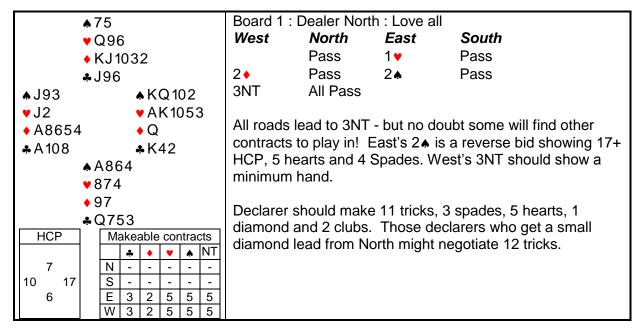
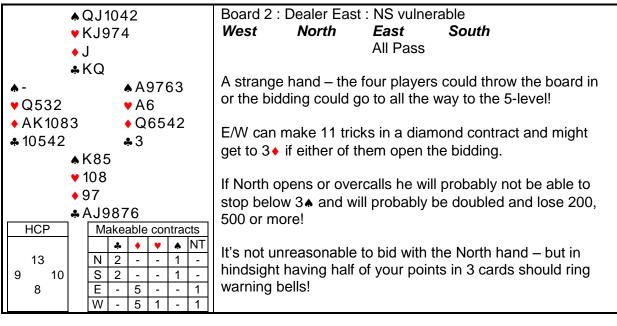
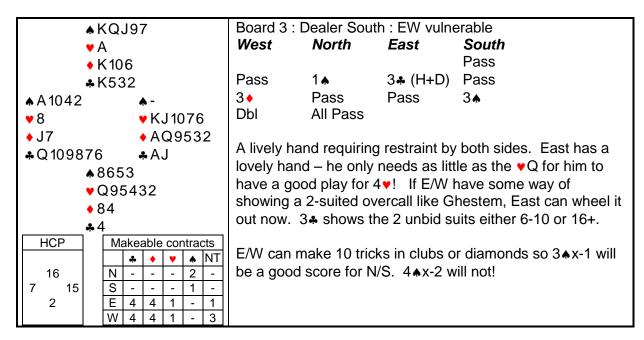
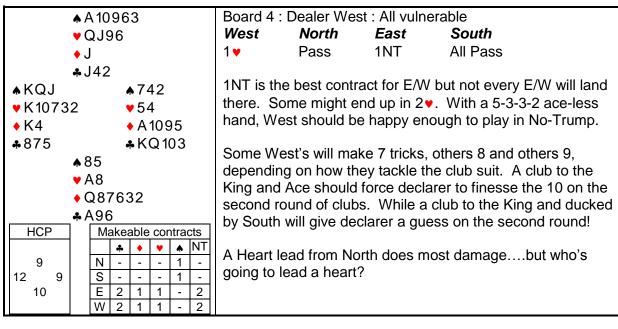
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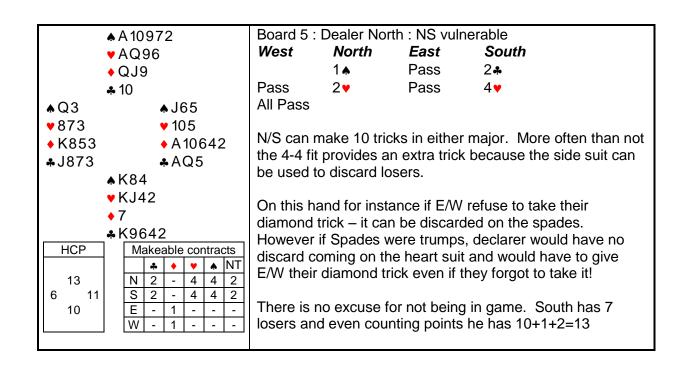
(Assuming weak NT, Transfers, 4-card majors, weak 2's) Just a few comments to help you with your post mortems

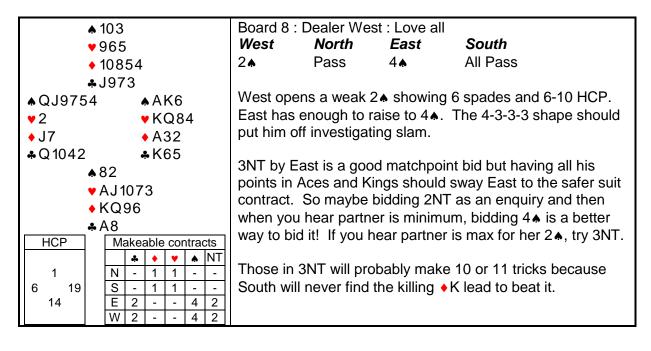


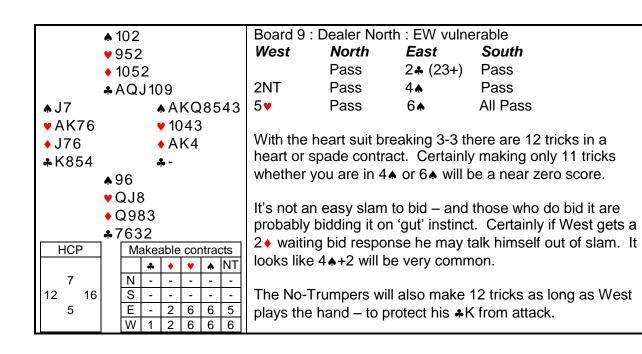


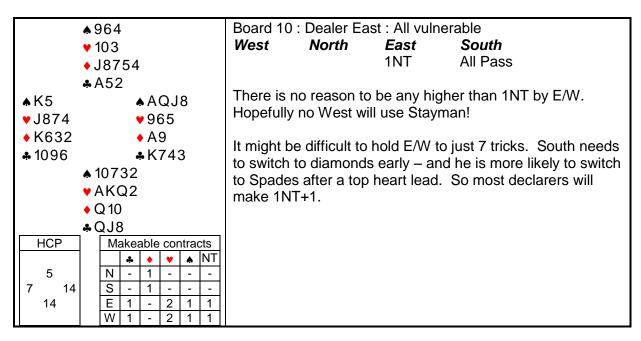


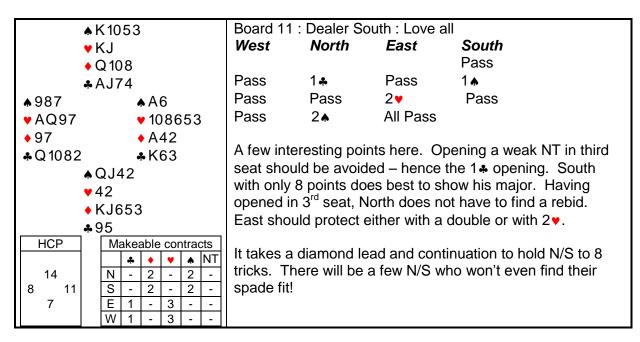


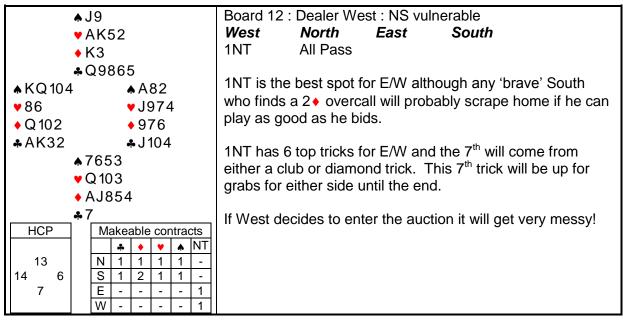


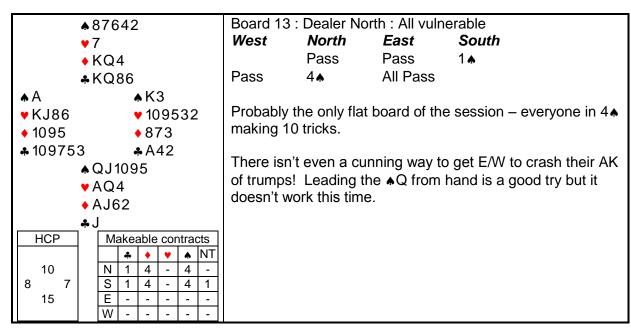


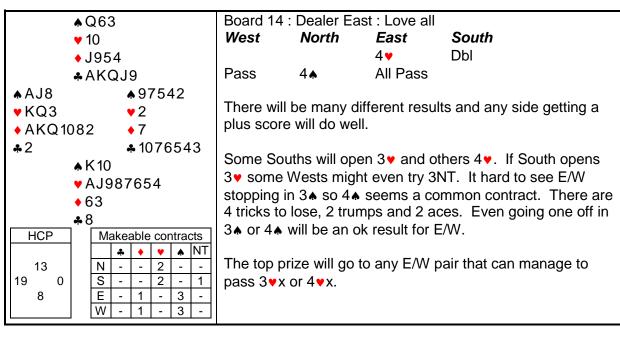


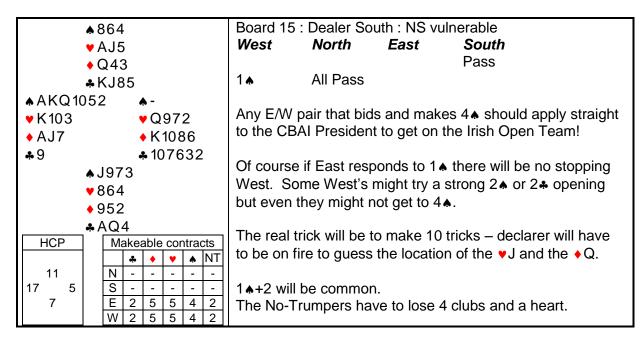


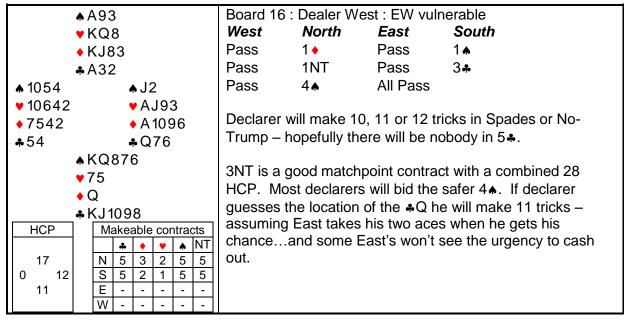


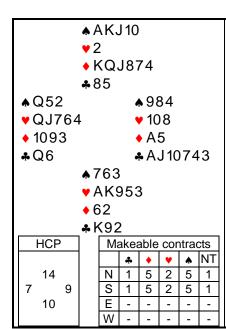








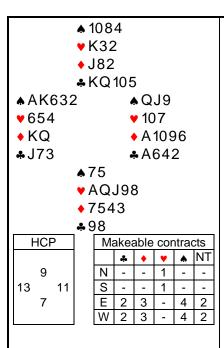




3NT will go 2 down if West leads a club but will make plus 1 or plus 2 if he doesn't. Some East's might not overcall 2\* and now West will not find the killing club lead.

5 ◆ makes an easy 11 tricks thanks to the spade finesse. Any pair bidding 4 ♠ knowing that is a 4-3 fit deserve the great matchpoint score that they will get.

Do we all play 2♥ by South here as forcing? A very important area of partnership discussion. If it is forcing, what are you going to bid next week with ♥AQJxxx and out.



Board 18 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This is a really interesting hand for declarer. A heart lead will beat 3NT - assuming North doesn't block the run of the heart suit.

4♠ is a much better contract which has 10 top tricks on a top club lead. Declarer does very well if he lets the ♣K win trick one (Bath Coup). If declarer does win trick one, he can still recover if remembers to unblock the ♠KQ before winning the third round of trumps in dummy. Now he can cash the ♠A and ♠10 for his 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tricks.

If declarer doesn't foresee this little entry problem he might lose 2 hearts and 2 clubs and go down in 4.6.

