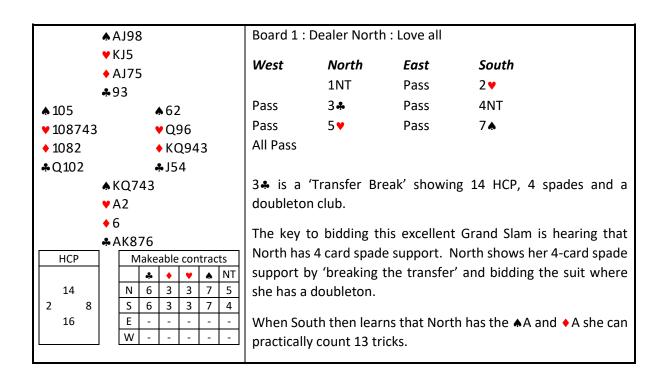
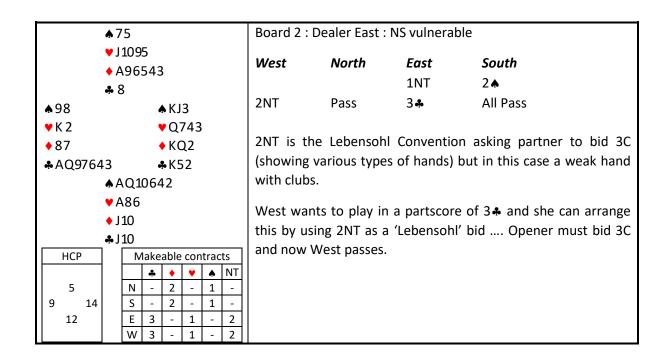
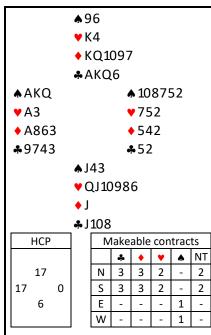
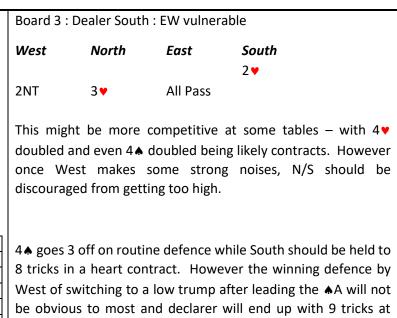
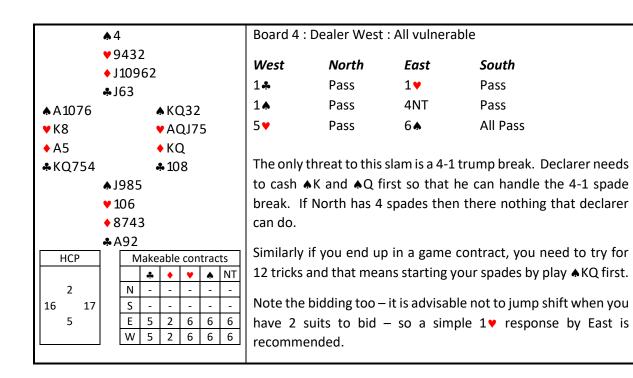
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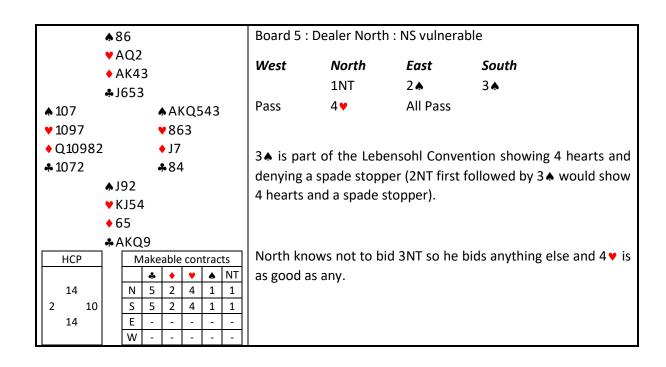


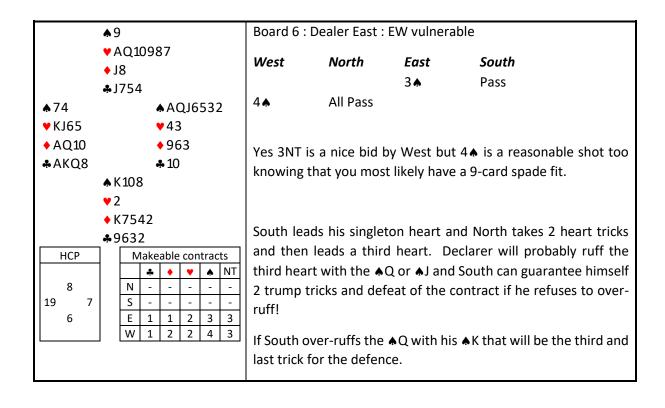


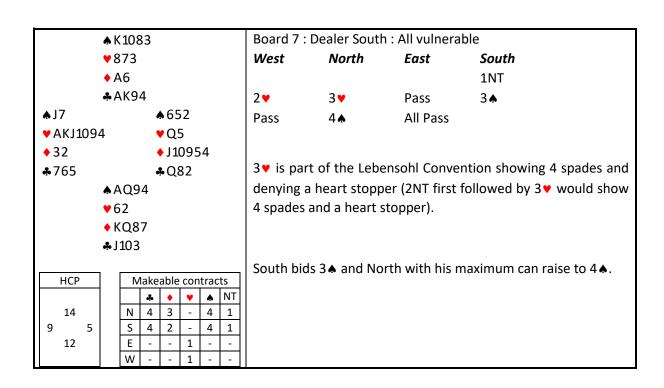


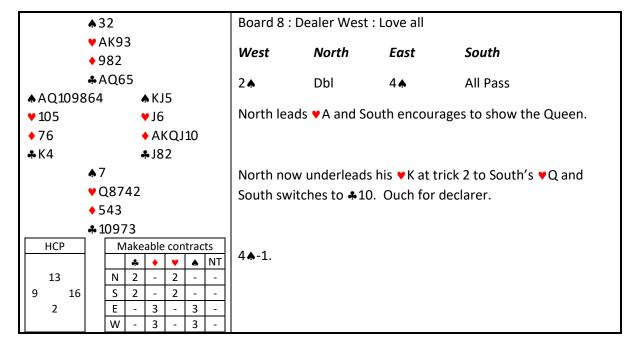


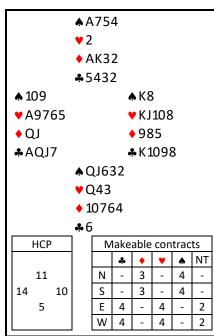
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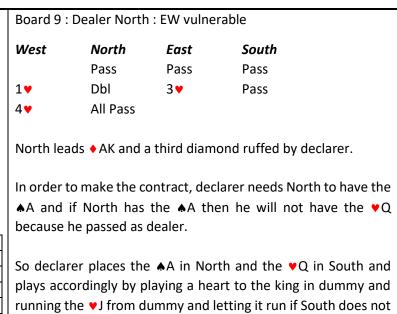


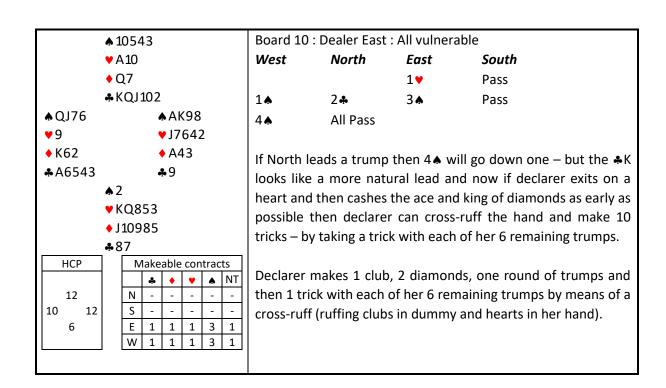




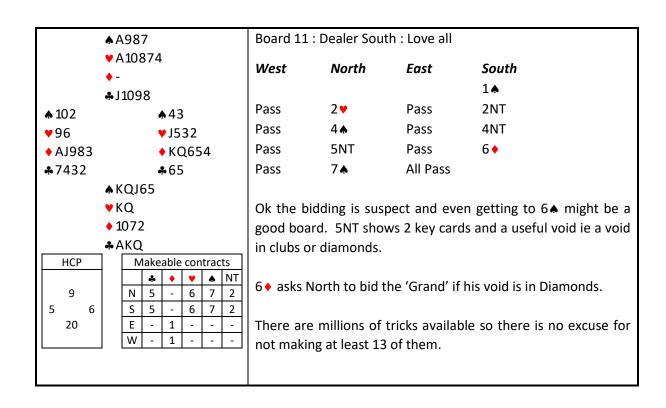


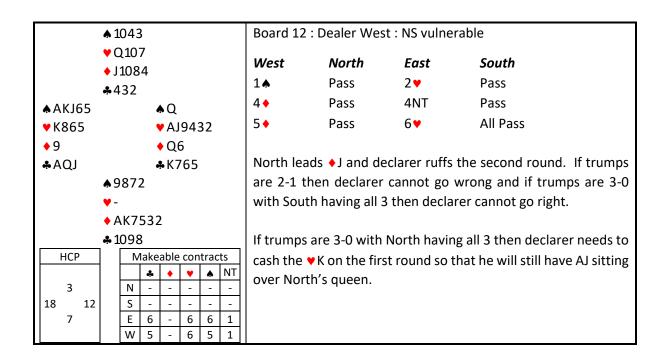


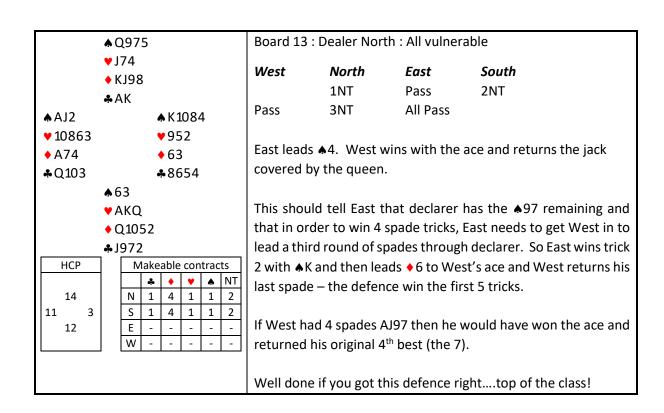


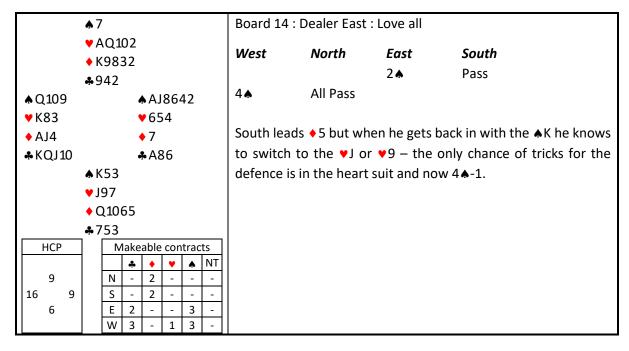


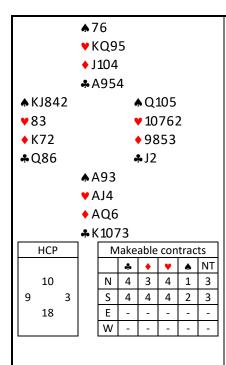
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Board 15 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable

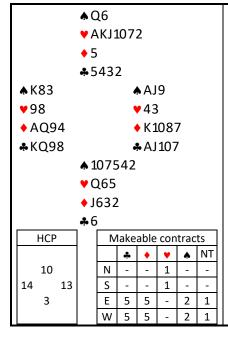
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West	North	East	South
			1♣
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South holds up the ♠A until the third round and then arranges to set up his 9th trick in clubs by keeping West off lead – i.e. he concedes the first round of clubs to East. There's no point taking the diamond finesse because if that loses you are losing to West who has all the remaining spades to cash – we have to keep West off lead.

Win ♠A and lead a club towards dummy and cover whatever card West plays — losing the trick to East. East has no more spades and even if he had it would mean the spades were 4-4.

Now he makes 1 spade, 4 heats, 1 diamond and 3 clubs. 3NT made.



Board 16: Dealer West: EW vulnerable

<i>West</i> 1NT	North 2♥	<i>East</i> 3NT	South Pass

East's 3NT is part of the 'Lebensohl' convention saying he has a raise to 3NT but does not have a heart stopper. This is useful information for West who now knows that neither of them have a heart stopper and knows that 3NT won't be made so he bids his lowest 4-card suit.

West can pass 4.4 or raise it to 5.4 either decision will earn his side a good score because they will have avoided 3NT-2.

