

**Board 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 2	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ A J 4
♥ K J 9 6 4		♥ 10 8 7 3
♦ J 10 8 5 4		♦ 7
♣ 4		♣ Q 10 9 7 3
	♠ K Q 9 8 5	
	♥ —	
	♦ A K Q 9 6 3	
	♣ 8 2	

North should open 1 ♣ to which South responds 1 ♦. North rebids 1 ♥, and South must now show shape and strength by bidding 2 ♠. North may try 2 NT, and South should persist with 4 ♠. As the cards lie, 6 ♠ can be made North-South, but reaching the best game of 4 ♠ should be a good score. West will probably lead J ♦. South can make 12 tricks by leading twice towards the KQ ♠.

**Board 2**

East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 9 6 4 2	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ K 8 3
♥ A Q		♥ K J
♦ J 7 6		♦ K 10 9 5 2
♣ 10 2		♣ A Q 7
	♠ Q J 7	
	♥ 8 7 6	
	♦ 8 3	
	♣ K 8 6 4 3	

East should open 1 ♦. West will respond 1 ♠, and East rebids 1 NT to show the balanced 16 count. West now knows that the partnership has enough for game, and that East has at least 2 ♠, so bids 4 ♠. North will probably lead 10 ♥. West should play off the two top trumps, leaving the Q ♠ at large, and establish extra tricks in the ♦ suit by leading towards the K ♦ in dummy.

**Board 3**

South Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 3	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ J 10 6
♥ J 3		♥ Q 9 8 4 2
♦ A J 4 2		♦ K Q 8
♣ K Q 10 3		♣ J 2
	♠ A K Q 5 4	
	♥ A K 5	
	♦ 10 9 5 3	
	♣ 5	

South opens 1 ♠; North has nothing to say with just 4 points, and that may end the auction. South has an easy 8 tricks (5 ♠, AK♥ and A♣), but can try for a 9th by ruffing a ♦ in the dummy. East-West can prevent this by leading trumps whenever they can.

**Board 4**West Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A 10 8	♠ K 5	♠ J 9 7 3			
♥ K Q	♥ 9 6 4	♥ A J 7			
♦ 9 7 2	♦ J 5 4 3	♦ K Q 8			
♣ K Q J 7 2	♣ 9 6 4 3	♣ A 8 5			
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	♠ Q 6 4 2				
	♥ 10 8 5 3 2				
	♦ A 10 6				
	♣ 10				

West has a balance 15 count, so opens 1 ♣. East makes the straightforward response of 1 ♠, and West rebids 1 NT. East simply raises this to 3 NT, knowing that the partnership has at least 30 and at most 32 points. North will probably lead a low ♦, showing an honour in the suit. After South takes the A ♦ and continues the suit, West should make 10 tricks by way of 1 ♠, 3 ♥, 1 ♦ and 5 ♣.

**Board 5**North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 9 3	♠ A 4	♠ 8 6 5 2			
♥ A J 7 3	♥ 9 8 4	♥ K 2			
♦ A K 10 3	♦ Q J 5	♦ 6 4 2			
♣ J	♣ K 9 8 5 2	♣ 10 6 4 3			
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	♠ K J 7				
	♥ Q 10 6 5				
	♦ 9 8 7				
	♣ A Q 7				

Neither North nor East has an opening bid, so South will open 1 NT and likely play there. The fate of the hand depends on which 4-card major West chooses to lead; a ♠ lead immediately gives declarer 3 tricks in that suit, whereas a ♥ lead gives the defence a head start. Declarer has just 5 top tricks, and will probably try for 2 more in the club suit - unlucky on the bad break! Could be a range of results on this hand.

**Board 6**East Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ Q 10	♠ A 9 5	♠ K J 8 6			
♥ A J 9 8	♥ 10 6	♥ K 4 3 2			
♦ 9 6 3	♦ K J 8 4 2	♦ 7 5			
♣ Q 9 8 6	♣ K J 4	♣ 10 7 3			
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	♠ 7 4 3 2				
	♥ Q 7 5				
	♦ A Q 10				
	♣ A 5 2				

East will pass, and South will open 1 NT on the balanced 12 count. With 12 points North should invite to game by bidding 2 NT, and South will pass. West should lead a low ♥, and East-West can take the first 4 tricks in that suit. South has 8 top tricks (1 ♠, 5 ♦ and two ♣), and may try for one more by finessing in ♣ - this time it works!

**Board 7**

South Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A 8 7 6	♠ K 5 2	♠ Q J 10 4
♥ K J 8 7 6	♥ A 9 5 4 2	♥ —
♦ K	♦ 10 9 8	♦ A Q 6
♣ 6 5 2	♣ 9 7	♣ A Q 10 8 4 3
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	♠ 9 3	
	♥ Q 10 3	
	♦ J 7 5 4 3 2	
	♣ K J	

South should not be tempted to open a weak 2 ♦, and the suit is not good enough. West and North should pass; East will bid 1 ♣. West responds 1 ♥, and now it depends on what East rebids; if he rebids 2 ♣, that will probably end the auction; if he chooses 1 ♠ instead (looking for major fit), West can raise to 2 ♠, and now the ♠ game may be found. Against 4 ♠, South will probably lead a ♦, the unbid suit, and East has an easy ride to 11 or 12 tricks by way of setting up the ♣ suit for extra tricks.

**Board 8**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10	♠ K Q 8	♠ J 9 7 6 5 4 3
♥ J 6 5 2	♥ K 8 7	♥ A 9 3
♦ A Q J 10 8 7 4	♦ 9 6 5	♦ 3
♣ K	♣ A Q J 9	♣ 4 2
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	♠ A 2	
	♥ Q 10 4	
	♦ K 2	
	♣ 10 8 7 6 5 3	

West should open 1 ♦, and the hand is a little too strong for 3 ♦, and it is not good practice to open a preemptive bid in a minor while holding a 4-card major. While North has a good hand, does not really have the shape for a take out double, does not have a hold in opponents suit, and does not have a 5-card suit to overcall, so may choose to pass. East may pass or bid 1 ♠, and it is not easy to see where this will end up. As the cards lie, neither side has a game contract.

**Board 9**

North Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 10 7 6	♠ K 9 5	♠ 8 4 2
♥ J 8 5	♥ 9 4	♥ Q 3 2
♦ Q 6 3	♦ A J 9 8 4 2	♦ K 5
♣ A Q 8 4	♣ J 3	♣ K 10 9 5 2
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	♠ A Q J 3	
	♥ A K 10 7 6	
	♦ 10 7	
	♣ 7 6	

North has a standard 2 ♦ opening, and South should somewhat reluctantly pass this. North should make at least 10 tricks, losing just 2 ♣ and the K ♦, and may make 11 or even 12 if East-West do not find their ♣ tricks in time; North can set up extra tricks in the ♥ suit to dispose of his ♣ losers.

**Board 10**  
East Deals  
Both Vul

♠ K 9 7 6	♠ 4 3		♠ A J 8 2									
♥ A 8 7 6 3	♥ K 5 2		♥ Q 9									
♦ Q 2	♦ 8 7		♦ J 10 6 4									
♣ 8 4	♣ A K J 10 9 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		♣ 6 5 2
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	♦ A K 9 5 3											
	♣ Q 3											

East passes and South opens a standard 1 NT. Although North has only 11 points, should raise to 3 NT, and he has a very good 6-card suit to provide lots of tricks. West will probably lead a ♥, but this contract should make by way of 6 ♣ tricks, the AK♦ plus one tricks in the majors.

**Board 11**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 6	♠ J 8 7		♠ A Q 5 4 3 2									
♥ Q J 7 3	♥ 10 6 5 4		♥ —									
♦ 10 9 7 3	♦ A Q 8 6 5		♦ K J 4									
♣ 6 5 3	♣ 10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		♣ A Q 9 2
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	♥ A K 9 8 2											
	♦ 2											
	♣ K J 8 7 4											

South opens a routine 1 ♥, and North makes a routine raise to 2 ♥. The bad lie in the opponents' ♥ suit means that South can make no more than 8 or 9 tricks.

**Board 12**  
West Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ A J 10 6	♠ Q 5 3 2		♠ K 7									
♥ 9 7	♥ K J 4 2		♥ A Q 8 6									
♦ Q J 8 6 3	♦ —		♦ 10 9 7 5 4									
♣ J 3	♣ Q 9 8 6 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		♣ A 5
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	♣ K 10 7 4											

Neither West nor North can open, so East bids 1 ♦. Despite having a 5-card fit for his partner's ♦, West should still explore for a possible major fit by bidding 1 ♠. East has a slightly difficult rebid, with 2 ♦ being the best shot; this should end the bidding. This contract should make 10 tricks, losing just the two top ♦ and a ♣.