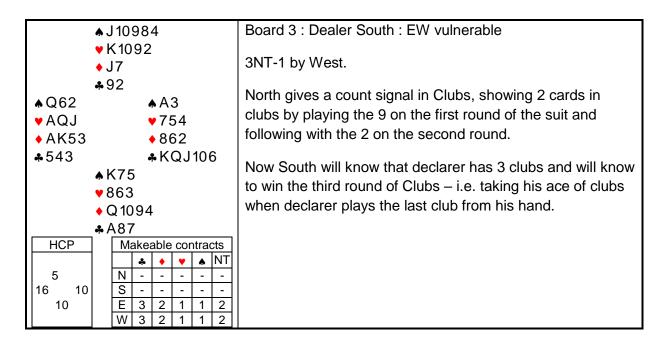
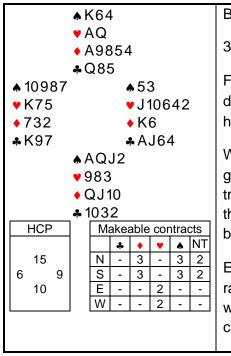
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▲2	Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all
♥KQJ10	
♦7652	4 ▲ -1 by South.
* 7542	The golden rule in defense is that we take our ace when
▲543 ▲976	The golden rule in defence is that we take our ace when
♥9872 ♥A65	declarer plays the last card from his shortest hand. There
◆Q109 ◆J84	are 4 hearts in dummy and 2 in declarer's hand – so East
♣AK9 ♣QJ108	must take his ace of hearts on the second round (not the
AKQJ108 ♠	first round and not the third round).
♥ 43	
♦ AK3	But East can't see declarer's hand – so how does he know
<u>*63</u>	that declarer has exactly 2 hearts?
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	He knows how many declarer has because his partner West
6 N 2 2 2 3 2 9 8 S 2 2 2 3 2	tells him how hearts West has! West gives a hi-lo count
17 E	signal in Hearts (showing 2 or 4 hearts) and now East knows
	that declarer also holds 2 or 4 hearts – so he holds up his ♥A
	until the second round.

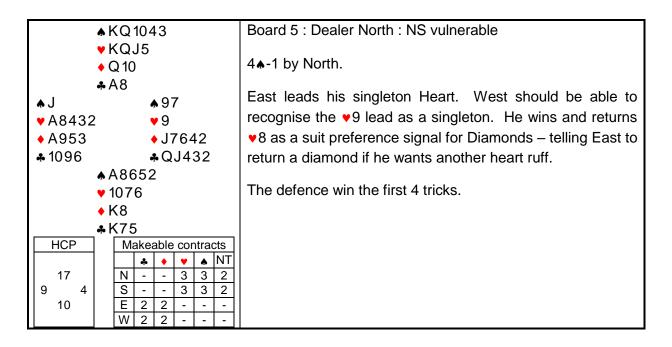
▲42					Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable
♥ A 10 ♦ Q 98					3NT-1 by East.
▲A72 ▲865 ♥Q65	≜ ▲ A ♥ K				North takes his aces in clubs when declarer plays his last club from the short hand i.e. on the second round.
 743 ♣QJ106 ▲J109 ₹73 	♦ A ♣ K 973		2		South tells North how many cards he himself holds in clubs by giving a count signal. South shows 4 clubs by playing hi- lo when following suit i.e. 9 followed by the 3.
◆ J 10 ◆ 984	3 akeable	e cor	ntra	cts	Now North knows to win the second round of Clubs and North also knows not to allow declarer's queen of hearts become
	* •	•		NT	an entry to the clubs i.e. North must keep his ace of clubs to
10 N		-	-	-	beat dummy's queen of hearts and must not release his v A
5 23 <u>S</u>		-	-	-	when declarer tempts him with his \mathbf{v} K or \mathbf{v} J.
2 <u>E</u> W	2 3 2 3	3 3	2	3 3	

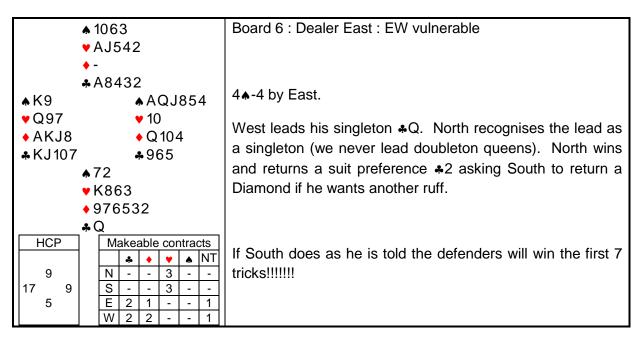


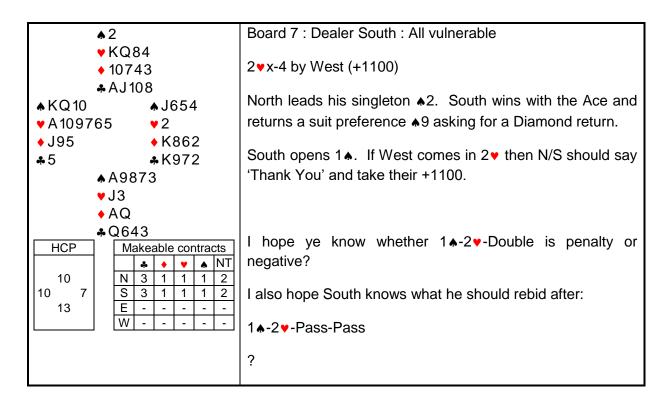


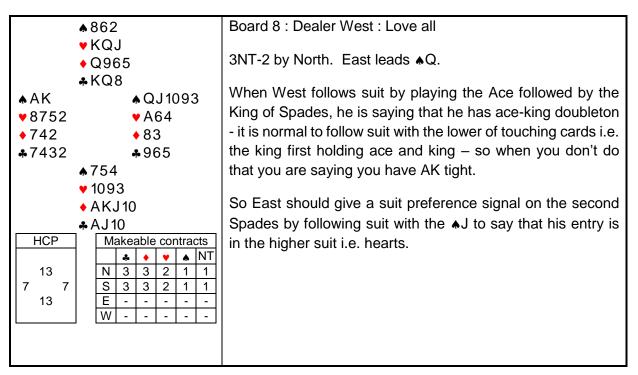
	Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable
	3NT-1 by North.
2	From West's play of the \mathbf{v} K at trick one, East knows that declarer has \mathbf{v} AQ (West would follow suit with the \mathbf{v} Q if he held \mathbf{v} KQ).
acts	West gives a count signal in Diamonds so that when East gets in with the \bullet K, he should be able to count declarer's tricks as being 4 Spades, 2 Hearts and 4 Diamonds and therefore know to switch to Clubs to have any chance of beating the contract.
3 2	East switches to the ♣4 to let West know to return a Club

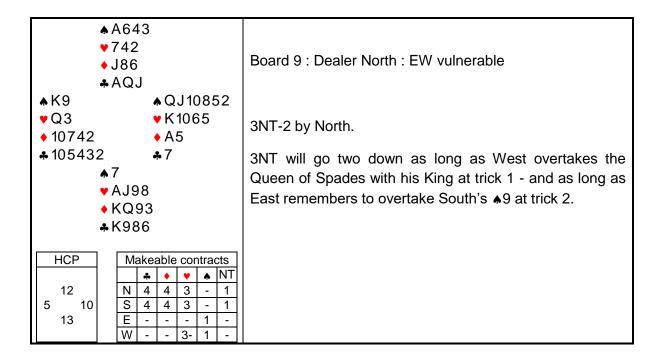
East switches to the .4 to let West know to return a Club rather than a Heart when West wins with the .K. If East wanted West to return a heart he would switch to a higher club.

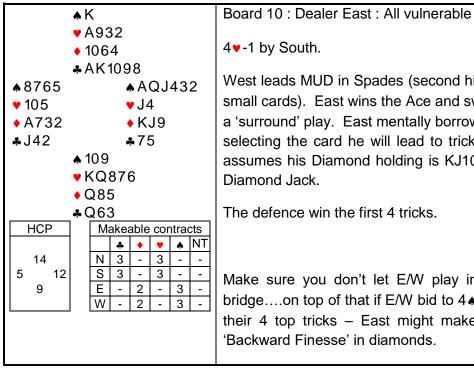






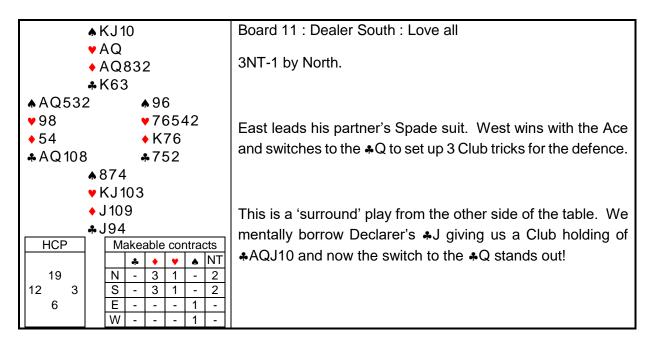


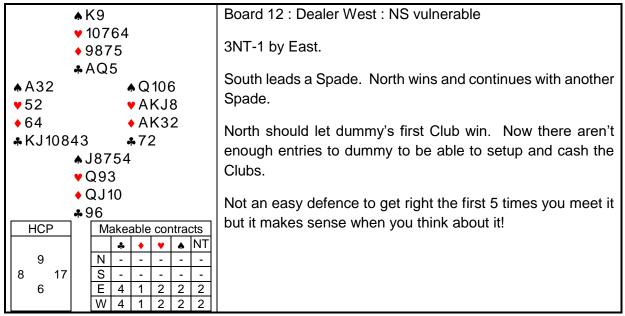


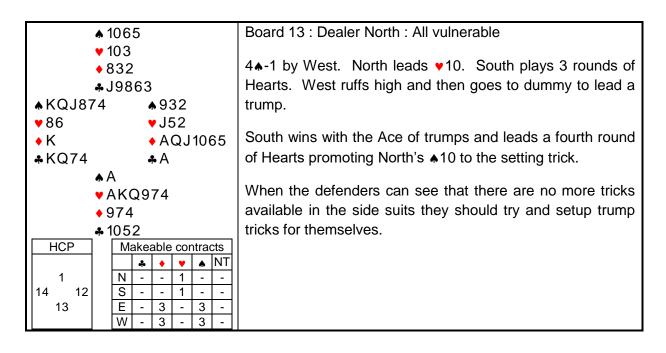


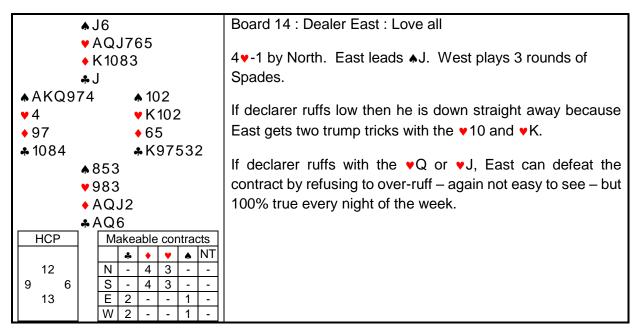
4**∀**-1 by South. West leads MUD in Spades (second highest from 3 or more small cards). East wins the Ace and switches to + J - called a 'surround' play. East mentally borrow dummy's +10 when selecting the card he will lead to trick two i.e. he mentally assumes his Diamond holding is KJ10 and switches to the Diamond Jack. The defence win the first 4 tricks.

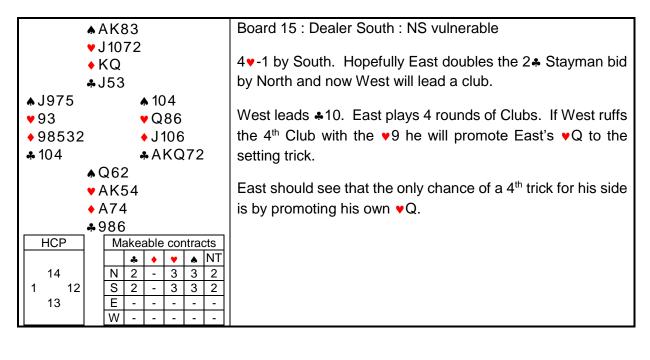
Make sure you don't let E/W play in 2 . that is losing bridge....on top of that if E/W bid to 4 and N/S do not take their 4 top tricks - East might make 4 if he takes the 'Backward Finesse' in diamonds.



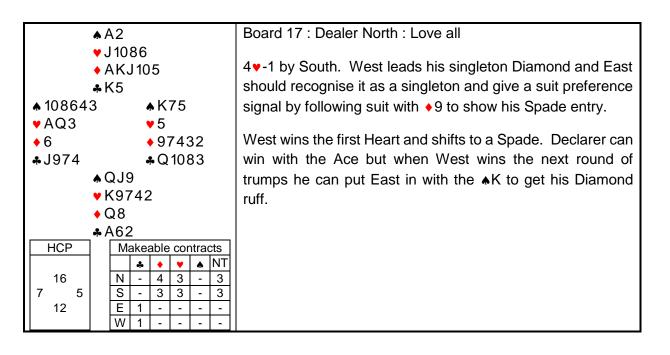


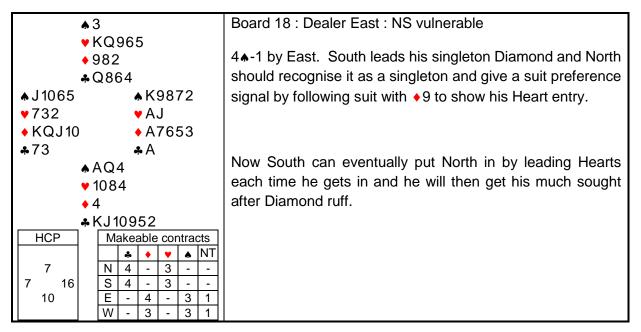


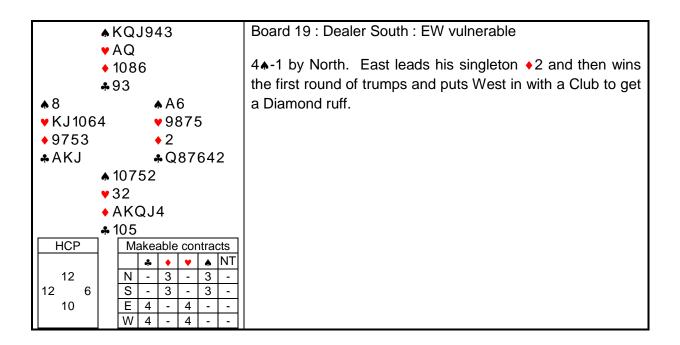


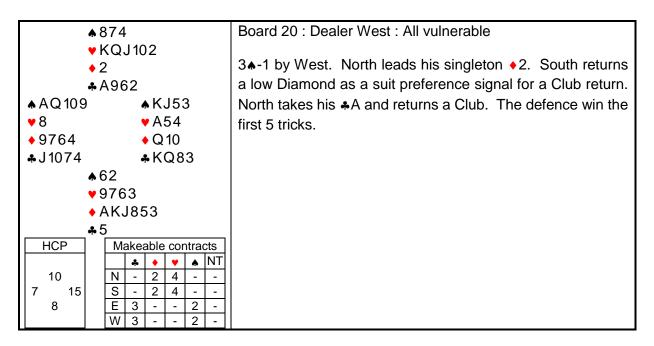


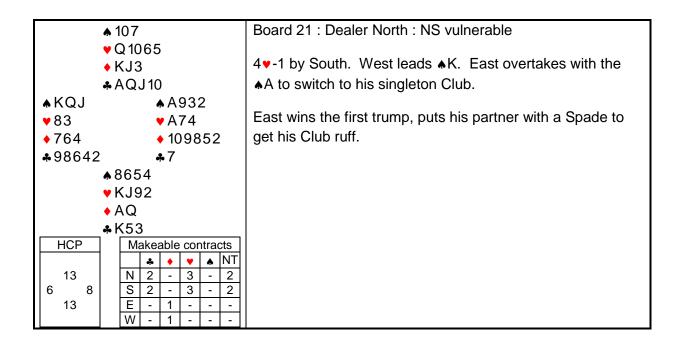
♠ 10)					Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable
V Q	J107	64	3			
• 9						6▲-1 by East. South leads ♦A and continues with a small
*8	743					Diamond. North ruffs and now South's AJ becomes the
▲ Q53		∧ A	K8	76	4	setting trick.
∀ A5	✓K8					
♦QJ1074		• 6	-			South should see that the only chance of one more trick is to
*AQ5		₽K	J9;	2		hope that North has the 10 and that he can be made ruff in
						with it. If South continues with the $\diamond K$ at trick 2 then North
y 9	2					won't know to ruff in.
♦ A	K85	32				
* 1()6					
HCP	Make	able	e cor	ntra	cts	
	*	٠	۷	٨	NT	
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	E 5	4	1	5	5	
	W 5	4	1	5	5	



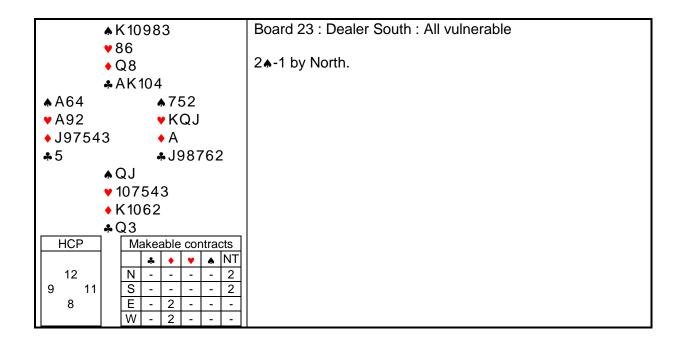


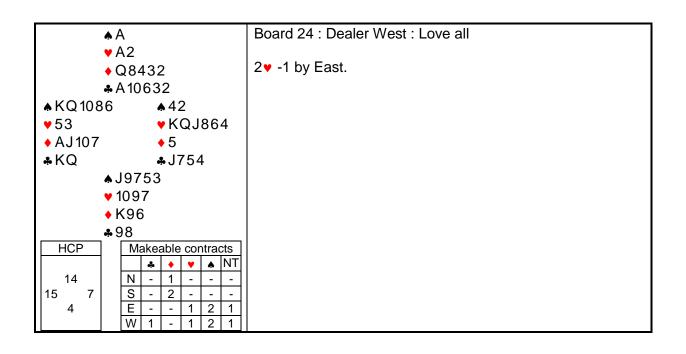


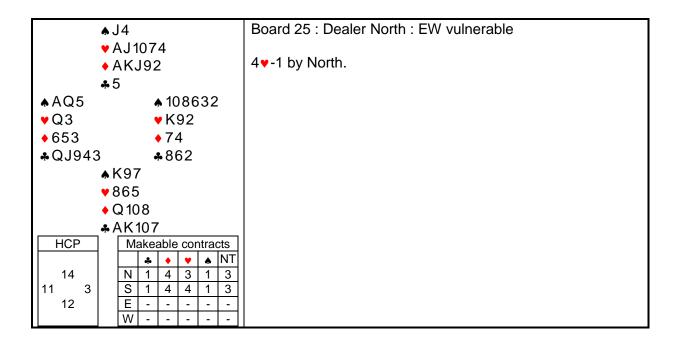


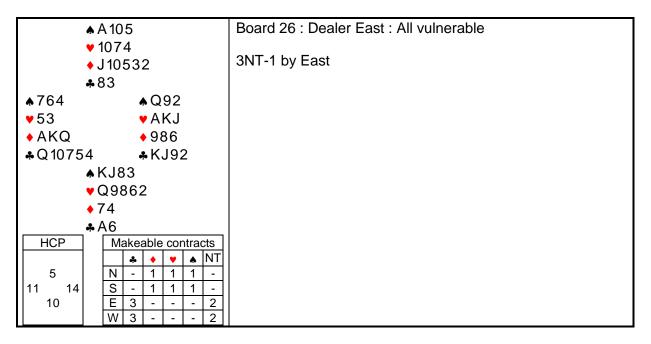


	1852	Board 22 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable
♦ 54		2 v -2 by West.
♣ J ♠ 3	▲ AQ764	
♥QJ10965	v 3	
♦ 9876	♦ QJ10	
♣ K5	♣ AQ92	
♠ 10	9	
♥ A8	34	
♦ A	K	
* 10	87643	
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∧ K	9873				Board 27 : Dealer South : Love all
v 10	72				
♦ 2					4♥ - 1 by West
* 10	765				
▲ J64	٨	Q2			
♥AK863	•	QJ9			
♦QJ	•	K109	975	5	
♣AJ9	*	KQ3			
▲ A	105				
∀ 54	Ļ				
♦ A	3643				
* 84	2				
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