

Red Suit Transfers

<div><div><div>♠KQ5</div><div>♥KQ2</div><div>♦KJ75</div><div>♣843</div></div><div><div>♠A987</div><div>♥A94</div><div>♦1096</div><div>♣A65</div></div><div><div>♠10432</div><div>♥3</div><div>♦843</div><div>♣KQJ109</div></div><div><div>♠J6</div><div>♥J108765</div><div>♦AQ2</div><div>♣72</div></div></div>	<div>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</div> <div><div><div><div><i>West</i></div><div><i>North</i></div><div><i>East</i></div><div><i>South</i></div></div><div><div></div><div>1N</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♦</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2♥</div><div>All Pass</div><div></div></div></div></div> <div>2♦ shows five+hearts and requires partner to bid2♥ South is using the transfer to show a weak hand and will sign off in 2♥ (without transfers he would bid 2♥ to play). Note that 2♥ should make nine tricks (losing a spade, a heart and two clubs) but 1N is one off if East leads the obvious club (and that suit doesn't get blocked).</div>
<div><div><div>♠AK5</div><div>♥986</div><div>♦10864</div><div>♣QJ3</div></div><div><div>♠87</div><div>♥KJ532</div><div>♦K75</div><div>♣A107</div></div><div><div>♠932</div><div>♥Q107</div><div>♦AQJ</div><div>♣K542</div></div><div><div>♠QJ1064</div><div>♥A4</div><div>♦932</div><div>♣986</div></div></div>	<div>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</div> <div><div><div><div><i>West</i></div><div><i>North</i></div><div><i>East</i></div><div><i>South</i></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div>1N</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>2♦</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♥</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>2N</div><div>Pass</div><div>3♥</div><div>All Pass</div></div></div></div> <div>Again 2♦ shows five or more hearts and requires partner to bid 2♥. 2N shows 11-12 points with exactly five hearts. It is invitational to game. East signs off in 3♥ because he has a minimum 1N and 3-card heart support. 3♥ makes nine tricks. 2N is one off on a spade lead.</div>
<div><div><div>♠87</div><div>♥A9432</div><div>♦K75</div><div>♣A107</div></div><div><div>♠J9643</div><div>♥KJ</div><div>♦932</div><div>♣986</div></div><div><div>♠AK5</div><div>♥Q1086</div><div>♦1086</div><div>♣J32</div></div><div><div>♠Q102</div><div>♥75</div><div>♦AQJ4</div><div>♣KQ54</div></div></div>	<div>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</div> <div><div><div><div><i>West</i></div><div><i>North</i></div><div><i>East</i></div><div><i>South</i></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>1N</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2♦</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♥</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2N</div><div>Pass</div><div>3N</div></div></div></div> <div>2♦ is the now familiar transfer to hearts and North adopts an invitational sequence with balanced shape. North raises to 3N because he has a maximum 1N but only two hearts. 3N makes 9 or 10 tricks. A heart contract loses two spade tricks and three heart tricks.</div>

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<div>♠J1082</div> <div>♥62</div> <div>♦A84</div> <div>♣Q984</div> <div>♠AQ643</div> <div>♥KQ85</div> <div>♦72</div> <div>♣K3</div> <div>♠K7</div> <div>♥AJ104</div> <div>♦Q53</div> <div>♣A752</div> <div>♠95</div> <div>♥973</div> <div>♦KJ1096</div> <div>♣J106</div>	<div>Board 5 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>Pass</td><td>1N</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>4♥</td><td>All pass</td></tr></table> <div>West's 2♥ shows five or more spades and partner dutifully bids 2♠. 3♥ shows four (or more) hearts and is forcing for one round. With 4card heart support (and a maximum) East is more than happy to raise to 4♥. 4♥ makes eleven tricks if declarer ruffs a spade in dummy and to set up his fifth spade as a winner. 3N is one off on the lead of ♦J (North overtaking with ♦A to fire back another diamond).</div>	West	North	East	South		Pass	1N	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass				
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<div>♠KQ9</div> <div>♥953</div> <div>♦AQ43</div> <div>♣AKQ</div> <div>♠54</div> <div>♥A42</div> <div>♦762</div> <div>♣76532</div> <div>♠A32</div> <div>♥KQJ106</div> <div>♦1098</div> <div>♣98</div> <div>♠J10876</div> <div>♥87</div> <div>♦KJ5</div> <div>♣J104</div>	<div>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Pass</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2N</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>3♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>3N</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>4♠</td><td>All pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <div>Here we use a similar transfer scheme after 2N with 3♥ showing five or more spades. 3N shows (five)six+ points and exactly five spades in a roughly balanced hand. With 3card spade support North bids 4♠. 4♠ makes ten tricks, losing two hearts and ♠A. 3N is two off on a heart lead.</div>	West	North	East	South			Pass	Pass	Pass	2N	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	3N	Pass	4♠	All pass	
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<p>♠J108764 ♥87 ♦KJ5 ♣J10</p> <p>♠A3 ♠K92 ♥KQ1096 ♥J4 ♦1098 ♦76 32 ♣983 ♣7654</p> <p>♠Q5 ♥A532 ♦AQ4 ♣AKQ2</p>	<p>Board 7 : Dealer South : All 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>2♣¹</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♦²</td><td>Pass</td><td>2N³</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>3♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>4♠</td><td>All pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>1 <i>Eight playing tricks or balanced 21-22</i> 2 <i>Relay</i> 3 <i>Balanced 21-22</i></p> <p>We can also use transfers when we show a big, balanced hand in delayed fashion. 3♥ shows five or more spades and partner bids the expected 3♠. 4♠ is a sign off showing six+ spades. 4♠ loses just two trump tricks if declarer wins the heart lead and immediately plays three rounds of clubs, discarding a heart. 3N is at least one off on a heart lead (it should lose four hearts and two spades).</p>	West	North	East	South				2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	Pass	2N ³	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass	
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<p>♠A7 ♥KQ753 ♦A42 ♣982</p> <p>♠QJ865 ♠K2 ♥6 ♥AJ10 ♦J103 ♦KQ875 ♣KQ63 ♣A107</p> <p>♠10943 ♥9842 ♦96 ♣J54</p>	<p>Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>1♥</td><td>1N¹</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>3N</td><td>All pass</td></tr></table> <p>1 <i>15-17(18) with at least one heart stop</i></p> <p>Transfers are also useful when we make a 1N overcall. West is able to show both his suits by following with 3♣ (at least invitational and forcing for one round). East doesn't have three spades so opts for 3N (quite comfortably as he holds a maximum).</p> <p>Declarer can win the heart lead and set up the diamonds – if the defence clears the hearts there are already sufficient tricks for an overtrick : two hearts, four diamonds and four clubs.</p>	West	North	East	South	Pass	1♥	1N ¹	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass	3N	All pass				
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