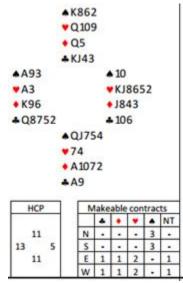
### Assorted Weak 2 discussions from EBU SIMS booklets

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Brian Senior 3/5/2016.



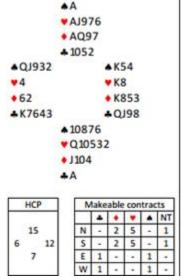
#### Board 10 : Dealer East : All vulnerable

I've said it before and I will no doubt say it again — "pre-empting is a matter of personal style". I would open a weak 2 with the East hand but I understand that many would not because they have only five HCP with a moderate suit and are vulnerable. I like the extra playing potential offered by the six-four shape — I might well not open if the fourth diamond was turned into a low spade — and the lack of defence makes it likely that the deal belongs to the opposition, so let's make life difficult for them.

Defending against weak two bids is also somewhat a matter of personal style. Some would overcall 2 with the South cards while some would point to the poor suit and only 11 HCP and say pass. I'm for getting into the auction while it is convenient, but it does mean that partner has to give me some slack. The actual North hand, for example, has four-card support and 11 HCP, but they are mostly soft values, and in my style he must only make an invitational raise, which I will decline, of course.

As it happens, N/S can make exactly 3 &, while E/W would make 2 v if allowed to play there. If South does not overcall, N/S don't get into the auction and score badly — worse than if they get to game and go one down, unless West finds a double.

# Mike Pomfrey 4<sup>th</sup> May SIMs



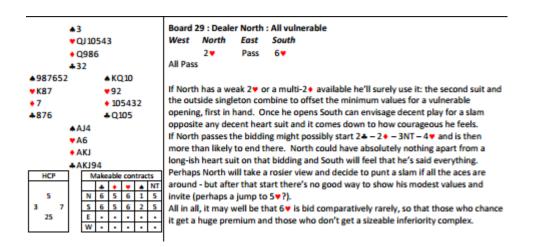
Board 2	B : Dealer V	Vest : NS v	vulnerable	
West	North	East	South	
24	Dbl	34	4*	
All Pass				

Let's see what happens if E/W are playing Lucas twos (showing a weak two suiter). At the vulnerability some might venture an off-centre weak two, if those are your methods.

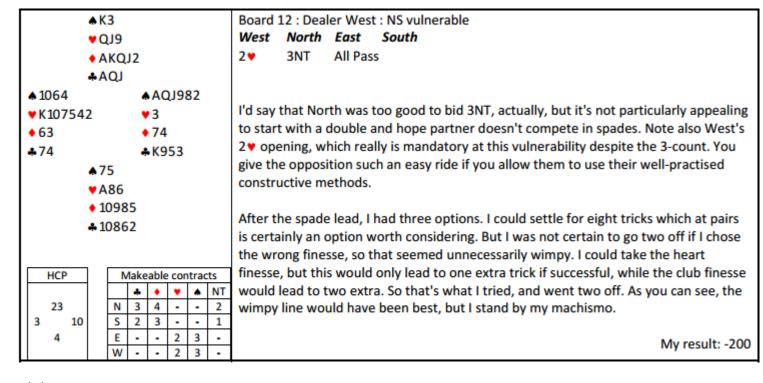
North makes the obvious double and East has an interesting problem. How many spades to bid? Will they make 4 ? If so, how can I put them off?

Given South's hand, not much is going to put her off. E/W can save in 4 , though N/S may still go on to 5 ; difficult to judge.

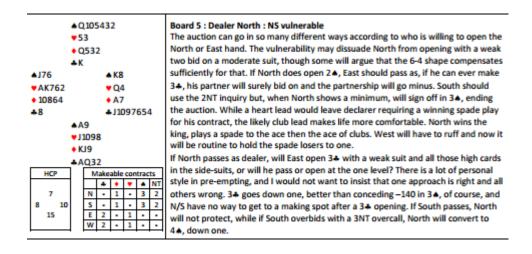
5/4 5 HCP vulnerable weak 2 opening



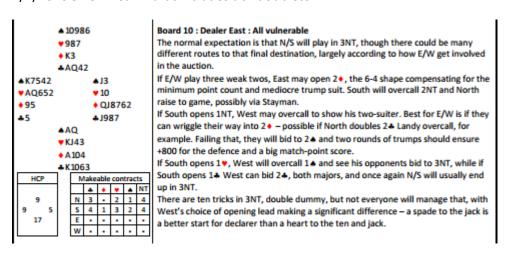
## 17/3 2Hs opener with 3 points - "Mandatory"



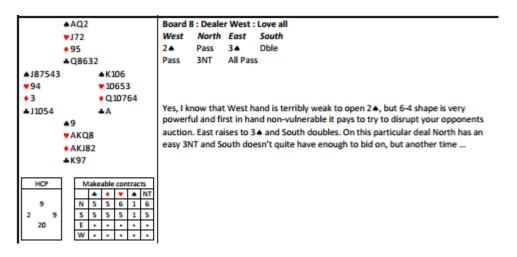
6/4/2016 4HCP with singleton K vulnerable weak 2



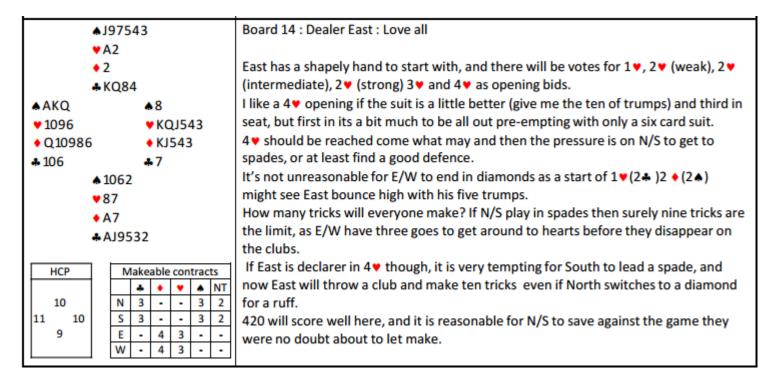
### 7/4/2016 5HCP weak 2 that includes a Jx doubleton



### 8/4/2016 2HCP weak 2 with 6-4 distribution

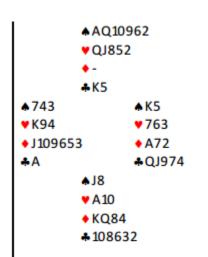


#### 16/3/2016 4H opener with 6 cards.



6 card 3D pre-empt 5/1/2016

<sup>&</sup>quot;3" in hand non vulnerable almost anything goes"



	HCP		Makeable contracts					
				*	•	•	٨	NT
	12		N	•	•	3	3	1
8		10	S	•	•	3	3	1
	10		Ε	•	1	•	٠	
			W	-	1	-	-	-

Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable  West North East South							
West North		East	South				
		Pass	Pass				
3 (?)	3♠	Pass	3NT				
3 ♦ (?) Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠				

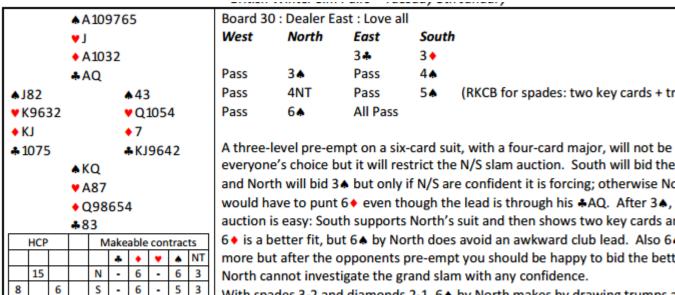
All Pass

For West, third-in-hand, not vulnerable against vulnerable, almost anything goes. Over a diamond pre-empt, North might cue-bid to show both majors but, with much better spades and limited values, a simple overcall looks best. With some values and some diamond stops, South might try 3NT but now North can show his second suit. A curious hand (as better writers have said), the defence have to play the singleton ♣A at trick one to defeat 3NT or 4♠.

Against 3NT, the strange-looking A lead leads to two off. The defence can establish East's clubs with ◆ A and ♠ K as entries to East. But the lack of entries to North and South means that in practice 3NT will not play well.

Against 4 ., especially on an auction where North has shown this sort of shape, East may well lead a club and then AK is an entry to give West a club ruff for one off.

### Also this one 6 card 3 Club pre-empt



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W

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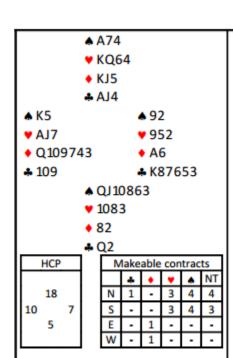
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Board 30:	Dealer Eas	t : Love all		
West	North	East	South	
		3♣	3♦	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4 🖍	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠	(RKCB for spades: two key cards + trump Q)
Pass	6♠	All Pass		

everyone's choice but it will restrict the N/S slam auction. South will bid their suit and North will bid 3♠ but only if N/S are confident it is forcing; otherwise North would have to punt 6♦ even though the lead is through his ♣AQ. After 3♠, the auction is easy: South supports North's suit and then shows two key cards and AQ. 6 ♦ is a better fit, but 6 ♠ by North does avoid an awkward club lead. Also 6 ♠ scores more but after the opponents pre-empt you should be happy to bid the better slam. North cannot investigate the grand slam with any confidence.

With spades 3-2 and diamonds 2-1, 6♠ by North makes by drawing trumps and losing a diamond. But 6♦ by South makes even on club lead: cash ♦ A and then throw South's remaining club on ♠A.

British Autumn Sim Pairs ~ Tuesday 6th October

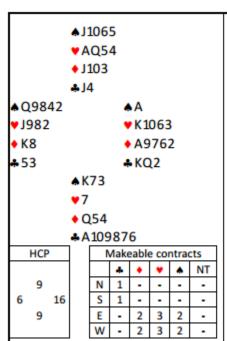


Board 18: Dealer East: NS vulnerable

East has the sort of hand that I would open 3♣ in first seat at favourable vulnerability, which would no doubt prompt 3NT from North and 4♠ from South. More probable is pass from East and a weak 2♠ or multi 2♠ from South over which yet again North is going to push on to game. Should both East and South pass then surely West will open 1♠ over which North will overcall 1NT; now the final resting spot will probably be just 2♠.

4♠ is a very lucky contract in that just about every card lies where declarer wants it to be. He can gain entry to the South hand via the ♣Q (eventually) and then take the trump finesse. The only fly in the ointment is guessing correctly in the diamond suit and this problem will be solved at many tables by an initial diamond lead.

# EBED Sim Pairs ~ Tuesday 8th September



Board 15 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable

West North East South

3♣

Pass Pass 3NT All Pass

I don't like to pretend that I'd always bid perfectly in these commentaries, and here's one that I would do very badly on. South's preempt is nice and aggressive and, while East would like to have a bit more to bid 3NT solo, I can't think of an alternative. You're too good to pass, you clearly can't double and overcalling seems eccentric with a poor suit and great club stop. So I'd bid 3NT, probably go four off, and do exactly the same thing next time.

**♠**K7 ♥K10976 ♦ KQ108 ♣ A5 **♠**862 AQJ5 ♥AJ83 **¥**42 **•** -9652 ♣Q97632 ♣ K104 ♠ 10943 **♥**Q5 ◆ AJ743 **♣**J8

HCP
15 7 10 8

Makeable contracts					
	*	•	•	•	NT
N	•	3	•	٠	٠
S	•	3		•	
Ε	4			1	
W	4			1	

Board 18: Dealer East: NS vulnerable

N/S have a combined 23 count and nine diamonds between them so it's a bit disappointing to find that the hand belongs to E/W in clubs.

After two passes West might consider opening 3♣ (it will be unthinkable in first or second position with a bad suit and four hearts on the side) but most will pass allowing North a free 1♥ bid. East might dredge up a double (only at pairs, mind you) but otherwise N/S will bid very simply 1♥ - 1♠-2♦-3♦, or perhaps 1♥- 1♠-1NT-2NT pass.

Diamonds looks to play simply with two spades, a club and a heart to lose, the trump position won't trouble North unduly.

No-trumps is a bit more sweaty but East will probably lead a diamond (in this reality no-one has bid the suit remember) and now playing West for the ♥J brings home the bacon.

Finally if E/W do get their act together in clubs then ten tricks are easy, either N/S draw trumps and stop the heart ruffs or declarer ruffs one with the &K and one with the &10.