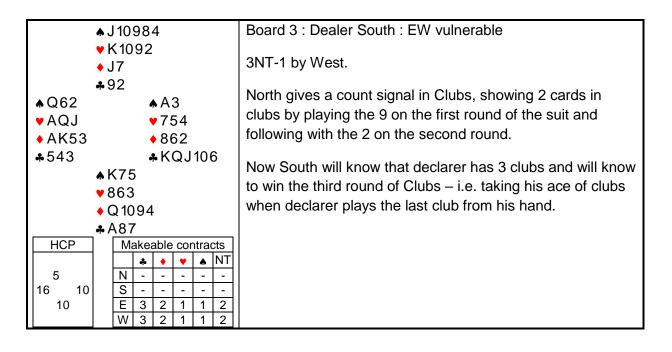
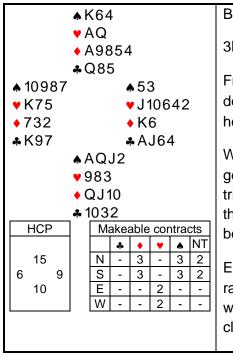
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▲2		Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all
♥ KQJ10		
♦7652		4 ▲ -1 by South.
* 7542		The melder rule in defense is that we take our according
♦543 ♦97	76	The golden rule in defence is that we take our ace when
♥9872 ♥A	65	declarer plays the last card from his shortest hand. There
♦Q109 ♦J8	34	are 4 hearts in dummy and 2 in declarer's hand – so East
♣ AK9 ♣ Q	J108	must take his ace of hearts on the second round (not the
AKQJ108	5	first round and not the third round).
∀ 43		
♦ AK3		But East can't see declarer's hand – so how does he know
 •63		that declarer has exactly 2 hearts?
HCP Makeable	contracts	
• •	\star NT	He knows how many declarer has because his partner West
6 <u>N 2 2</u>	2 3 2	tells him how hearts West has! West gives a hi-lo count
9 8 <u>S 2 2</u> 17 <u>E</u>	2 3 2	signal in Hearts (showing 2 or 4 hearts) and now East knows
W		that declarer also holds 2 or 4 hearts – so he holds up his \checkmark A
		until the second round.

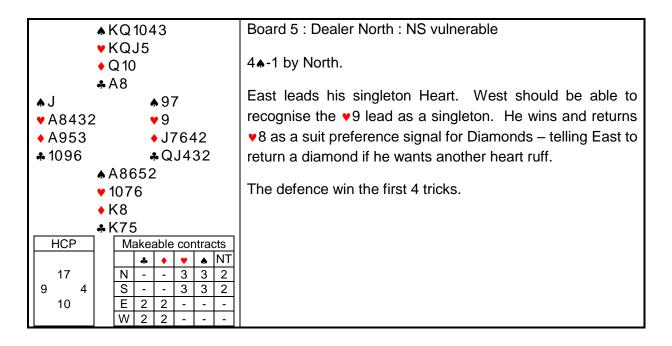
▲42	Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable
♥ A 1098 ♦ Q986	3NT-1 by East.
♣A72 ♠865 ♠AKQ ♥Q65 ♥KJ42	North takes his aces in clubs when declarer plays his last club from the short hand i.e. on the second round.
 ◆743 ◆AK52 ◆QJ106 ◆K5 ◆J10973 ♥73 	South tells North how many cards he himself holds in clubs 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 ◆ 9843 HCP Makeable contracts	Now North knows to win the second round of Clubs and North also knows not to allow declarer's queen of hearts become
	an entry to the clubs i.e. North must keep his ace of clubs to
10 <u>N</u>	beat dummy's queen of hearts and must not release his VA
5 23 <u>S</u>	when declarer tempts him with his \mathbf{v} K or \mathbf{v} J.
2 E 2 3 3 2 3 W 2 3 3 2 3	

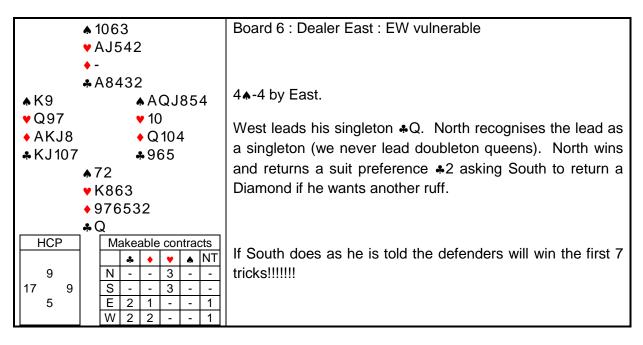


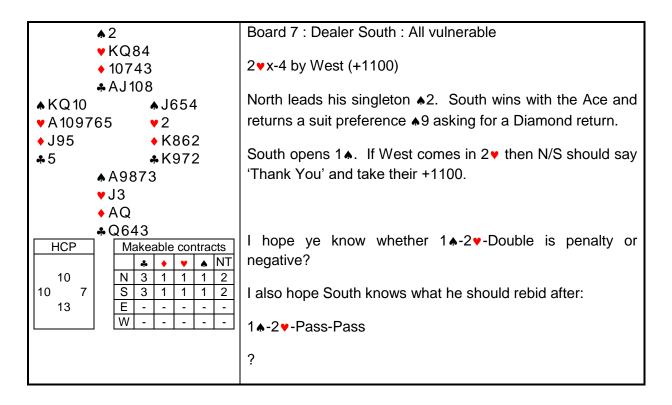


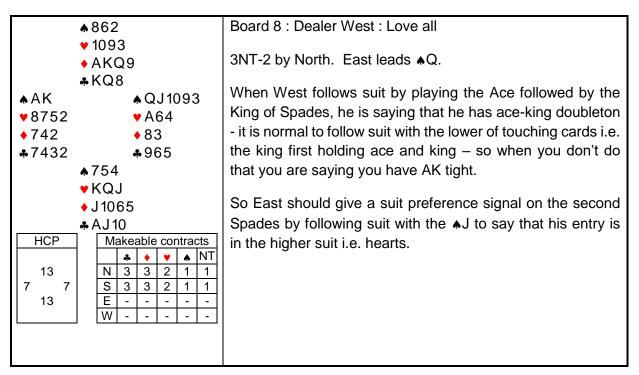
	Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable
	3NT-1 by North.
	From West's play of the \mathbf{v} K at trick one, East knows that declarer has \mathbf{v} AQ (West would follow suit with the \mathbf{v} Q if he held \mathbf{v} KQ).
s NT	West gives a count signal in Diamonds so that when East gets in with the \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.

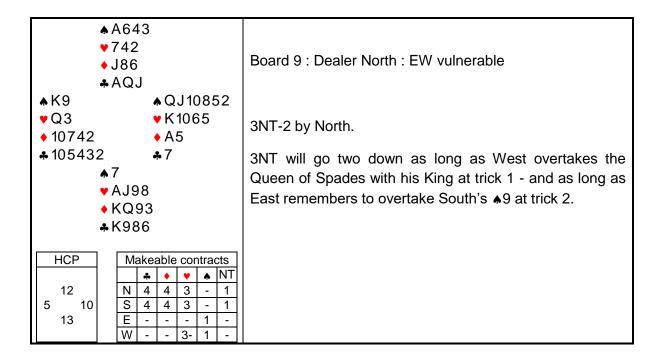
East switches to the 4 to let West know to return a Club rather than a Heart when West wins with the K. If East wanted West to return a heart he would switch to a higher club.

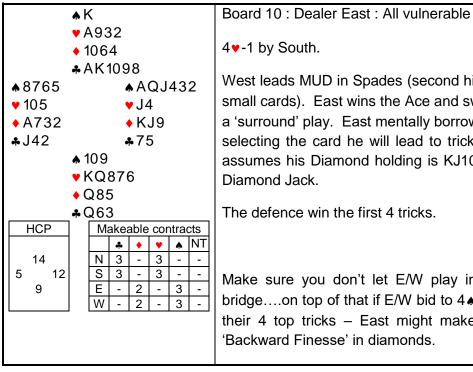








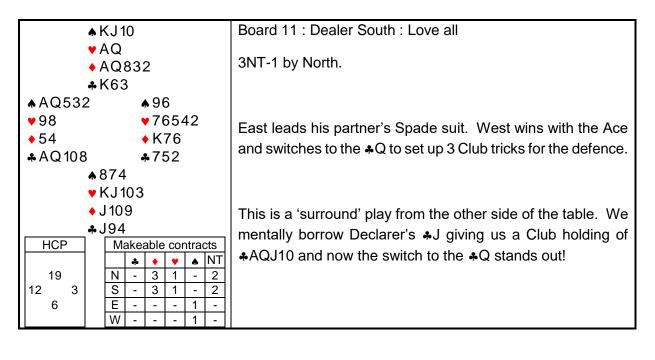


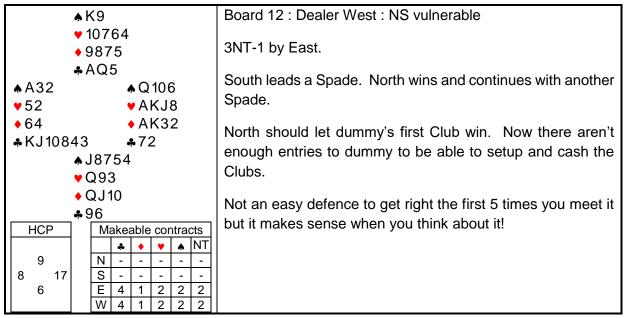


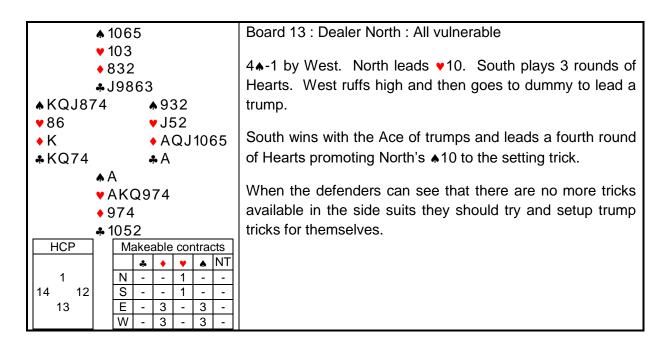
4**∀**-1 by South. West leads MUD in Spades (second highest from 3 or more small cards). East wins the Ace and switches to + J - called a 'surround' play. East mentally borrow dummy's +10 when selecting the card he will lead to trick two i.e. he mentally assumes his Diamond holding is KJ10 and switches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

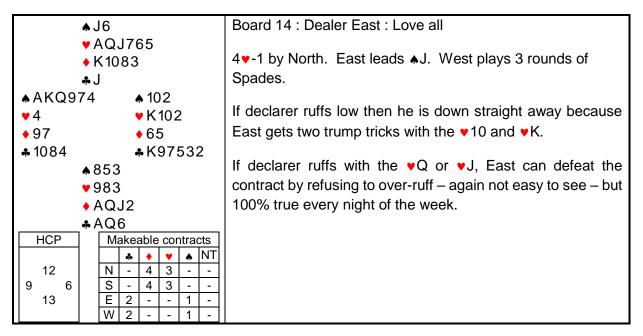
The defence win the first 4 tricks.

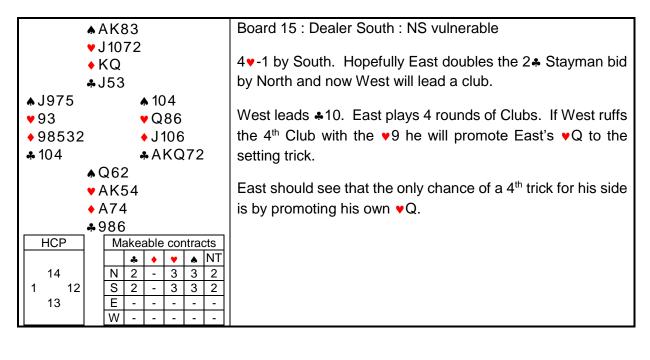
Make sure you don't let E/W play in 2 . that is losing bridge....on top of that if E/W bid to 4 and N/S do not take their 4 top tricks - East might make 4 if he takes the 'Backward Finesse' in diamonds.



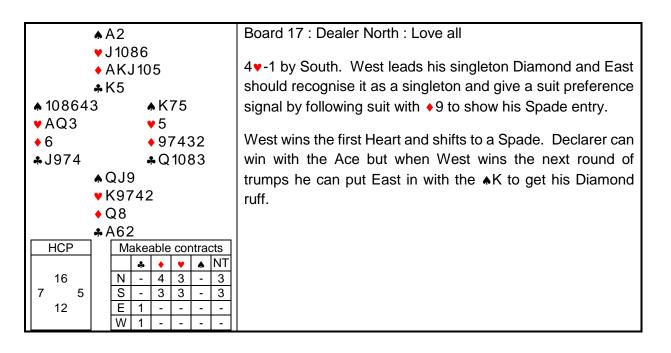


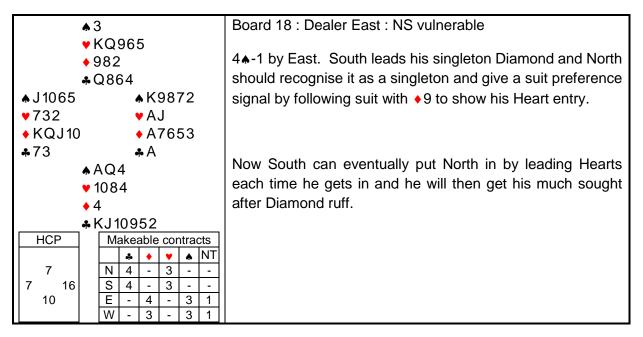


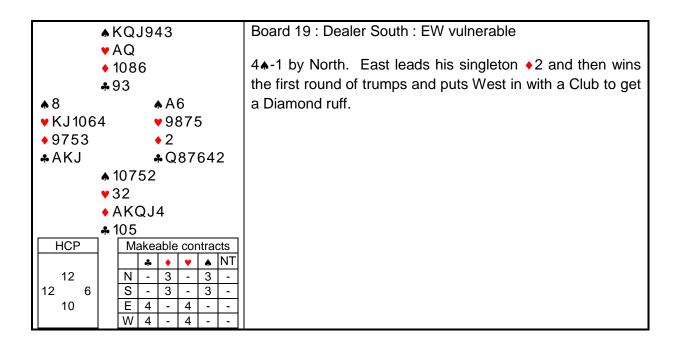


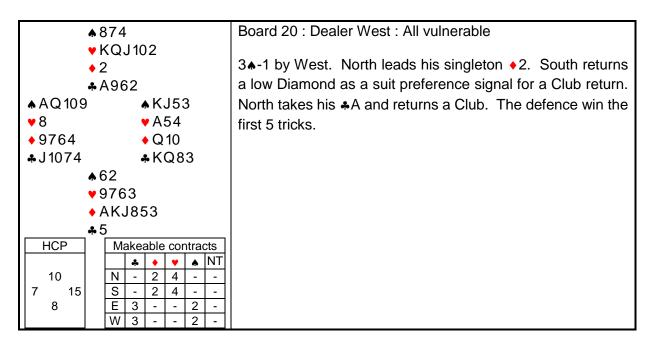


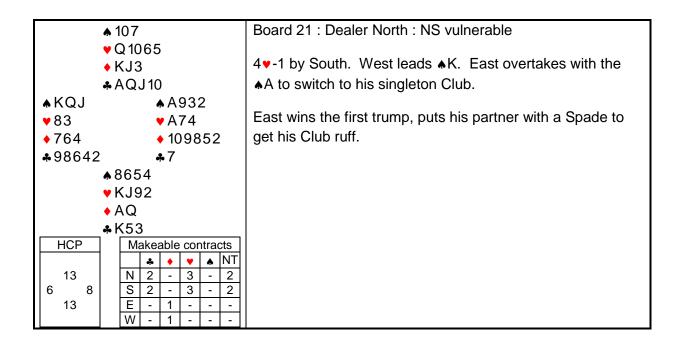
▲ 10					Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable
♥QJ1)764	3			
♦ 9					6▲-1 by East. South leads ♦A and continues with a small
♣ 8743	3				Diamond. North ruffs and now South's AJ becomes the
▲Q53 ▲AK8764					setting trick.
∀ A5	♥K8				g
◆QJ1074					South should see that the only chance of one more trick is to
♣AQ5	♣ KJ92				hope that North has the 10 and that he can be made ruff in
▲ J92					with it. If South continues with the \mathbf{A} at trick 2 then North
♥92					won't know to ruff in.
♦ AK8	532				
* 106					
HCP Ma	keable	e cor	ntra	cts	
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15 14 S		-	-	-	
8 E	5 4	1	5	5	
W	5 4	1	5	5	

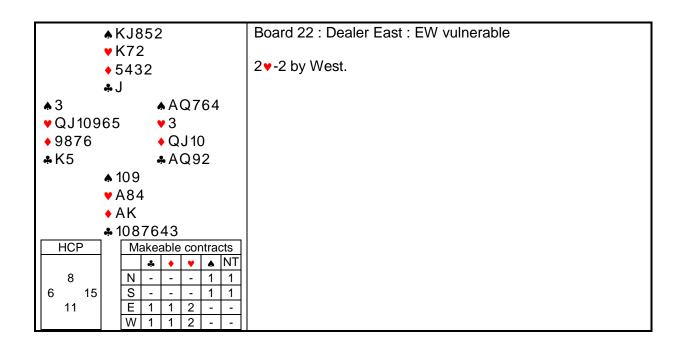


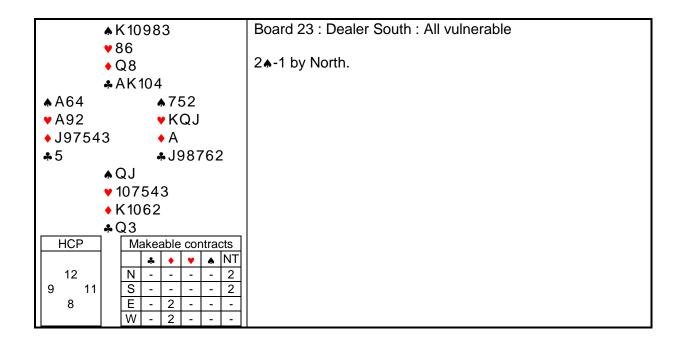


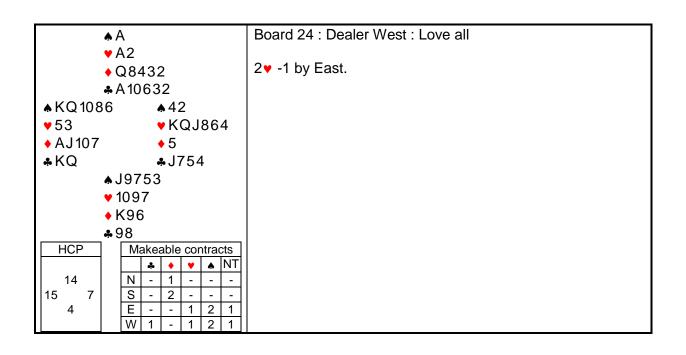


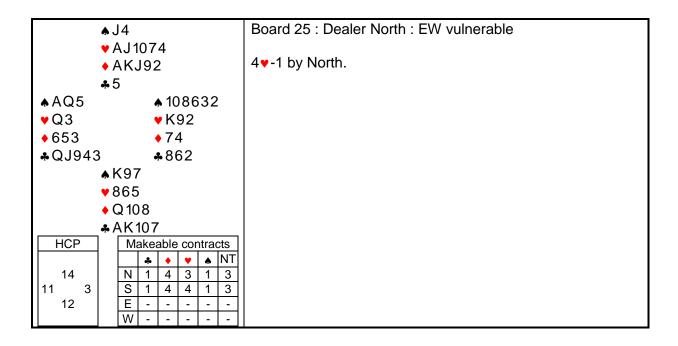


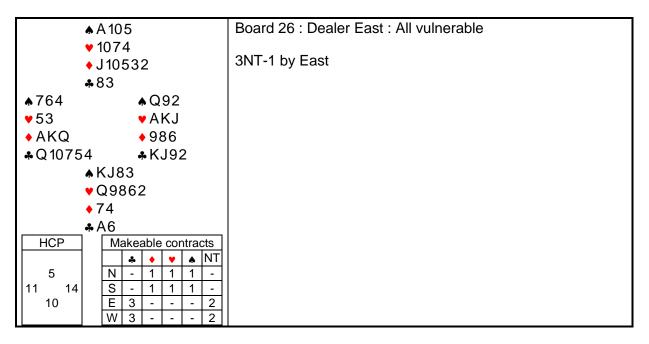












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v 10	72				
♦2					4♥ - 1 by West
* 10	765				
▲ J64	۸ (22			
♥AK863	v () J9			
♦QJ	♦ k	(109	975	5	
♣AJ9	* k	(Q3			
∧ A ²	05				
♥54					
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& 842					
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16 13 5		-	1	-	
8 <u>F</u>			-	3	
V	/ 3 4	3	-	3	