♠ A 5 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ 2
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 7

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W 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

Deal 20
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ 9 2
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ K Q 8 3

12
 13 6
 9

♠ A 7
 ♥ A 10 6 3
 ♦ 10 3 2
 ♣ A 7 6 2



♠ 5 3
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 7 4
 ♣ J 9 5

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

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S 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



♠ A

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W 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



♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ —

♥ A J 7 5 3

♦ K J 10 8 4

♣ K 5 3

6
12 15
7

♠ 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

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ A K
♣ A 8 6 4

9
20 6
5

♠ A 5 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ 2
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 7

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W 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



♠ A 8 7

♥ K Q 8 7 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 5 4

♠ Q 10 4

♥ A 10 9 6 5

♦ 3 2

♣ K 10 6

Deal 26
 East Deals
 Both Vul

♠ 9 2
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ K Q 8 3

12
 13 6
 9

♠ A 7
 ♥ A 10 6 3
 ♦ 10 3 2
 ♣ A 7 6 2



♠ 5 3
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 7 4
 ♣ J 9 5

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

Deal 27

South 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



♠ A

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S 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



♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ —
♥ A J 7 5 3
♦ K J 10 8 4
♣ K 5 3

6
12 15
7

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 9

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7



♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 6

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ J 6 4 2

♠ A 6 3

♥ K 10 4 2

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 10 9

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ A K
♣ A 8 6 4

9
20 6
5

♠ A 5 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ 2
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 7

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S 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

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 6
9

♠ A 7
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2



♠ 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ J 9 5

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4

Deal 33

North 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



♠ A

♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q J 4

♣ Q 10 5 4

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S 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



♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ —
♥ A J 7 5 3
♦ K J 10 8 4
♣ K 5 3

6
12 15
7

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 9

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7



♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ J 6 4 2

♠ A 6 3
♥ K 10 4 2
♦ Q 7
♣ A Q 10 9

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 6
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ A K
♣ A 8 6 4

9
20 6
5

♠ A 5 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ 2
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ K J 3 2

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 7