

Ben Kingham's Randomly Dealt Boards

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Board: 1 Dealer: N Vul: None <div> <div> ♠AQ6 ♥JT42 ♦AKT93 ♣T7 </div> <div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> ♠94 ♥AQ63 ♦4 ♣AQJ954 </div> </div> <div> <div> N 2 S 2 E 3 1 3 W 3 1 3 </div> <div> ♠KT732 ♥K9 ♦Q62 ♣K82 </div> <div> 6 10 HCP 13 11 </div> </div>	Board: 2 Dealer: E Vul: NS <div> <div> ♠AQ3 ♥963 ♦KJ94 ♣KJ3 </div> <div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> ♠T875 ♥J42 ♦Q86 ♣965 </div> </div> <div> <div> N 5 4 3 5 4 S 5 4 3 5 4 E W </div> <div> ♠J62 ♥AT75 ♦73 ♣Q842 </div> <div> 14 7 HCP 3 16 </div> </div>
Board: 3 Dealer: S Vul: EW <div> <div> ♠K8 ♥QJ5 ♦KT94 ♣K873 </div> <div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> ♠T954 ♥T7432 ♦Q5 ♣94 </div> </div> <div> <div> N 2 S 2 E 1 1 W 1 1 </div> <div> ♠AQJ6 ♥K96 ♦A63 ♣Q62 </div> <div> 12 16 HCP 2 10 </div> </div>	Board: 4 Dealer: W Vul: All <div> <div> ♠AQ7 ♥A985 ♦AQ73 ♣K4 </div> <div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> ♠KJ975 ♥QT ♦K64 ♣A53 </div> </div> <div> <div> N 4 3 4 4 4 S 4 2 3 3 3 E W </div> <div> ♠86 ♥7642 ♦JT2 ♣T762 </div> <div> 19 1 HCP 13 7 </div> </div>
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Hand 1:

Bidding: -P/1C/1S; X/3S/4H/AP. East's X is a negative double showing hearts and diamonds and North's 3S is 6-9 HCP based on the law of total tricks.

Play: Should go one trick down, provided South knows after North plays SA to the first round that North has few points left and leads diamonds instead of away from CK or HK.

Hand 2:

Bidding: -/-/1NT/P; 3NT/AP. Play: After West leads H5 and East plays HJ, South knows that West has at least four to the HA and is therefore the danger hand, so finesses must be taken into East to ensure the contact. As it happens, the two way finesse in diamonds works this way around for an overtrick.

Hand 3:

Bidding: -/-/1NT; P/2C/2S/AP. East could transfer and play hearts in a 2-5 fit, but Stayman provides opportunity for the preferred 4-4 fit in spades. (Note this doesn't work for Extended Stayman, as West would bid at three level with high range hand).

Play: North knows South hand is relatively weak, so should avoid leading away from kings and into declarer's likely strength. Preferred lead is HQ, leading to one off for a good score.

Hand 4:

Bidding: -/1D/1S/P; 1NT/P/3NT/AP. South has no spade stopper so must pass. West would have opened 1NT with 15-17, and would pass with 12-14, so 1NT rebid shows 18-19.

Knowing this, South can see 25+ total and bids 3NT.

Play: With the lead coming from East and spades well stopped, North has a comfortable path to 10 tricks.

Hand 5:

Bidding: -/1H/P/2S/P; 3D/P/3S/P; 4C/P/4H/P; P/4NT/P/5H; P/6H/all pass. South, with 16 in support and a fourth heart splinters at the minimum level, subsequently showing a maximum by bidding on over North's 3D.

Play: 6H makes comfortably via five trumps, five clubs, a spade and two spades trumped in the short hand for a fine 24 HCP slam.

Hand 6:

Bidding: -/-/P/1NT/P/3NT. North is not sufficiently strong to bid over 1NT, and with 25 total East must take the risk with an unbalanced hand to bid the most likely game contract.

Play: West must duck a heart to make 3NT via three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club.

Note: Bidding is shown as West, North, East and South, so -P/1C/1S; X/3S/4H/AP means that North was dealer and passed, with the bidding subsequently progressing to a four heart contract by East