

HB17 Fourth Suit Forcing

<p>♠ 8 ♥ AQ1065 ♦ 984 ♣ AQ32</p> <p>♠ 10932 ♠ QJ4 ♥ 842 ♥ K97 ♦ AJ763 ♦ Q5 ♣ K ♣ J10764</p> <p>♠ AK765 ♥ J3 ♦ K102 ♣ 985</p>	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>2NT</td></tr><tr><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Opening 1♥ and rebidding 2♣ guarantees 5 hearts. 2NT shows 10-12 points and a diamond stopper. South has no need to use the fourth suit (2♦) because he has a perfectly good natural bid available.</p>	West	North	East	South		1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT	All Pass											
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<p>♠ 97532 ♥ 97 ♦ 2 ♣ KQ987</p> <p>♠ A8 ♠ KQJ106 ♥ A32 ♥ KQJ54 ♦ KQ943 ♦ A6 ♣ 654 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ 1086 ♦ J10875 ♣ AJ103</p>	<p>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2♦</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♥</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♥</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>4♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>4NT</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>5♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>6♥</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <p>Opening 1♠ and rebidding 2♥ guarantees 5 spades and 4 hearts. 3♣ is fourth suit forcing, game forcing because the fourth suit was bid at the three level. 3♥ shows a fifth heart which West is happy to support. Blackwood allows East to bid an easy slam.</p>	West	North	East	South			1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass
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<p>♠ AK765 ♥ J3 ♦ 1032 ♣ K98</p> <p>♠ QJ4 ♠ 10932 ♥ K107 ♥ 84 ♦ Q54 ♦ AKJ76 ♣ Q1076 ♣ 54</p> <p>♠ 8 ♥ AQ9652 ♦ 98 ♣ AJ32</p>	<p>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♣</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♥</td></tr><tr><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Opening 1♥ and rebidding 2♣ guarantees 5 hearts. 2♦ is fourth suit forcing. It shows at least invitational values (10+) but might be a lot stronger. 2♥ shows a minimum opening and suggests a sixth heart (though sometimes South may have no choice but to continue with 2♥ with a 5-card suit).</p>	West	North	East	South				1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass							
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<p>♠ Q1043 ♥ 10984 ♦ 10965 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ K87 ♠ 952 ♥ AQJ2 ♥ K76 ♦ J ♦ AQ732 ♣ KQ986 ♣ A2</p> <p>♠ AJ6 ♥ 53 ♦ K84 ♣ J10543</p>	<p>Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♦</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>1♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♠</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3NT</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Opening 1♣ and rebidding 1♥ suggests 5 clubs and 4 hearts (though opener could be 4-4-1-4 with a singleton diamond). 2♠ is fourth suit forcing. It shows at least invitational values (10+) but might be a lot stronger. West has a spade stopper and better than minimum opening, hence 3NT.</p>	West	North	East	South	1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass										
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<div><div><div>♠Q10932</div><div>♥84</div><div>♦AJ76</div><div>♣QJ</div></div><div><div>♠AK765</div><div>♥J3</div><div>♦1032</div><div>♣K107</div></div><div><div>♠8</div><div>♥AQ965</div><div>♦K98</div><div>♣A543</div></div><div><div>♠J4</div><div>♥K1072</div><div>♦Q54</div><div>♣9862</div></div></div>	<div>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div>1♥</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>1♠</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♣</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>2♦</div><div>Pass</div><div>2NT</div><div>All Pass</div></div></div> <div>Opening 1♥ and rebidding 2♣ guarantees 5 hearts. 2♦ is fourth suit forcing. It shows at least invitational values (10+) but might be a lot stronger. 2NT shows a minimum opening with a diamond stopper. East is not worried about his spade weakness because West has bid spades.</div>
<div><div><div>♠42</div><div>♥A3</div><div>♦K94</div><div>♣AKQ987</div></div><div><div>♠K93</div><div>♥K9742</div><div>♦J106</div><div>♣43</div></div><div><div>♠J107</div><div>♥QJ108</div><div>♦532</div><div>♣1065</div></div><div><div>♠AQ865</div><div>♥65</div><div>♦AQ87</div><div>♣J2</div></div></div>	<div>Board 7 : Dealer South : All vulnerable</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>1♠</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2♣</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♦</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2♥</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♠</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>3♣</div><div>Pass</div><div>4♣</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>4NT</div><div>Pass</div><div>5♥</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>6♣</div><div>All Pass</div><div></div></div></div> <div>Opening 1♠ and rebidding 2♦ guarantees 5 spades and 4 diamonds. 2♥ is fourth suit forcing. South has little choice but to bid 2♠. 3♣ is game forcing (North had bid 2♥ which was initially only forcing for only one round but when he bids on the auction becomes game forcing). Hearing that North has excellent clubs, South is happy to give support, leading to the good slam.</div>
<div><div><div>♠74</div><div>♥1087</div><div>♦Q854</div><div>♣8652</div></div><div><div>♠82</div><div>♥AQ965</div><div>♦9</div><div>♣AQ943</div></div><div><div>♠AKJ65</div><div>♥J3</div><div>♦1032</div><div>♣KJ10</div></div><div><div>♠Q1093</div><div>♥K42</div><div>♦AKJ76</div><div>♣7</div></div></div>	<div>Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div>1♥</div><div>Pass</div><div>1♠</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>2♣</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♦</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>3♣</div><div>Pass</div><div>5♣</div><div>All Pass</div></div></div> <div>Opening 1♥ and rebidding 2♣ guarantees 5 hearts. 2♦ is fourth suit forcing. It shows at least invitational values (10+) but might be a lot stronger. 3♣ shows a fifth club: at least 5-5 shape in hearts and clubs. 3♣ can be passed but East decides to try game in clubs.</div>