

BFP BC L16 Balance of Points XX

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ K Q 8 6

♦ K J

♣ K Q

♠ Q 9 8 6 5 4

♥ 4

♦ 10 5 4

♣ 8 4 2



♠ —

♥ A J 7 3

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ 10 7 6 5 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	2	-	1
S	-	-	2	-	1
E	1	1	-	-	-
W	1	1	-	-	-

♠ A K

♥ 10 9 5 2

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ A J 9

15
2 11
12

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Dbl

Rdbl

Pass

2 ♥

All pass

East has a sensible take out double. With 12HCP, but no fit, South redoubles. West is too weak to come into the auction. North bids the second suit: hearts. South likes the fit, but with 8 losers, passes.

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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 3
♥ 10 9 5 2
♦ 9 5 4 3 2
♣ 8 4

♠ 10 9 6 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ J 7
♣ A K Q 6



♠ A Q J 8 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 5 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	2	2	-	-
S	-	2	2	-	-
E	2	-	-	5	2
W	1	-	-	5	2

♠ —
♥ K J 8 6
♦ A K 10 8
♣ J 10 9 7 3

3
12 13
12

West

North

East

South

4 ♠

All pass

1 ♠

Dbl

With a fit and points for game, this is not a redouble situation. West raises immediately to game.

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Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 8

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ 8 6 5 3

♣ J

♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ A 9 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 7

♣ —



♠ 4 3 2

♥ Q 8

♦ 4 2

♣ A Q 10 7 6 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	-	2	1	1
S	1	1	2	1	1
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

♠ J 6

♥ K J 4

♦ A 9

♣ K 9 8 4 3 2

8
12 8
12

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Dbl

Rdbl

Pass

1 NT

All pass

North has a good redouble to show Balance of Points but no fit. South is wise to try 1 NT as repeating the clubs after partner denies a fit is probably not good.

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Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 6 4 2
♥ A 10 5 2
♦ —
♣ A K 10 8 2

♠ A
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A Q 10 9 6 2
♣ Q 5



♠ K 9 5 3
♥ K Q 7 4
♦ 5
♣ J 7 6 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	1	-	2	-
S	1	1	-	3	-
E	-	-	2	-	1
W	-	-	2	-	1

♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ J
♦ K J 8 7 4 3
♣ 9 4

12
12 9
7

West
1 ♦
2 ♥

North
Dbl
2 ♠

East
Rdbl
3 ♥

South
1 ♠
All pass

East's redouble shows that East/West has the balance of points, but no fit with opener's suit. South bids 1 ♠ in response to partner's double and West rebids 2 ♥ in response to partner's redouble. West's raise to 3 ♥ should end the bidding.

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Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 5 4 2
♥ A K J 8 5
♦ J 2
♣ J 10

♠ A 9 7 3
♥ 4 3 2
♦ A K 9
♣ K 8 3



♠ K J 10 8
♥ Q
♦ 10 6 5 4
♣ A 7 6 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	2	-	-
S	-	-	2	-	-
E	3	3	-	3	2
W	3	3	-	3	2

♠ 6
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ Q 8 7 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

12
14 10
4

West

2 ♠

North
1 ♥
All pass

East
Dbl

South
2 ♥

South is not strong enough to redouble. A raise to 2 ♥ should be treated as less than 6HCP by North. West trusts partner for 4 spades and bids to the losing trick count.

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N	♠ 4	
N	- - - - -	♥ A J 7 3	
S	- - - - -	♦ A J 9 6	
E	1 1 3 2 2	♣ Q 10 7 6	
W	1 1 3 2 2		

			2
		14	12
			12

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	All pass		

East's Spades aren't great, but there are five of them!

South has an excellent hand for a take-out double.

With 14HCPs, West redoubles to show balance of points and no fit with opener's suit.

North cannot bid.

East shows second suit, hearts.

It's a flat hand, West may invite to game, but it's a stretch.

With six losers, East may respond.

Knowing the South hand holds all the points may help, but it's tough to make.

South did suggest a holding of four hearts....

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