

The analysis is based on *4-card Majors, Weak No-Trump (Strong NT mentioned), Transfers and Weak Two Openings in 3 suits.*

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♠ K96
 ♥ Q965
 ♦ KQ42
 ♣ Q8
 ♠ AQJ52 ♠ 108743
 ♥ 84 ♥ AKJ3
 ♦ J9 ♦ 6
 ♣ K654 ♣ AJ2
 ♠ -
 ♥ 1072
 ♦ A108753
 ♣ 10973

HCP	
12	
11	13
4	

Makeable contracts					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N		2			
S		2			
E	3		1	5	1
W	3		1	5	1

Board 5 : Dealer North : NS Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2C	2D
4S	P	P	P

2C by East over 1NT, usually shows both majors. With 7 losers opposite, with the West hand most partnerships will bid 4S. The 1NT opening will aid declarer in placing the high cards to make this contract with an overtrick.

♠ J1076
 ♥ J92
 ♦ QJ8
 ♣ AK2
 ♠ KQ95 ♠ 832
 ♥ 1043 ♥ K8
 ♦ AK1053 ♦ 72
 ♣ 5 ♣ Q98764
 ♠ A4
 ♥ AQ765
 ♦ 964
 ♣ J103

HCP	
12	
12	5
11	

Makeable contracts					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N		1	2		2
S		1	2		2
E	1				
W					

Board 6 : Dealer East : EW Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		P	P
1D	X	P	2H
P	P	P	

With 9 losers, South should not open the bidding. If North scrapes up a double on this flat hand, South still has 9 losers, but the 11 points justify a jump to 2H to show a 4+ suit and 9-11 points. The North hand has shown all its values and should not raise the 2H unless pushed by West.

After the Ace and King of Diamonds and a diamond ruff, declarer will be held to 8 tricks.

<p style="margin: 0;">♠ 95 ♥ J10985 ♦ 984 ♣ Q86</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ K876 ♠ AQ1042 ♥ AQ3 ♥ K72 ♦ 52 ♦ K10 ♣ K943 ♣ J75</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ J3 ♥ 64 ♦ AQJ763 ♣ A102</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">3</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">12</td><td style="text-align: center;">13</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">12</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td></td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>3</td><td></td><td></td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>2</td><td></td><td></td><td>3</td><td></td></tr> </table>	HCP		3		12	13	12		Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N		2	1			S		2	1			E	3			3	3	W	2			3		<p>Board 7 : Dealer South : All Vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>P</td> <td>2S</td> <td>1D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td>P</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">The key to this hand is that although East has an opening bid opposite their partner's double, the KD is more than likely in the wrong place and this hand needs to be down-graded accordingly. Any aggressive bidders will be punished on this hand as only 9 tricks are available on careful play.</p>	West	North	East	South	X	P	2S	1D	P	P		P
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HCP	
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Makeable contracts					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N			4		
S			4		
E	4	3		3	
W	4	3		3	

Board 9 : Dealer North : EW Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	P	1D	4H
X	P	5C	P
P	X	P	P
P			

South has a clear overcall of 1D and North's QS and AC contributes to 10 tricks.

If West is brave enough to double 4H for take-out, E/W will find the very good contract of 5C doubled which goes off one for a minus 200. There are some pluses in the West hand. The K and Q of Diamonds are good cards, also there is a possibility that East may have 4 spades, as there will be few hearts in the hand.

♠ 2
 ♥ 764
 ♦ QJ5
 ♣ QJ9865
 ♠ Q84 ♠ A1076
 ♥ K9 ♥ AJ108532
 ♦ K10872 ♦ 4
 ♣ 432 ♣ 7
 ♠ KJ953
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A963
 ♣ AK10

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Makeable contracts					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	4	2			
S	4	2			
E			4	1	
W			4	1	

Board 10 : Dealer East : All Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1H	1S
X	2C	4H	5C
X	P	P	P

This is an interesting hand as each player has more than one option in the bidding. East could open 4H but many players do not like this option as this type of bid should deny 4 cards in the other major. The hand is far too good for a 3H opening, with the two singletons.

If East opens 4H, then double is the best bid from South. N/S will still get to 5C; West may bid 5H but doubling 5C is best.

The defence can only take a Spade, a Heart and a Diamond trick against 5C.

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HCP	
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3	13
6	

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N	1	4		4	1
S	1	4		4	1
E			2		
W			2		

Board 27 : Dealer South : Nil All

West	North	East	South
P	1D	1H	P
3H	4S	P	P
P			

With 4144 hands it is standard to open the suit below the singleton. When 1H is overcalled, double by South should show 4S.

West may well raise to 3H, as it forces North into a difficult bid, but on this occasion only 5 losers makes it easy to bid game.

4S will make on careful play.

♠853
 ♥Q65
 ♦K94
 ♣J952
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 ♥K9832
 ♦Q103
 ♣AQ108
 ♠A74
 ♥107
 ♦J875
 ♣K743

♠KQ10962
 ♥AJ4
 ♦A62
 ♣6

HCP	
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12	14
8	

Makeable contracts					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N					
S					
E	3	4	6	6	6
W	3	4	6	6	6

Board 28 : Dealer West : NS Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1H	P	1S	P
2C	P	4H	P
P	P		

Although there are 12 tricks available in the major suits or NT, it is a poor slam missing the AS, requiring the hearts to break 3-2, and also the QH to be finessable.

N/S will be extremely unlucky if E/W have their bidding boots on and bid this slam against them.

<p style="margin: 0;">♠ 2 ♥ AK3 ♦ KQ543 ♣ AKJ6</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ 4 ♠ AQJ10875 ♥ 864 ♥ Q75 ♦ A982 ♦ J ♣ 107543 ♣ Q2</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ K963 ♥ J1092 ♦ 1076 ♣ 98</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">20</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">4 12</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">4</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td></td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td></td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	HCP		20	4 12	4	Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	2	4	3		3	S	2	4	3		3	E						W						<p>Board 29 : Dealer North : All Vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>West</i></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><i>North</i></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><i>East</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>South</i></th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1D</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3S</td> <td style="text-align: right;">P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td style="text-align: center;">P</td> <td style="text-align: right;">P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Although North has 20 HCP there is no clear two-level opening with this semi-balanced hand. North can afford to open 1D, knowing that if partner cannot raise a response then no game will be missed. East has a seven loser hand so the best pre-emptive bid when vulnerable is 3S. North now has a perfect re-opening double, which is for take-out. With 4 spades and potentially 2 spade tricks, South will leave in this double. With correct defence, North/South will collect +800 on this hand without too much work at all.</p> <p>Some Easts may overcall with 4S, so the motto of this hand is be careful what you pre-empt with when vulnerable!!</p>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>		1D	3S	P	P	X	P	P	P			
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