

BC L15 Two Places to Play

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

♠ J ♥ K 10 7 5 2 ♦ 10 ♣ K Q 8 7 5 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 4 ♥ J 9 8 6 ♦ J 8 6 5 2 ♣ A 2
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	♠ A 7 3 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ 10 9 6	
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	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	7	11	4	9	4	+450
E/W	2	2	9	4	9	

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Dbl
5 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

E/W are not vulnerable so a 4NT overcall showing "two places to play" may lead to a good sacrifice in either clubs or hearts. East has only two clubs, so bids 5♦ knowing the partnership must have a fit in either diamonds or hearts.

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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ 7 5 3
 ♥ A J 6 5
 ♦ A J 7
 ♣ Q J 2



♠ K 6 4
 ♥ K Q 7 4 3 2
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ A 8

9
 13 12
 6

♠ Q J 10 9 8
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ 10 6 4

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	3 6/5	3	8	8	8	-430
E/W	10	7 10	4/5	4/5		

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

N/S are vulnerable so North will probably not enter the auction despite having a very distributional hand.

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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		♠ 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 ♠ J 10 9 8 7 6
 West Deals ♥ 10 9 8
 Both Vul ♦ K
 ♣ 10 8 4

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

	♠ A
4	♥ —
12 15	♦ Q 9 8 6 5 2
9	♣ K 9 7 6 5 3

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	2	4	2	6	10	-500
E/W	10	8	11	5	3	

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

N/S are vulnerable so South will probably not enter the auction despite having a very distributional hand.

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Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 5
♥ A J 10 7 2
♦ A 10
♣ Q J 6

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 5 4
♣ K 9 5



♠ K Q J 3 2
♥ 9 8
♦ K Q J 9 6
♣ 10

12
12 12
4

♠ 7
♥ 5 4
♦ 8 7 3 2
♣ A 8 7 4 3 2

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	3	3	7	3	9 -420
E/W	6	10	6	8	4

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

East's 2 ♥ overcall is a Michael's Cue Bid showing at least 5-5 in spades and a minor. With 12 HCPs and 4-card spade support West goes for the game in spades.

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Board 6

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 8
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ J 9 6 4 2
♣ Q 9 6

♠ A K J 5 3
♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K 8
♣ 5



♠ 10 7 4 2
♥ 6 4
♦ A Q 7 5
♣ 8 3 2

5
15 6
14

♠ Q 9 6
♥ A 5
♦ 10 3
♣ A K J 10 7 4

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	5	3	4	6/7	9	-300
E/W	6	10	8	6	4	

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