

Board 9

North Deals
E-W Vul

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

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

North has a perfect 3 ♠ opening, and in fact North-South can make 4 ♠ on their combined 16 points even if East-West do find their ♣ ruff. West can always make 5 ♥, and East will do so if North-South do not find their ♦ ruff. There will be some interesting competitive bidding on this hand!

Board 10

East Deals
Both Vul

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

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

East has a sound 3 ♦ opening, and South will probably overcall 3 ♠; West may choose to raise to 4 ♦. Once again, there could be some lively bidding; as the cards lie, North-South can make 3 ♥ or 3 ♠, and East-West can make 6 ♦!

Board 11

South Deals
None Vul

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

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

South will open a normal 3 ♥, and West will overcall 4 ♦. North should raise South to 4 ♥, and East should bid 5 ♦. At this vulnerability, North-South should bid 5 ♥; this will fail by 1 trick, but even if they are doubled the penalty is only -100 against the 400 that East-West can make in 5 ♦.

Board 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

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

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

West should open a highly disruptive 4 ♠, and North will probably try 5 ♥. This contract can be beaten by two tricks on the following difficult defence. East leads A ♦ and gives his partner a ♦ ruff; West returns a LOW ♠ to East's K, and receives a second ♦ ruff. Note that 4 ♠ can be made.