

Random Exercises 8

11 August 2020

Pre-emptive bidding

Vulnerability: None

Dealer: North

North's hand:

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) J 7

♦ K Q 10 9 6 5

♣ K 6 5

Bidding:			
North	East	South	West
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's hand:

♠ A 7 6

💙 A K 10 9 8 2

♦ 8

♣ A J 4

North has 9 HCPs; 2 of the top 3 honours in a 7 card ♦ suit. She bids 3 ♦.

South does not like ♦ s. She has 16 points, 6 good ♥ s, and 2 other Aces. She bids 3 ♥. This is a "forcing bid" – North must bid again.

North trusts her partner to have only bid another suit if she has the above criteria. With 2 ♥ s and a singleton ♠, she bids 4 ♥ for a Game contract.

Losing Trick Count

Vulnerability: All

Dealer: West

West's hand:

♠ A K 7 4

♥ J 9 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ Q 7 2

East's hand:

10 5 2

∀ K Q 6 4

♦ J 6 3

10 8 4

Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	2 💙	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West has 15 HCPs; balanced. Because her two longest suits are ♥ s and ♠ s, she bids 1 ♥ (expecting to rebid 1 NT).

East has 6 HCPs and so must respond. She sees a fit in \forall s. She has 10 losers with \forall s as trumps and assumes West has 7. 10 + 7 = 17; 18 - 17 = 1. Even 2 \forall may be a stretch, but she responds at the lowest level of 2 \forall .

West had intended rebidding 1 NT, but West's response has shown a fit in ♥ s and probably not enough strength for them to win a 3 NT contract.

She has 7 losers, the same number that East would have assumed. LTC is less reliable with a balanced hand, but she settles for a contract in 2 ♥ by passing.

Vulnerability: East / West

Dealer: South, who opened 1 •

The Opponents pass after this initial bid

Doubling

West's hand:

	Q	J	10	6	3
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♣ K J 7

East's hand:

	8	5
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K	_]	5	2
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4 10 9 6

Bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	X
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West has 13 HCPs and would have opened 1 ♠. All she can do is pass and hope the Opponents play in ♠ s.

East has 8 HCPs. Because she is in the 4th "Protective" position, she can assume higher strength ("borrow a King"). She is short in ♠ s and has tolerance (3+ cards) in the other suits. She doubles.

West knows East will expect her to bid. However, she thinks their partnership is better defending in ♠ s and will bring down a 1 ♠ contract. She passes, effectively turning the take-out double into a penalty double.

If she is wrong, she might be looking for a new partner!

Pre-emptive bidding

Vulnerability: East / West

Dealer: South

South's hand:

6 7 6

4 3 2

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▲ A Q J 10 9 7 (

Bidding:			
South	West	North	East
3 🍁	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North's hand:

♠ K Q 10

🧡 K 6 5

♦ A Q 5 4

♣ K 3 2

South has 7 HCPs; 2 of the top 3 honours in a 7 card ♣ suit. She bids 3 ♣.

North has 17 HCPs and thinks about which Game contract would be best.

There is a fit in ♣ s (and cards for entries to South's hand) and good honours in the other suits. Playing in 3 NT is usually much better than playing Game in a Minor suit. She bids 3 NT.

1 NT & RST

Vulnerability: East / West Dealer: South, who opened 1 ♦

The Opponents pass after this initial bid

West's hand:

•	A	J	8	7
•	A	9		

•	K	10	5	
•	•	•	6	

Bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 NT	Pass	2 💙
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West has 15 HCPs; balanced, with a stop in the bid suit. She overcalls 1 NT.

East has 5 ♠ s, so she bids 2 ♥, regardless of her strength.

West automatically bids 2 ♠.

East has 8 HCPs and she knows West has at least 15 HCPs. She asks whether West is strong enough for Game by bidding 2 NT.

West knows they have a fit in ♠ s. If East had 10 or more HCPs, she would have bid 3 NT rather than 2 NT. She knows they are not strong enough for Game and bids 3 ♠.

East's hand:

	9	6	5	3	2
•	K	J	8		
•	Q	7			

Vulnerability: North / South

Dealer: West

2 Opening

West's hand:

K	Q	5	3







East's hand:

A	8	6	2





♣ J 5 3

Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
2 💠	Pass	2 🔷	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 🛧	Pass	Pass	Pass

West has 24 HCPs; balanced. She bids 2 ♣ (alerted).

East has only 7 HCPs, but must respond. She bids 2 ♦ (alerted).

West shows her hand is balanced by bidding 2 NT.

East must bid (2 ♣ is forcing) and bids 3 ♣ (Stayman - alerted).

West responds 3 ♥.

East knows they are strong enough for Game and bid 3 NT.

West knows that East must have 4 ♠ s (so they have a fit) and so bids 4 ♠.

Pre-emptive bidding

Vulnerability: All

Dealer: West

West's hand:

	K	J	8				
•	K	J	10	9	7	6	5

4 3

2

Bidding:				
West	North	East	South	
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass	
Pass	Pass			

East's hand:

♠ A Q 7 6

Y 4

♦ K 8 5

🐥 A K J 8 5

West has 8 HCPs; 3 of the 5 honours in a 7 card ♥ suit. She bids 3 ♥.

East has 17 HCPs and thinks about which Game contract would be best.

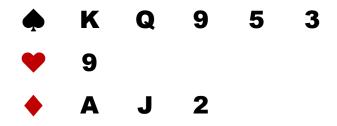
3 NT might seem attractive at first glance, but East has only 3 certain winners and just one ♥ card to gain entry to West's hand. She bids 4 ♥.

Fourth Suit Forcing

Vulnerability: All

Dealer: West

West's hand:

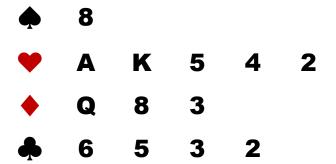


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Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 💙	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West has 16 HCPs; unbalanced; She bids her higher ranking longest suit – 1 ♠.

East's hand:



East has 9 HCPs. She has 5 ♥ s and satisfies Rule of 14 to bid 2 ♥. (9 HCPs + 5 H s = 14)

West bids her second suit. She shows she has 16+ HCPs by jumping to 3 ♣.

Three suits have been bid and East is wondering if they should be in a NT contract. She only has the one Q ♦ stop. Using "Forth Suit Forcing", she bids the 4th suit to find out if West has stops in it. She bids 3 ♦ (which West alerts).

West does have stops in ♦ s and so they should be in a NT contract. Because East bid 2 ♥, West knows they have at least 25 HCPs and bids 3 NT.

Losing Trick Count

Vulnerability: All

Dealer: West

West's hand:

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Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
1 🔷	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

East's hand:

Q





West has 14 HCPs; unbalanced. She bids 1 ♦.

East has 11 HCPs. She responds 1 ♥.

West sees a fit in \forall s and counts her losers as 6 and assumes East had 9. She bids 3 \forall . 6 = 9 = 15; 18 - 15 = 3.

East counts 7 losers with ♥ s as trumps and knows that West assumed she had 9 when bidding 3 ♥.

East bids 4 ♥.