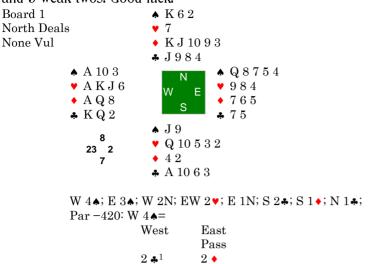
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The commentary assumes a weak notrump, 4 card suits and 3 weak twos. Good luck.



1. Game going or 23+ balanced

3 **v**³

Pass

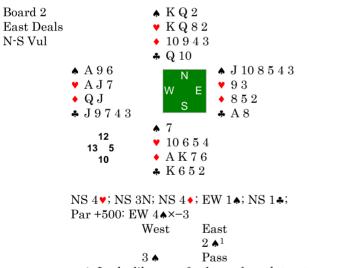
 $2 \, \mathrm{NT}^2$

3 🛦

2. 23-24 balanced

3. transfer

Will East bid 4 \(\bigar*\)? We hope not, while 4 \(\bigar*\) can make double dummy it needs to get a lot right. Indeed GIB (double dummy analyser) says it can go 2 off). Will North lead a diamond, their singleton heart (best) or a club. We shall see.



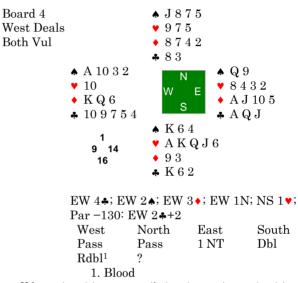
1. Looks like a perfectly good weak two to me.

We do not see anyone getting to the lucky 4 ♥ after this start.

The interesting point to this hand is that South must bid smoothly and not think for an age before passing thus giving their partner illegal information.

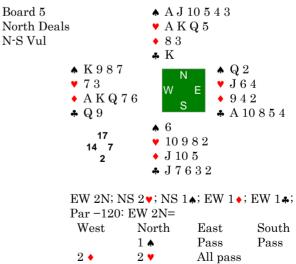
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Board 3
                         ♦ 95
South Deals
                         ♥ A 4 3
E-W Vul
                         ♦ J 4 3
                         ♣ A Q 10 3 2
                                   ▲ KJ72
           ▲ 10 6
           \mathbf{v} QJ7652
                                   9
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                                   ♦ KQ 10865
           ♣ J865
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                         ▲ A Q 8 4 3
               11
                         K 10 8
              4 9
                         • A 9 2
               16
                        ♣ K 9
           NS 5N; NS 4♠; NS 4♥; NS 5♣; NS 3♦;
           Par +460: NS 3N+2
                      North
                                South
                                1 🛦
                                2 NT
                      2 *
                      3 NT
                                Pass
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Will any frisky East/West bid on this hand? We hope not.



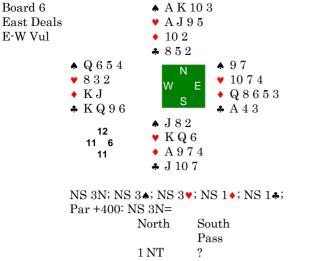
West should worry a little about the redouble which should be to play because South might hold 7 solid hearts and an Ace.

Where do North/South go after this start? Wherever it is it must be doubled.

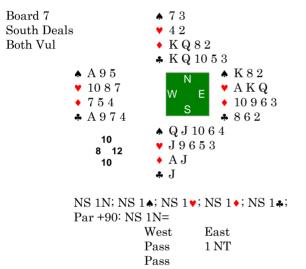


Should West protect on this hand? They probably will, and now North/South can get to the making 2 ♥. (I do like the Oxford comma.)

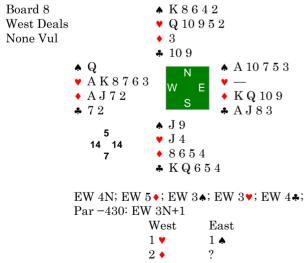
However, we rather think that the auction shown will not be duplicated at many tables.



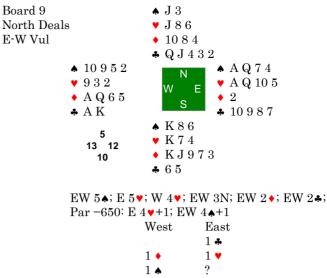
If you play red suit transfers you can bid 2 NT which North will probably pass. However, if you play 4 suit transfers you have to go through Stayman here which will help the defence because West will know that they have to keep 4 spades.



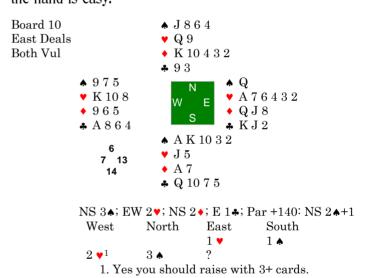
This should be beaten but will that happen? Or will South bid to show their 5/5 majors?



Will East raise diamonds or just bid 3 NT? With a void in partner's first bid suit we think 3 NT is right. But we shall see.

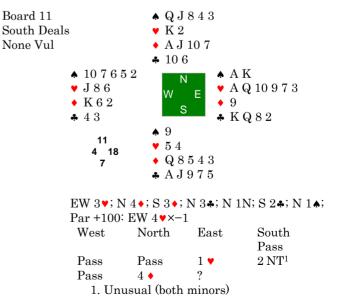


Will East open? Many won't on a 4-4-4-1 12 count, but if they don't the spade fit is easy to find but if East opens 1 • this auction shown makes it awkward, is 1 \(\infty\) fourth suit forcing?. However, a good agreement is that a raise of the fourth suit shows 4 cards in the suit. With this agreement the hand is easy.

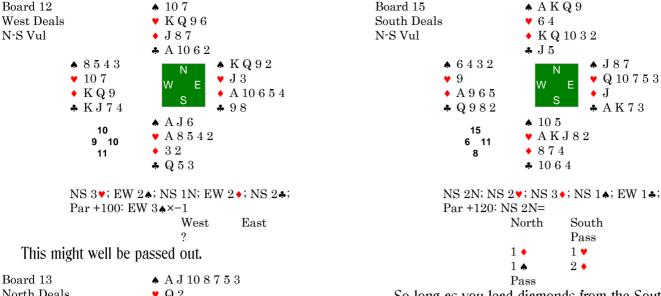


East should think as follows. We have 9 or more hearts

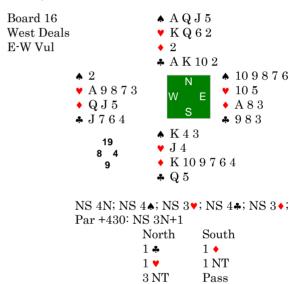
(call it 9), it seems that they have 9 or more spades. Total no of tricks) TNT = 18. If they can make 3 ♠ we will go at least 1 off in 4 ♥ - too many and therefore pass.



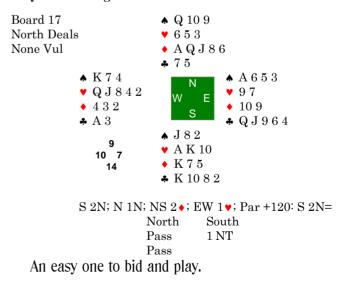
Will North open in 3rd seat? If they do not will East pass or find the cheap save? We shall see.



So long as you lead diamonds from the South hand this is easy.



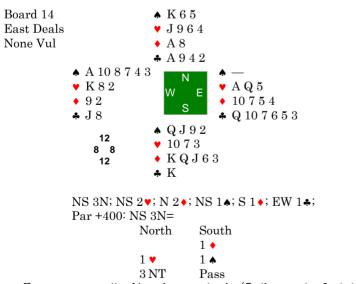
South should have a spade honour for 1 NT (no fit in clubs or hearts but not just a long diamond suit) and so it is easy to bid the game.



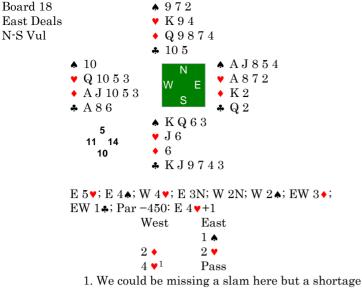
Board 13 North Deals ♥ Q 2 Both Vul **4** 9865 **▲** 642 **♠** Q 9 **v** 8753 **v** 10 Ε • QJ 108765 • K93 **♣** KJ4 ♣ Q32 ♠ K 7 ♥ AKJ964 9 5 • A 4 2 19 ♣ A 10 7 NS 7N; NS 7♠; NS 6♥; NS 5♣; EW 2♦; Par +2220: NS 7N= North South 2 How this will go depends on your style. For some 3 ♥ is then bid hearts. If 3 v is forcing for you is 0 x good enough to raise? must be used carefully. 7 NT and 7 ♠ make because the spade Queen is doubleton and while 6 ♥ or 6 ♠ are good

non forcing and you have to go through 2 NT (enquiry) and

This hand shows why the double dummy analysis (D.D.A) contracts, the grand slam is awful.

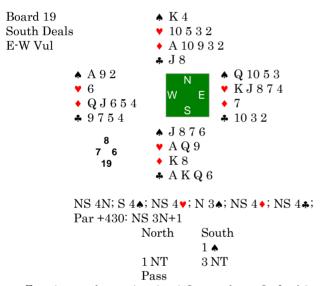


Easy game really. Now just make it. (5 diamonds, 2 clubs and 2 spades) but a weak jump overcall might make it a little more difficult to bid.

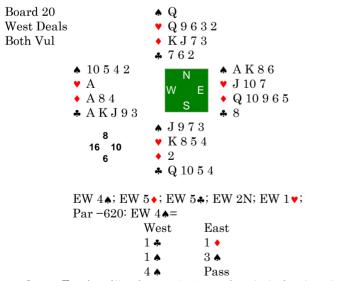


in partner's first suit is not usually good. You should always downgrade when short in partners

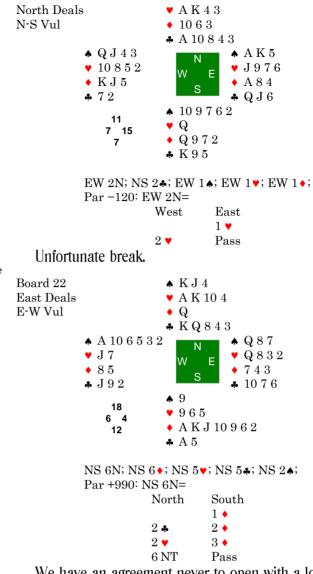
first bid suit. Even so with a King more East should bid on.



For those of you that lead Oueen from O. J without the 10 or 9 will see why it is wrong here.



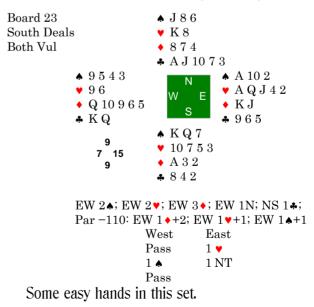
Some East's will raise to 4. A restricted choice hand in the trump suit.

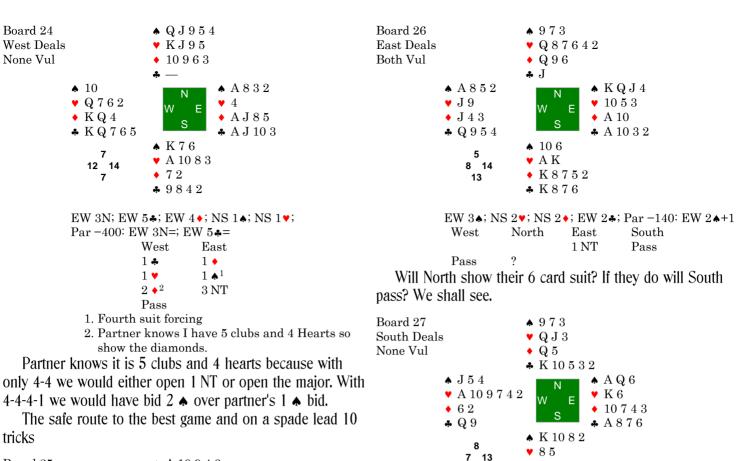


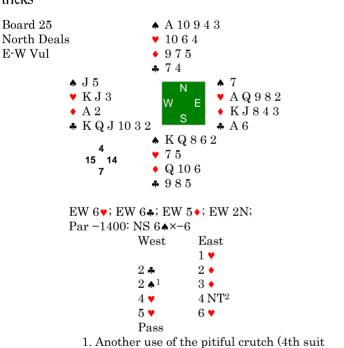
♦ 8

Board 21

We have an agreement never to open with a long minor with fewer than 12 points. If you do not have this agreement iust measure the times that you get too high when you do it.







forcing). Too good to raise to game 2. R. K.C. agreeing hearts so the VK is a keycard Simple agreements make for easy bidding.

Again will South reopen and get too high or pass now? Board 28 **▲** AJ54 West Deals A 10 4 2 N-S Vul **♦** 42 **♣** 10 9 3 **♠** 3 ♠ Q 10 7 6 QJ9765**9** 8 3 ◆ AQ10853 ♣ KJ4 ♣ A 8 5 2 **▲** K982 K 9 10 ♦ KJ976 12 ♣ Q 7 6 NS 2♠; EW 2♥; NS 1N; EW 1♦; EW 1♣; Par +100: EW 3♥×-1 West North East South 2 🔻 Pass Pass

♦ AKJ98

Par -100: NS 2♠×-1; NS 2N×-1; NS 3◆×-1

East

South

1 •

♣ J 4

EW 2♥; NS 1N; NS 2♦; NS 1♠;

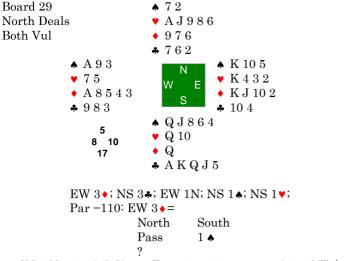
North

All pass

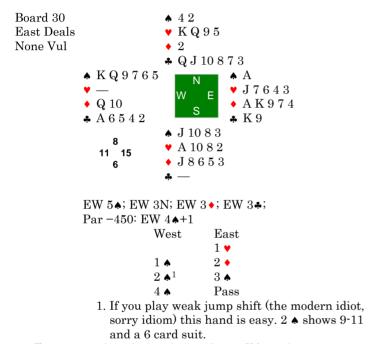
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West

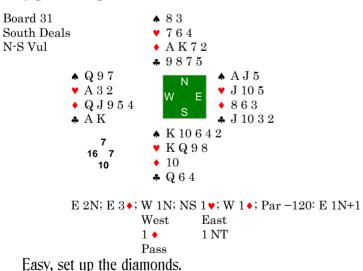
Will South double now? If that happens will North pass (wrong), bid $3 \spadesuit$ (wrong) or make the underbid of $2 \spadesuit$? Oh what fun.



Will North bid? If not East should protect with 1 NT (10-14 in this seat).



East can safely limit raise to 3 and West bids the game. Easy game, bridge.



Board 32 ♠ Q 5 4 2 West Deals ♥ Q 7 5 E-W Vul ♦ A K J 3 **♣** K 9 **▲** 10 8 7 ♠ 963 ♥ A K 10 6 **9** 4 W Ε • Q 2 ◆ 10 8 7 4 **4** 10 7 6 2 ♣ AQ84 ♠ AKJ 15 ♥ J832 15 0 965 10 ♣ J 5 3 NS 3♠; NS 3♥; NS 2N; NS 2♦; Par +140: NS 1♥+2; NS 1♠+2 West North East South 1 🔻

Will North bid 1 NT or make the truly awful takeout double? We shall see, or maybe we won't as most clubs will not play 32 boards.

Note that we have not used an complicated bidding at all here. Keep It Simple Stupid.

We hope that you enjoyed this, see you soon.