


BFP BC L11 Unusual 2 NT

Board 1	♠ A 3		
North Deals	♥ A 7 4		
None Vul	♦ K Q J 10 3		
	♣ J 8 3		
♠ Q 10 2		♠ 8 6 5	
♥ K 10 6 3 2		♥ Q J 5	
♦ —		♦ 9 8 7 4 2	
♣ A 10 7 6 5		♣ K 4	
	♠ K J 9 7 4		
	♥ 9 8		
	♦ A 6 5		
	♣ Q 9 2		

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 9 6
10

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	8 7/8	4	9	5	—	100
E/W	3	3	9	4	7	

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	All pass

The Unusual 2 NT by West shows a hand containing at least 5-5 in the two lowest ranked unbid suits, in this instance clubs and hearts.

N/S have the majority of the HCPs (25), so they might expect to defeat the 3 ♥ contract. However, if declarer ruffs a round of clubs in the East hand before drawing trumps, there are five tricks available from trumps and another four from clubs for a total of 9 tricks.

If N/S bid 4 ♦ it will will go one down due to the 5-0 split in diamonds, but it turns out to be a good sacrifice!

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Board 2 ♠ J 9
 East Deals ♥ K Q 10 8 7
 N-S Vul ♦ K
 ♣ K 10 9 3 2

♠ A 7	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ J 6 5 4		♥ A
♦ A Q J 6 4 3		♦ 9 8 5
♣ J		♣ 8 7 6 5 4

	♠ K Q 10 6 4
	♥ 9 3 2
	♦ 10 7 2
	♣ A Q

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 13 4
 11

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	5	7	9	3	8	+100
E/W	8	5	4	9	5	

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
All pass			

The Unusual 2 NT by North shows a hand containing at least 5-5 in the two lowest ranked unbid suits, in this instance clubs and hearts.

Not an easy hand to play, but the contract can be made if declarer leads hearts from South and takes a finesse by playing 10♥ from North.

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Board 3 ♠ K Q 8 4
 South Deals ♥ Q J 10 8 4
 E-W Vul ♦ 10 9 2
 ♣ 9

♠ — ♥ A 5 3 ♦ K Q 8 6 4 ♣ K 7 5 4 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 7 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ A J 7 5 3 ♣ Q 10 8
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♠ A 10 9 6 2
 ♥ K 7 6 2
 ♦ —
 ♣ A J 6 2

8
 12 8
 12

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	6	11	11	1	3	+200
E/W	6	2	2	11	9	

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
2 NT	4 ♠	5 ♦	5 ♠
All pass			

The Unusual 2 NT by West shows a hand containing at least 5-5 in the two lowest ranked unbid suits, in this instance clubs and diamonds.

Both pairs have 20 HCPs each. However, on this hand N/S can make 5 ♠ or 5 ♥ and E/W can make 5 ♦. E/W do have a good sacrifice with 6 ♦ but will probably not bid it due to the unfavourable vulnerability.

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Board 4 ♠ 3
 West Deals ♥ K 5 4 3 2
 Both Vul ♦ A K 10 9 5
 ♣ J 2

♠ K 10 9 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ Q 2 ♣ K Q 6 4 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 7 5 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A 9 8 7 5
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♠ A Q J 8 6 4
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ J 8 6
 ♣ 10

11
 16 4
 9

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	6	9	10	10	4	+620
E/W	6	4	3	2	8	

West North East South
 1 ♣ 2 NT Pass 3 ♥
 All pass

The Unusual 2 NT by North shows a hand containing at least 5-5 in the two lowest ranked unbid suits, in this instance diamonds and hearts.

Ten tricks are possible by ruffing a round of clubs in the South hand and then leading a small heart towards North's ♥ K. From the bidding it is almost certain that West has ♠ K, so nothing can be gained by trying the finesse. When trumps have been cleared, the diamond suit is good for five tricks because ♦ Q is in a doubleton in East's hand.

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Board 5 ♠ K 9 7 5 4 3
 North Deals ♥ A J
 N-S Vul ♦ K Q
 ♣ K 10 9

♠ Q J 6	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A
♥ K Q 10 6 4		♥ 5
♦ 5		♦ A J 10 9 8 7
♣ A 6 5 4		♣ Q J 7 3 2

	♠ 10 8 2
16	♥ 9 8 7 3 2
12 12	♦ 6 4 3 2
0	♣ 8

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	4	7	4	2	1	-400
E/W	7	5/6	8/9	9	11	


West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

The Unusual 2 NT by East shows a hand containing at least 5-5 in the two lowest ranked unbid suits, in this instance clubs and diamonds.

To make this contract it may well be necessary to ruff diamonds twice in the West hand, so start by cashing ♣ A and then lead ♦ 5 towards East's diamonds. Ruff a diamond return and note that ♦ K and ♦ Q have been played so that all of East's remaining diamonds are now good. Clear the remaining two trumps and lose just two tricks to ♣ K and ♥ A.

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Board 6 ♠ K 6 5 4
 East Deals ♥ A J 2
 E-W Vul ♦ Q J 9 8
 ♣ 6 3

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

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	8	3	2	11	9/10	-100
E/W	5	9/8	11/10	1	3/2	

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 NT
3 ♥	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
All pass			

The Unusual 2 NT by South shows a hand containing at least 5-5 in the two lowest ranked unbid suits, in this instance clubs and diamonds.

If East leads ♥ K it is possible to make 12 tricks by discarding South's ♠ 8 on North's ♥ A. After clearing trumps in three rounds play ♣ A and then lose a club trick. Use North's last diamond to ruff a third round of clubs and then the remainder of South's hand will be winners.