

BFP B2 L03 Vulnerability - Doubling - Scoring

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ A K Q
♣ 6 3

♠ A K Q
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A 9 8 4



♠ —
♥ J 10 9 6 5 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 10 7 5 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	2	-	3	3
S	-	2	-	3	3
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

♠ J 10 7 5 3
♥ A
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ K Q J

14
13 1
12

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Dbf	All pass		

With 5 spades and 14 HCPs, North opens 1 ♠. With 12 HCPs, and a singleton A♥, South raises to 4 ♠.

With three absolutely certain tricks, and a 99% certain fourth trick, West doubles the contract for penalties.

A double of a contract above 3NT is for penalties, and East passes.

Declarer cannot avoid losing the three top trumps and the ♣ A, but will take the remaining nine tricks for one down.

The defence get a score of 100, rather than 50, because the declaring side are not vulnerable.

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Board 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ —
♥ J 10 9 6 5 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ A 10 7 5

♠ 9 8 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ A K Q
♣ 6 3



♠ J 10 7 5 3
♥ A
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ K Q J

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	-	3	-	3	2
W	2	3	2	3	3

♠ A K Q
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 8 7 6
♣ 9 8 4 2

5
14 12
9

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

With 5 spades and 14 HCPs, West opens 1 ♠. With 12 HCPs, and a singleton A♥, East raises to 4 ♠.

With only three absolutely certain tricks, South does NOT double the contract for penalties.

Declarer cannot avoid losing the three top trumps and the ♣ A, but will take the remaining nine tricks for one down.

The defence get a score of 100, because the declaring side are vulnerable.

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Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K Q

♥ 8 3 2

♦ 8 7 6

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ J 10 7 5 3

♥ A

♦ J 5 4 3

♣ K Q J



♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ A K Q

♣ 6 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	1	-	-
S	-	-	1	-	-
E	1	2	-	3	3
W	-	2	-	3	3

♠ —

♥ J 10 9 6 5 4

♦ 10 9 2

♣ 10 7 5 2

13

12 14

1

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Dbl

All pass

With 5 spades and 12 HCPs, West opens 1 ♠. With 14 HCPs, and a singleton A♥, East raises to 4 ♠.

With three absolutely certain tricks, and a 99% certain fourth trick, South doubles the contract for penalties.

A double of a contract above 3NT is for penalties, and North passes.

Declarer cannot avoid losing the three top trumps and the ♣ A, but will take the remaining nine tricks for one down.

This time the defence score 200, because the declaring side is vulnerable.

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Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ A K Q
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 8 7 6
♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ J 10 7 5 3
♥ A
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ K Q J



♠ 9 8 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ A K Q
♣ A 6

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	3	4	3	4	4
W	2	4	-	4	4

♠ —
♥ J 10 9 6 5 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 10 7 5 2

⁹
12 **18**
1

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

With 5 spades and 12 HCPs, West opens 1 ♠. With 18 HCPs, East raises to 4 ♠.

With only three absolutely certain tricks, South does NOT double the contract for penalties.

Declarer cannot avoid losing the three top trumps, but will take the remaining ten tricks.

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Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 2
♥ Q 6 5 3 2
♦ A Q 6 5 2
♣ A

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 10 9
♦ —
♣ J 10 9 8 3 2



♠ K Q J 10 9 3
♥ —
♦ K J 10 9 7
♣ K Q

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	3	5	-	2
S	-	3	5	-	2
E	2	-	-	4	-
W	2	-	-	5	-

♠ 6
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 7 6 5 4

16
2 15
7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♠	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

East's 2 ♠ is an intermediate jump overcall showing a 6-card suit AND opening values.

South's hand has 7 HCPs, plus a singleton spade, almost like another king. It would be worth normally 3 ♥, but we stretch it in a competitive auction to discourage the opponents, so 4 ♥.

West checks the vulnerability. N/S are vulnerable, making their 4 ♥ worth 620 scoring points. West cannot see any chance of beating 4 ♥. E/W are NOT vulnerable. 4 ♠ two down doubled non-vulnerable is -300, and three down doubled non vulnerable is -500, both "better" than -620 for the N/S game in hearts.

West decides on a sacrifice bid of 4 ♠.

North has 3 Aces outside hearts so doubles for penalties.

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Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4
 ♥ J 9 6
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ K 8 3 2

♠ 6
 ♥ A K 7 4
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ 7 6 5 4



♠ A 2
 ♥ Q 8 5 3 2
 ♦ A Q 6 5
 ♣ A J

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	1	-
S	-	-	-	1	-
E	1	5	5	-	3
W	1	5	5	-	3

♠ K Q J 10 9 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ Q 10 9

7
 7 17
 9

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	1 ♠
4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥	All pass

South's 1 ♠ is a simple overcall, so partner should expect a high quality five card or more suit, and somewhere from 8-14 HCPs.

West's hand has 7 HCPs, plus a singleton spade, almost like another king. It would be worth normally 3 ♥, but we stretch it in a competitive auction to discourage the opponents, so 4 ♥.

North checks the vulnerability. E/W are vulnerable, making their 4 ♥ worth 620 scoring points. North cannot see any chance of beating 4 ♥. N/S are NOT vulnerable. 4 ♠ two down doubled non-vulnerable is -300, and three down doubled non vulnerable is -500, both "better" than -620 for the E/W game in hearts.

North advances partner's overcall with 4 ♠. This is the absolute limit of the value of the hand. East's hand is super powerful. East checks the vulnerability and realises the E/W game in hearts is worth more than the probable score from doubling N/S and taking their contract down, so bids 5 ♥.

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Board 7
 South Deals
 Both Vul

♠ A K 7 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ 10
 ♥ K Q J 10 9 3
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ Q 10 9



♠ J 9 6
 ♥ 8 7 5 4
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ K 8 3 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	5	-	5	3
S	1	5	-	5	3
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

♠ Q 8 5 3 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ A Q 6 5
 ♣ A J

7
9 7
17

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
2 ♥	4 ♠	All pass	

West's 2♥ is a simple overcall, so partner should expect a quality heart suit with at least five cards and 10-14 HCPs. In this case West also has a singleton spade, adding a bit more to the value of the hand.

North's 4♠ is a stretch bid reflecting a fit in spades, 7 HCPs, a singleton heart and an added level because the auction has become competitive.

East has four hearts, but a flat hand. E/W would have to bid 5♥ over the 4♠, and E/W are vulnerable. They could easily be doubled and miss their contract by 3 giving away 800, when N/S hearts game is worth 620.

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Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 3
♥ 10 7
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ Q 9

♠ A 2
♥ Q 6 5 3 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ A J 7



♠ 9 6
♥ A K 8 4
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 6 5 4 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	1	-
S	-	-	-	1	-
E	2	-	4	-	3
W	2	1	4	-	3

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 9
♦ K 7 2
♣ K 10 8 3

9
17 7
7

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

North's 1 ♠ is a simple overcall, so partner should expect a quality suit with five or more cards with 8-14 HCPs.

East's hand has 7 HCPs, four hearts and would normally be a raise to 2 ♥. 3 ♥ is a stretch bid reflecting the competitive situation.

West knows that East's hand is actually a 2 ♥ raise. West has 17 HCP and a known 9-card heart fit so bids 4 ♥.

South has four spades but estimates North is probably low on HCPs so passes because three down doubled non-vulnerable in 4 ♠ is -500, worse than -420 for the E/W game in hearts.

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Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 2
♥ Q 6 5 3 2
♦ A Q 6 5 2
♣ A

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 10 9
♦ —
♣ J 10 9 8 3 2



♠ K Q J 10 9 3
♥ —
♦ K J 10 9 7
♣ K Q

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	3	5	-	2
S	-	3	5	-	2
E	2	-	-	4	-
W	2	-	-	5	-

♠ 6
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 7 6 5 4

16
2 15
7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♠	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥	5 ♠	Pass
Dbl	All pass		

East's 2 ♠ is an intermediate jump overcall showing a 6-card suit AND opening values.

South's hand with five hearts, HCP count of 7 plus a useful singleton in spades would normally be a raise to 3 ♥. However, after the interfering bid of 2 ♠, raising a further level to 4 ♥ is a stretch bid designed to discourage further competition.

West has a fit in spades and a useful void in diamonds; estimates 4 ♠ will be two down, doubled non-vulnerable, gives away 300, better than 420 for the N/S game in hearts.

North hand is powerful enough to bid 5 ♥.

East has no defence to a heart contract and estimates three lost tricks, and so raises to 5 ♠.

North has 3 Aces outside hearts so doubles for penalties.

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Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4

♥ J 9 6

♦ K 7

♣ K 8 3 2

♠ 6

♥ A K 7 4

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ 7 6 5 4



♠ A 2

♥ Q 8 5 3 2

♦ A Q 6 5

♣ A J

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	1	-
S	-	-	-	1	-
E	1	5	5	-	3
W	1	5	5	-	3

♠ K Q J 10 9 3

♥ 10

♦ J 10 9

♣ Q 10 9

7
7 17
9

West

North

East

South

4 ♥

All pass

1 ♥

1 ♠

South's 1 ♠ is a simple overcall, a 5+card suit with 8-14HCPs.

West's has four hearts, HCP count of 7 and a useful singleton in spades, normally a raise to 3 ♥. However, after the interfering bid of 1 ♠, raising a further level to 4 ♥ is a stretch bid designed to discourage further competition.

East/West game in hearts wins 420 scoring points. North/South are vulnerable. If they are doubled: -1 costs 200; -2 costs 500. 500 is worse than 420, so it is not worth raising to 4 ♠, in fact goes 3 down for -800!

Neither North nor South has any prospect of taking four tricks, so no doubling!

Declarer will take the first spade trick; clear trumps; ruff the 2 ♠ in dummy; take the diamond finesse; concede a diamond; take a third diamond trick; take the A♣; and still has two trumps.

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Board 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 7 4
♥ 6
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ 10
♥ K Q J 10 9 3
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q 10 9



♠ J 9 6
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ K 7
♣ K 8 3 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	5	-	5	3
S	1	5	-	5	3
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

♠ Q 8 5 3 2
♥ A 2
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ A J

7
9 7
17

West	North	East	South
2 ♥	4 ♠	All pass	1 ♠

West's 2 ♥ is a simple overcall, so partner expects a quality five-card suit with 10-14 HCPs.

North's hand has four spades, 7 HCPs and a useful heart singleton. This would usually be a raise to 3 ♠. 4 ♠ is a stretch bid reflecting the competitive situation.

East has four hearts, but a flat hand with 7 HCPs. East passes because three down doubled non vulnerable in 5 ♥ is -500, worse than -420 for the N/S game in spades.

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Board 12
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q J 10 3
♥ 10 7
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ Q 9

♠ A 2
♥ Q 6 5 3 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ A J 7



♠ 9 6
♥ A K 8 4
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 6 5 4 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	1	-
S	-	-	-	1	-
E	2	-	4	-	3
W	2	1	4	-	3

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ J 9
♦ K 7 2
♣ K 10 8 3

9
17 7
7

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

North's 1 ♠ is a simple overcall, so partner so partner expects a quality five-card suit with 8-14 HCPs.

East's 3 ♥ hand has four hearts, 7 HCPs and a useful spade singleton. This would usually be a raise to 2 ♥. 3 ♥ is a stretch bid reflecting the competitive situation.

West has 17 HCP and a known 9-card heart fit so bids 4 ♥.

South estimates partner is weak for their bid, so passes, despite holding four spades because three down doubled vulnerable in 4 ♠ is -800, worse than -620 for the E/W game in hearts.