

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 ♠

Dbl

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

♠ 9 8 6 4 2	♠ —	♠ J 10 7 5 3
♥ K Q 7	♥ J 10 9 6 5 4	♥ A
♦ A K Q	♦ 10 9 2	♦ J 5 4 3
♣ 6 3	♣ A 10 7 5	♣ K Q J

	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N	♠ A K Q	
N	- - - - -	♥ 8 3 2	
S	- - - - -	♦ 8 7 6	
E	- 3 - 3 2	♣ 9 8 4 2	
W	2 3 2 3 3		

	W	N	E	S	

	♠	♥	♦	♣	
5					
14					12
					9

West

North

East

South

4 ♠

All pass

1 ♠

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

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Dbl

All pass

Pass

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

With three absolutely certain tricks, and a 99% certain fourth trick, North 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 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4

♥ J 10 9

♦ —

♣ J 10 9 8 3 2

N

W E

S

♠ 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 bids 5 ♥ but East with a void in hearts and not vulnerable bids 5 ♠.

North has 3 Aces outside hearts so doubles for penalties.

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6	♠ 8 7 5 4	♠ A 2
♥ A K 7 4	♥ J 9 6	♥ Q 8 5 3 2
♦ 8 4 3 2	♦ K 7	♦ A Q 6 5
♣ 7 6 5 4	♣ K 8 3 2	♣ A J

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

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

West

North

East

South

4 ♥

4 ♠

1 ♥

1 ♠

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 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

1 ❤️

4 ❤️

North

1 ♠

All pass

East

3 ❤️

South

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 ♠	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

♠ 6	♠ 8 7 5 4	♠ A 2
♥ A K 7 4	♥ J 9 6	♥ Q 8 5 3 2
♦ 8 4 3 2	♦ K 7	♦ A Q 6 5
♣ 7 6 5 4	♣ K 8 3 2	♣ A J

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

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

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

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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