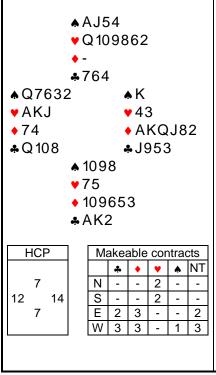
The analysis is based on 4-card Majors, Weak No-Trump (Strong NT mentioned), Transfers and Weak Two Openings in 3 suits.

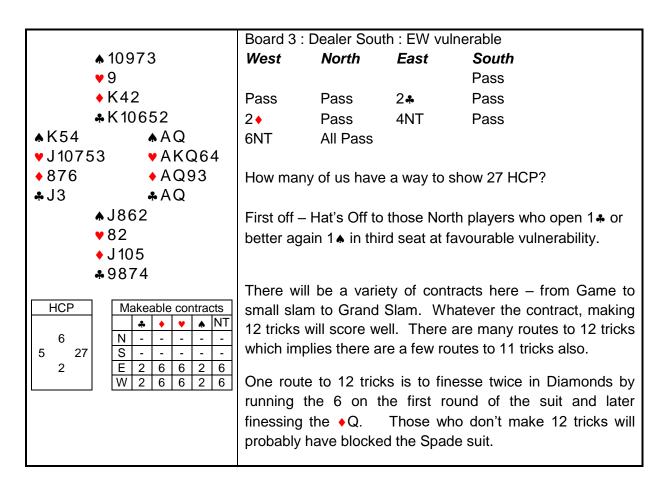
	Board 1 :	Dealer No	rth : Love al	
∧ K98653	West	North	East	South
∀ Q96		1♠	Pass	2*
◆ A 6	Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
 ≉AK	All Pass			
▲AQJ102 ▲4				
♥J532 ♥1084	N/S can n	nake an ea	asy 10 tricks	in 3NT. The trick here is to
♦K107 ♦Q9543	end up in	3NT rathe	r than in 4	. Some North's might insist
* 10 * 9872	on playing in Spades despite having already shown their			
∧ 7	card suit. It's not completely unreasonable to insist on a			reasonable to insist on a 4 \bigstar
♥AK7	contact e	specially b	ecause of t	he weakness of your Spade
◆ J82	suit but it is not a success tonight with the 5-1 split against			
♣ QJ6543	you. The	e defence	to 4 will b	be a bit of 'cat and mouse'
HCP Makeable contracts	between	West and	North and	if North can get out for 1
	down inst	ead of 2 d	own he will	salvage something from the
16 N 4 1 2 2 4	board.			
11 2 <u>S 4 1 2 2 4</u> 11 <u>E</u>				
11 <u>E</u> W	Some West's might not be able to resist the temptation to			
	double 4 siving some N/S the chance to run to a making			
	4NT.			

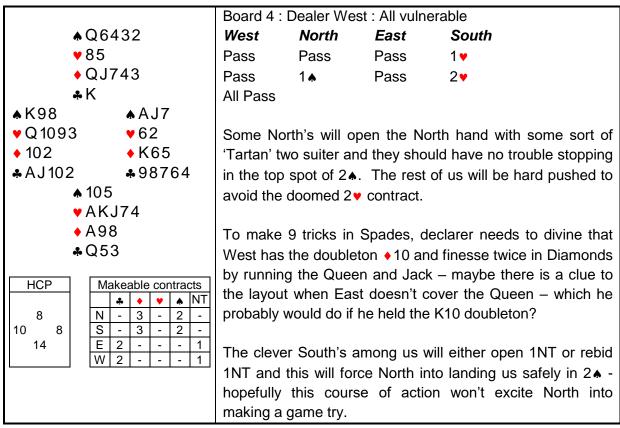


Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable							
West	North	East	South				
		1 🔶	Pass				
1 🛦	Pass	2*	Pass				
1 ▲ 2♥ (4 th)	Dbl	3♦	Pass				
ЗNT	All Pass						

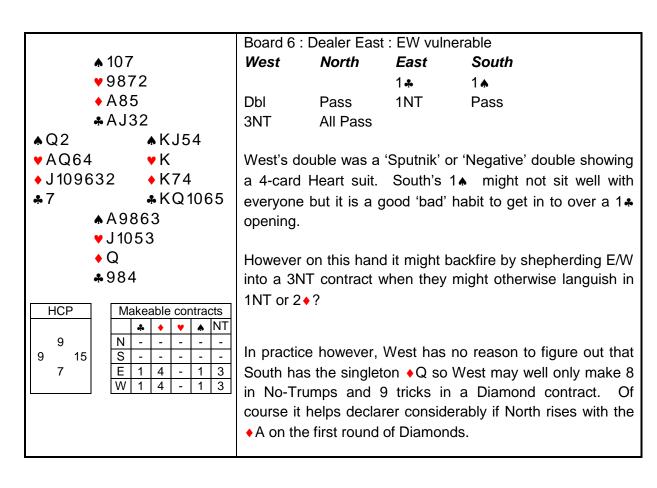
There are other shorter routes to 3NT but if North shows Hearts in the auction then you want to make sure that West plays the hand because a Heart lead from South will defeat the contract. Hopefully there won't be any E/W pairs thinking about 5* or 5* in these matchpoint games.

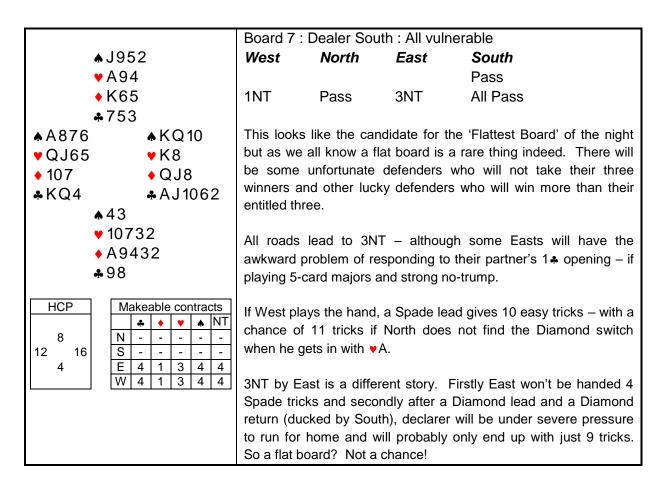
Any E/W pair managing to make 10 tricks in 3NT will earn themselves a huge board. Declarer can be held to 9 tricks even if North makes his normal ♥10 opening lead – provided North watches his P's and Q's - his side should be able to win 2 Clubs, a Spade and a Diamond or else 2 Clubs and 2 Spades.

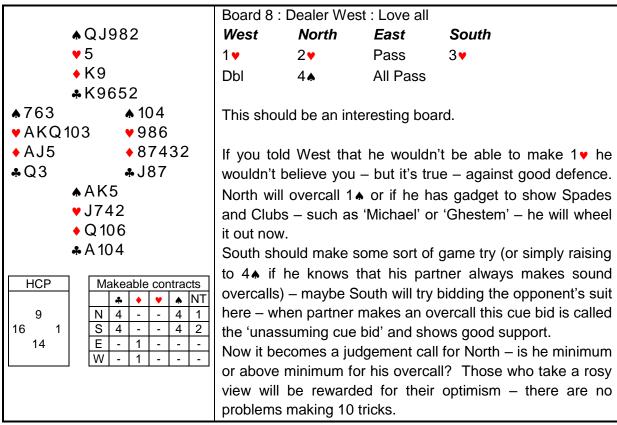




	Board 5 :	Dealer Nor	rth : NS vulr	nerable
	West	North	East	South
▲A 10732		1♠	Pass	2
♥ KJ	3*	3♦	Pass	3♠
◆KQJ3	All Pass			
♣ J5				
▲ K ▲ Q85				
♥763 ♥10982				
◆ 1095 ◆ A87	It is probably pushing the boat out a bit to bid 4 here but			
♣AQ10963 ♣K42		• •	•	▲ bidders will make their
▲J964 ♥AQ54				kely to find a Club lead (or
◆AQ54 ◆642		ch alter lea	ding the + A	N).
◆ 042 ◆ 87				
÷ 07				
HCP Makeable contracts				
15 N - 2 1 3 -				
15 N - 2 1 3 - 9 9 S - 2 1 3 -				
7 <u>E 1 1</u>				
W 1 1				

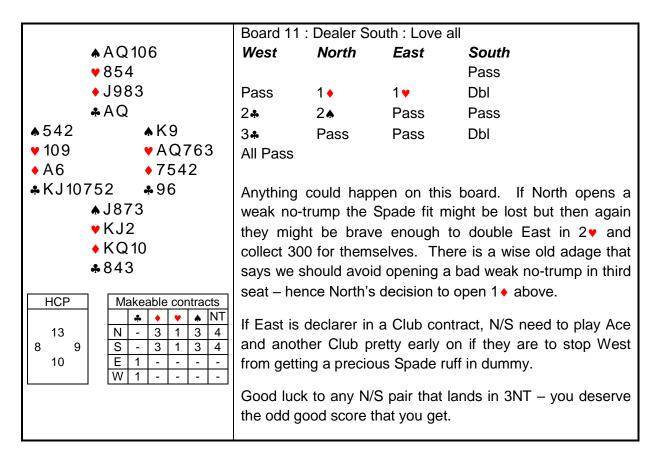


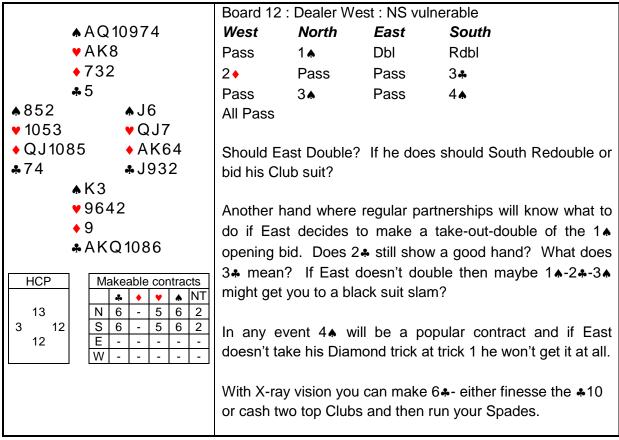


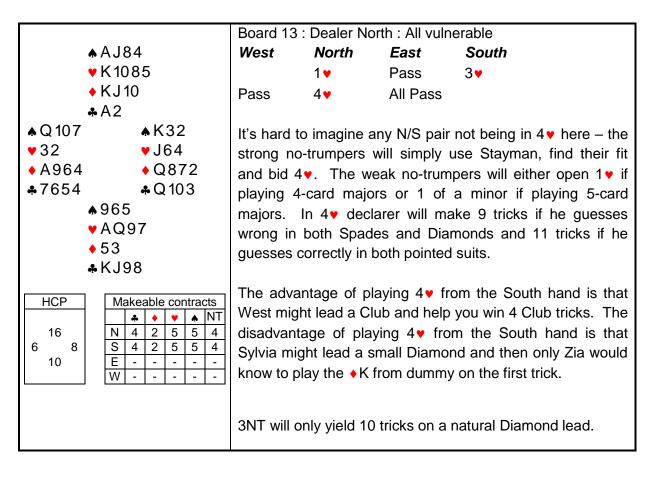


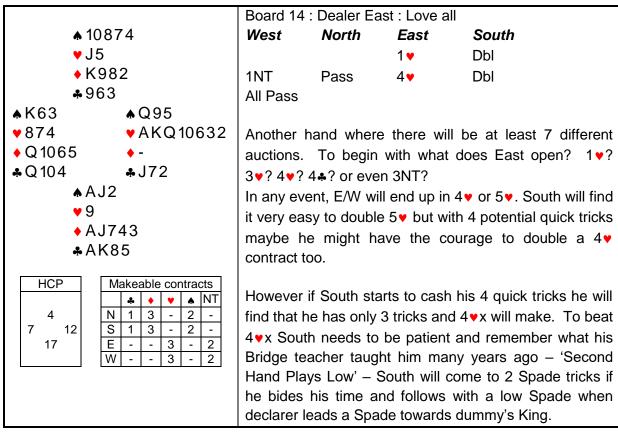
	Board 9 : D)ealer Nor	th · FW vu	Inerable
▲ 1076				
	West	North		South
♥QJ43		1NT	Dbl	Pass
♦ AQ	2♦	All Pass		
♣ A J 10 9	The weak	No-Trum	pers will c	to well to dodge the bulle
▲ KQ4 ▲ A952	here. The	ere could l	be some 's	skin and hair' flying if Nort
♥95 ♥A1082	and South	are not	on the sa	me page. Are we playin
♦987542 ♦K10	'Helvic'?	Does Sout	h's 'pass' ı	mean 'pass' or is it forcing
♣ 85 ♣ KQ2	'redouble'	from North	?	-
<pre>▲ J83 ♥ K76 ♦ J63 ♣ 7643</pre>	on best de	efence. O	ne down w	s 1NT doubled it will go 2 o /ill be a great result for N/S tricks for West in his 2
HCP Makeable contracts 14 ♦ ♥ ♠ 5 16 5 - - 5 16 S - - - 5 16 S - - - 5 16 S - - - 6 1 3 2 2 2 W 1 3 2 2 2	most likely and get bo	overcall oth major s good bo	1NT (altho uits into th ard – and	imp and opens 1.4, East w ugh some will double to tr e picture). West might pas I maybe he has no optio sfer now?

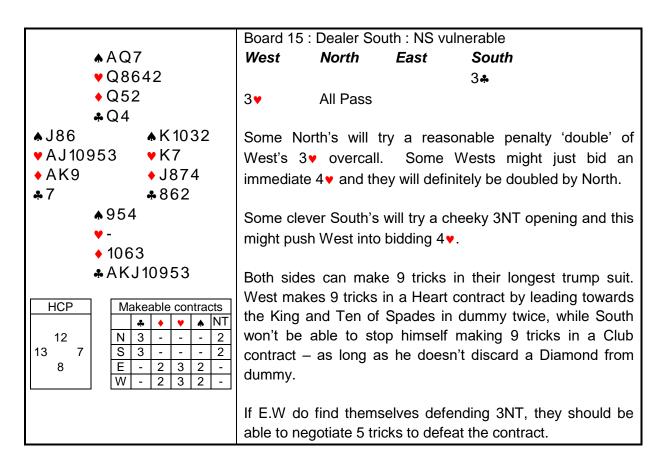
	Board 10	0 : Dealer Ea	ast : All vulr	erable	
▲ A3	West	North	East	South	
∀ K864			1♠	Pass	
♦K643	Pass	Dbl	Pass	2*	
♣ AK4	All Pass				
▲864 ▲K10972	Some N	Norths will	probably f	ind themselves in a very	
♥10975 ♥AJ3	reasona	ble contract	of 3NT an	d now the spotlight falls on	
◆Q105 ◆AJ9	East to	defeat it -	the contra	ct will go down of its own	
♣J63 ♣105	accord as long as East does not panic.			t panic.	
♠QJ5					
♥Q2	East leads a Spade and dummy wins. Declarer might lead				
♦872	a Club to hand now and lead a Heart towards the Queen in				
♣Q9872	dummy. If East rises with the VA now – declarer has 9				
	tricks – 2 Spades, 2 Hearts and 5 Club tricks. But if East				
HCP Makeable contracts	simply plays 'second hand low' on declarer's Heart lead he will eventually come to 5 tricks for his side.				
17 N 3 2 1 - 2	will even	itually come		or his side.	
3 13 S 2 2 1 - 2 7 E - - 1 -	Is North worth another bid over 2? A 2NT rebid here				
/ <u>E 1 -</u> W 1 -	usually shows 19+. It takes unlikely ♦Q or ♦10 lead from				
	West to hold South to 8 tricks in his 2* contract.				

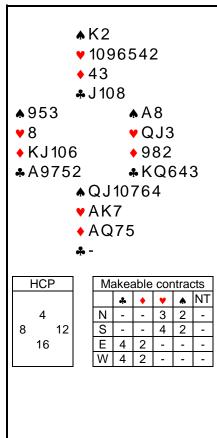












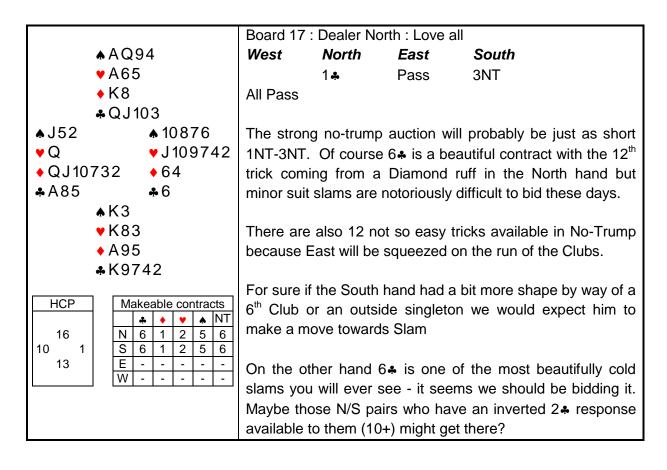
Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable						
West	North	East	Sout	h		
Pass	Pass	1*	2♠			
3*	Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass		

If North finds a 2♥ opening bid he will land on his feet this time and might even make 4♥ if East makes a normal non-Diamond opening lead. A 4♠ contract has no chance. This is a great example of the advice – when you have a choice of trump suits it is better to choose the trump suit belonging to the weak hand.

If North decides to pass as dealer then it will be a little more difficult for N/S to land in a Heart contract and indeed E/W may end up competing in Clubs.

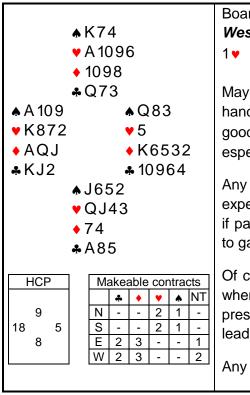
If East opens a weak no-trump, South might double, bid 2, 3, 3, or even 4, If South bids Spades it is unlikely N/S will most likely end up playing in their 6-3 Heart fit.

If East opens 1* then E/W will most likely bid to 3* and may even find the great 4* contract.



	Board 18 :	Dealer Eas	st : NS vulne	erable
▲ AK73	West	North	East	South
v 107			1 🗸	Pass
♦K965	Pass	Dbl	2¥	2
♣ K 10 3	All Pass			
♠5 ♠ QJ9				
♥842 ♥AQJ965	A good co	mpetitive ha	and. N/S w	ould like to bid to 3 while
◆Q1042 ◆A7	-	-	allowed to p	
♣87542 ♣QJ				
♠108642	The Diamo	ond suit see	ems to be th	ne suit to avoid in the early
∀ K3	•			hat whichever side plays
◆ J83	Diamonds	first will gift	a trick to th	ie opponents.
♣ A96	As in all	compotitivo	auctions	any plus score will score
	extremely	•	auctions	any plus score will score
HCP Makeable contracts	extremely	wen.		
13 N 1 2 - 3 -				
2 17 <u>S</u> 1 <u>Z</u> - <u>S</u> -				
8 <u>E 2</u>				
W 2				

	Board 19 :	Dealer Sou	uth : EW v	ulnerable
♦ 976	West	North	East	South
♥84				Pass
◆ A 1085	2*	Pass	2♦	Pass
♣ J742	2NT	Pass	3*	Pass
▲AJ4 ▲Q1032	3♥	Pass	4¥	All Pass
♥AKQ10 ♥9762				
♦K4 ♦QJ96 ♣AK108 ♣6	6♥ is a reasonable 50%+ slam to get to - just need			• • •
♦K85 ♥J53 ♦732	something nice to happen in Diamonds or the Spade finesse for 12 tricks. Nonetheless most will settle for the Heart game after a simple Stayman or Puppet Stayman auction.			
$\begin{array}{c c} & \& Q \ 953 \\ \hline \\ HCP \\ & & & & & \\ \hline \\ 5 \\ 24 & 5 \\ 6 \\ \hline \\ 6 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ 6 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \\ \\ \\$	If West upgrades his hand to 25+ then East might take second look at his 5 points and singleton Club but ev then maybe they don't play 4. as Stayman after 22 3NT? Those declarers in 3NT will be held to 11 tricks if Sou refuses to cover the first Spade lead from dummy.			as Stayman after 24-2+-



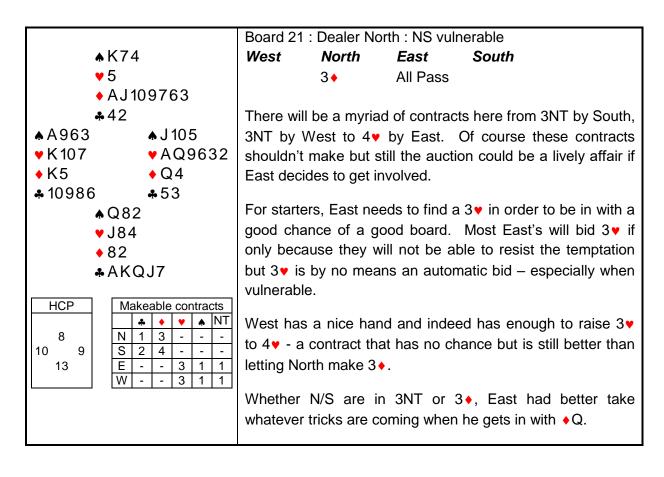
oard 20) : Dealer W	est : All vul	nerable
Vest	North	East	South
¥	All Pass		

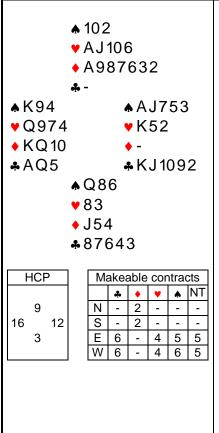
Maybe some strong no-trumpers will downgrade the West hand and open 1NT and play there for a great score. Not a good board for anyone opening 1♥ with the West hand – especially if it is passed out.

Any East players who muster up a brave 1NT response can expect good news and bad news. There will be good news if partner passes but more likely bad news if partner forces to game or bids game.

Of course good players score well because they know that when they bid close games, the defenders will be under pressure. On this hand, for instance, the defenders need to lead Hearts pretty early on in the game to defeat 3NT.

Any plus score will be greatly received by either side.





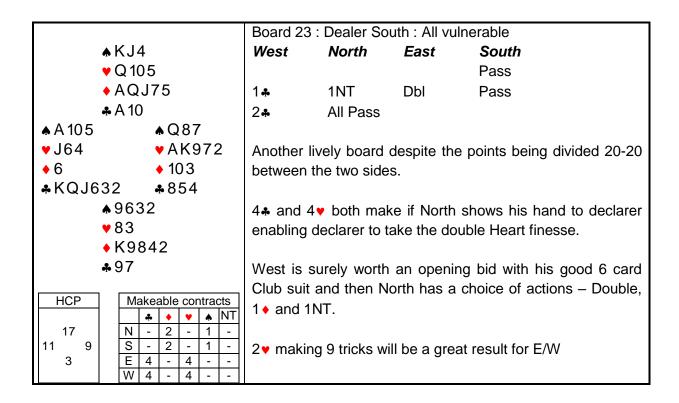
Board 22 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
		1 🛦	Pass			
2*	3♦	4 🔶	Pass			
4♠	All Pass					

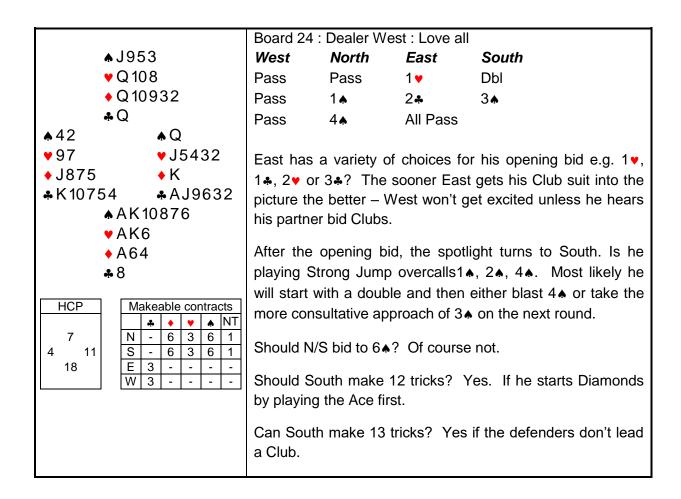
If E/W are thinking about slam then they will be more likely to bid the beatable $6 \bigstar$ rather than the makeable $6 \bigstar$.

Should East open 1 a or 1 ? There are pros and cons to both openings. A nice compromise solution is to open 1 a with 11-14 and to open 1 with 15+ HCP.

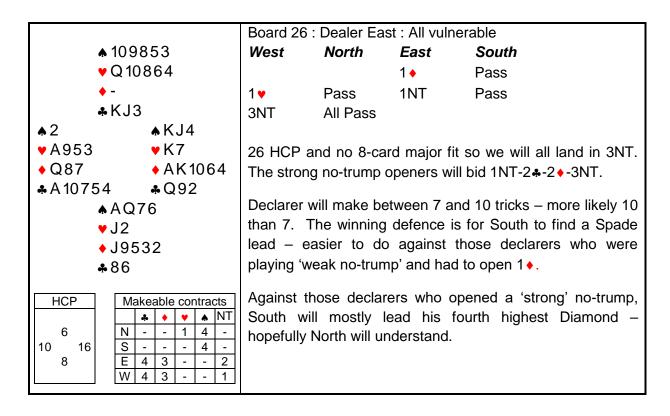
If East gets a chance to bid 4 showing his Diamond singleton or void then that should immediately dampen West's enthusiasm for slam – having 5 points in a suit that partner is void in, is not good news. 5 is a nice sacrifice for N/S if they are so inclined.

In practice either slam will go down because in order to make 12 tricks declarer needs to find a 'Sylvia' play in the Spade suit by running the Jack at some point.

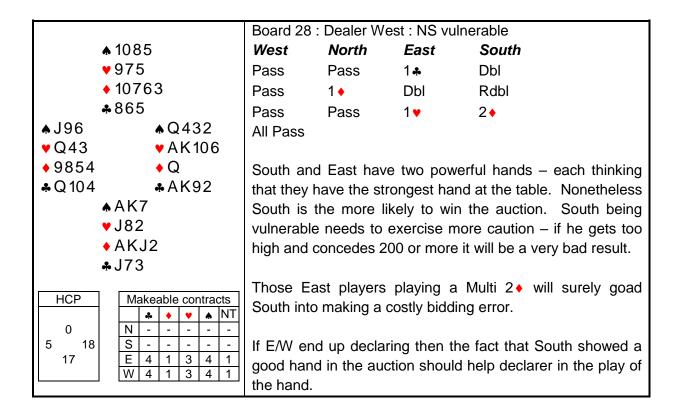


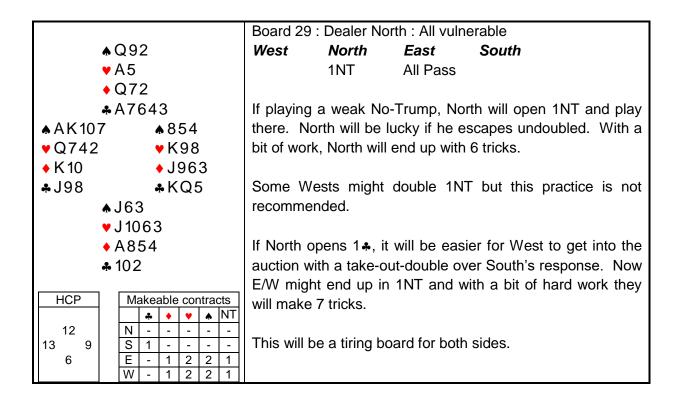


		Board 25 :	Dealer Nor	th : EW vulr	nerable	
∧ J962		West	North	East	South	
♥J865			Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ KQJ10	6	1*	Dbl	Rdbl	1 🛦	
* -		Pass	2♠	3*	3♠	
∧Q ∧	A843	Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass	
♥Q1097 ♥	A3					
♦A82 ♦	953	All four pla	All four players have a decision to make on this one – each			
♣A10742 ♣	K983	in turn has to decide whether to open or not and			open or not and each in	
▲ K1075		turn has legitimate reasons for opening. One thing is for				
♥K42		sure if you do decide to open, you better be able to play				
♦74		them well.				
♣ QJ65						
		Of course,	North migh	t more sens	sibly decide to just overcall	
	ole contracts	1 • on the first round. East will respond 1 • and West will				
8 N -	♦ ♥ ♠ NT				•	
12 11 S -	2 -	more than likely reach 3. Other East's will land in 2NT or maybe 3NT. To beat 3NT, South just has to avoid leading a				
9 E 4	1	,				
W 4	- - - 1	Tommy Garvey style $\&$ K.				
12 11 S -		maybe 3N ⁻ Club. To t	T. To beat beat 2NT, S	3NT, South South needs		



	Board 27	: Dealer So	outh : Love	all
▲ Q 10	West	North	East	South
v 953				Pass
◆J9852	1 🗸	Pass	2*	Pass
* 963	2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
♠9864 ♠KJ7	3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
♥AKJ1086 ♥Q				
♦ 4 ♦ K 1073	The West hand despite its mere 12 HCP is really			e 12 HCP is really worth a lot
♣A4 ♣KQJ87	more than that - so a 2 vrebid does not do it justice			d does not do it justice and
♠A532				r 3♥ can be forgiven.
♥742				e v een ee ergeren.
◆ AQ6	The down	side of re	bidding mo	re than 2 vis that East will
* 1052	surely start thinking about slam – but as long as East			
	remember	s to check	for Aces, s	lam should be avoided.
HCP Makeable contracts				
	The other	side of the	coin is tha	t if South doesn't take a trick
3 N -	with his	A at trick	1 or trick	2 – he won't get another
10 E 5 2 5 5 5	chance.			-
W 5 2 5 5 4				





Board 30 : Dealer East : Love all				
▲ KJ73	West	North	East	South
▼K102			1 🛦	Pass
♦ AQ6	1NT	Pass	3♠	All Pass
* J53				
▲Q2 ▲A109865				
♥Q543 ♥A8	What should East rebid after 1 -1NT-?			
◆98532 ◆K10	2♠ seems a bit of an underbid with 15 HCP and yet the			
* K8 * A109	-			
▲4 	Spade suit quality is not ideal for 3▲. Still the fact that hand			
♥ J976	has all its 15 HCP in Aces and Kings should persuade East			
◆ J74 ◆Q7642	to upgrade the hand and rebid 3▲.			
# Q7042				
HCP Makeable contracts	West has a decision to make tooshould he Pass, bid			
	3NT, or bid 4♠? Passing will be a common decision.			
14 N 2				
7 15 S 1 - - - 4 E - 2 - 3 2	However, the 3NT and 4 bidders will probably win the day			
4 <u>E - 2 - 3 2</u> W - 2 1 3 3	- 3NT by West is unbeatable and it takes an unlikely Heart			
	lead to beat 4♠ by East.			

