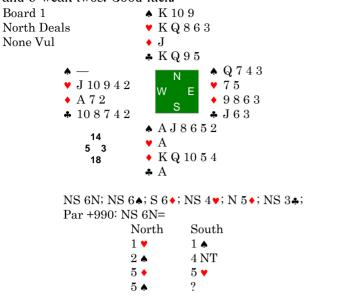
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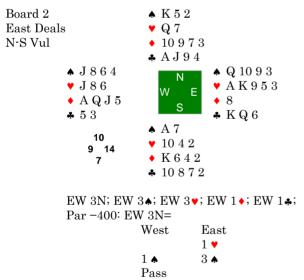
The commentary assumes a weak notrump, 4 card suit and 3 weak twos. Good luck.



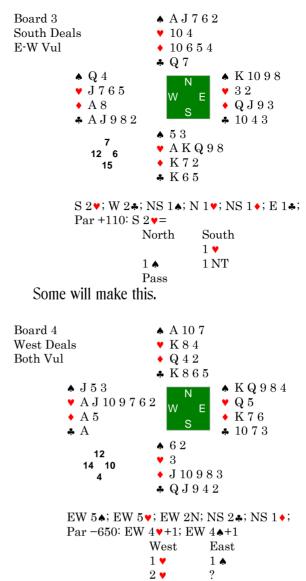
There are many problems bidding this hand.

The first is North's rebid. If you bid 2 + and partner corrects to 2 + are you really worth another go with 2 +? The answer is no, so bid 2 +.

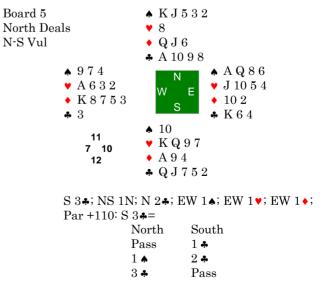
The second problem occurs when, after the 4 NT response and Queen ask South finds that you missing the trump Queen and either the ◆ A or the ♠ K. Will they pass 5 or bid 6?



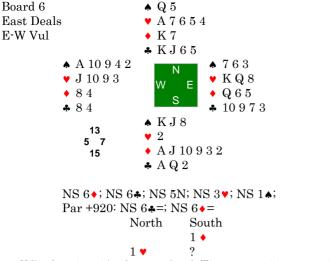
We do not see many pairs getting to the making 3 NT here. The problem with making $4 \spadesuit$ is the lack of entries in the West hand. However, some will get that contract though and some will make it.



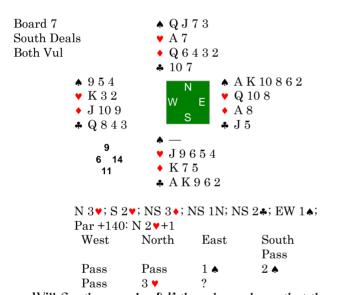
Will your partner know that with the 2 ♥ rebid that you will have 6 or more? If the answer is "No" you could well miss this making game. How does my partner know? Well if I had only 5 and not 4 clubs or 4 diamonds the hand would be balanced and I would have opened 1 NT or rebid notrump depending on my point count. Simple stuff really.



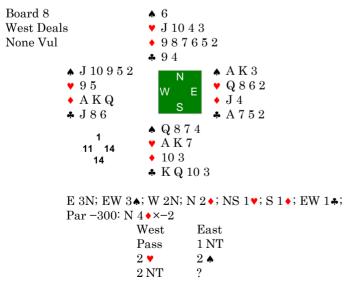
This is a hand about discipline. If you open the North hand you will probably get too high.



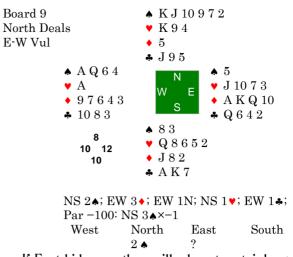
Will South rebid $2 \bullet$ or $3 \bullet$? They probably should not end in $6 \bullet$ because it is on a finesse but if you bid it, it will be a top (if you make it) or a bottom (if you go down).



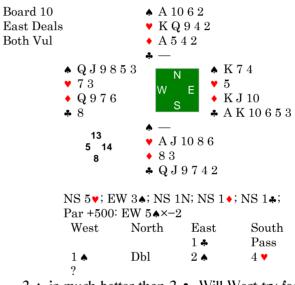
Will South open 1 ♥? If they do we hope that they will not get too high. If they pass and bid on the second round either side could get it wrong. to make 3 ♥ you must finesse for the ♥ 10 in East.



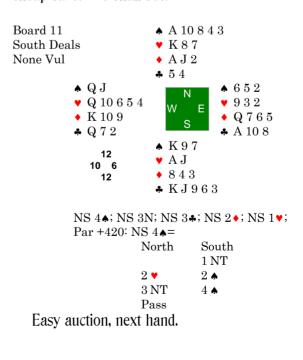
East will, almost certainly, choose the wrong game after this start and bid $4 \blacktriangle$. Unlucky.

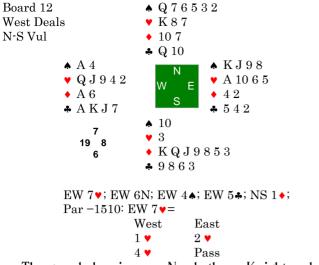


If East bids now they will, almost certainly, get too high.

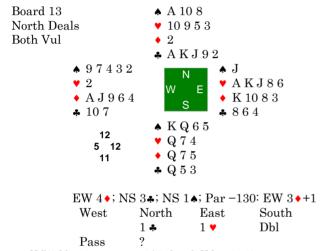


 $2 \blacktriangle$ is much better than $2 \clubsuit$. Will West try for the cheap save? We shall see.

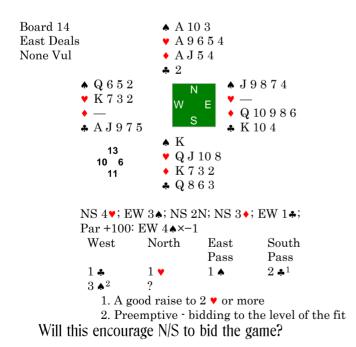




The grand slam is poor. Needs the \checkmark K right and dropping the \clubsuit O offside.

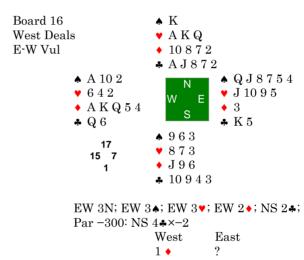


Will North pass or bid $2 \clubsuit$? We shall see.

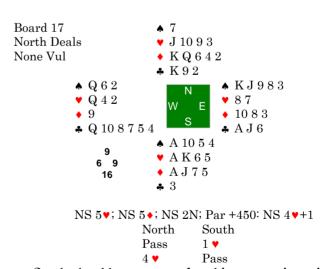


Board 15 **↑** 10 South Deals Q 7652 N-S Vul **♦** 64 ♣ A Q J 10 9 **▲** J98542 **↑** 76 ♥ KJ 109 **v** 843 Ε **♦** 3 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 **4** 3 2 **♣** K 6 4 **▲** A K Q 3 9 A 5 8 ♦ AJ852 18 ***** 875 NS 4N; NS 5♣; NS 2♥; NS 3♦; NS 1♠; Par +630: NS 3N+1 North South 1 • 1 🔻 1 🛦 1 NT 2 NT3 NTPass

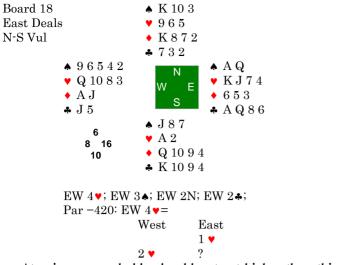
Some Wests will bid 2 here here. This should be cheap even if it is doubled.



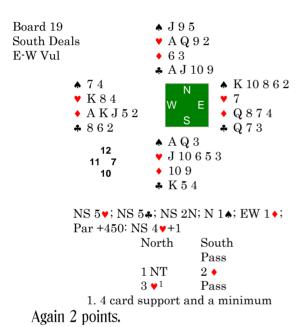
The first thing to note is that North has not got a bid. The second is that weak jump shifts win again as East can bid 2 - 3-8 and a 6 card suit and hating opener's suit.



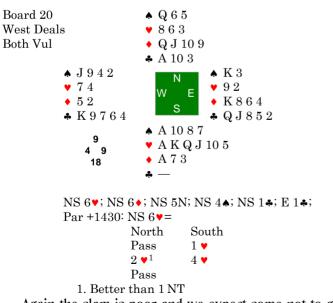
South should not go on after this preemptive raise.



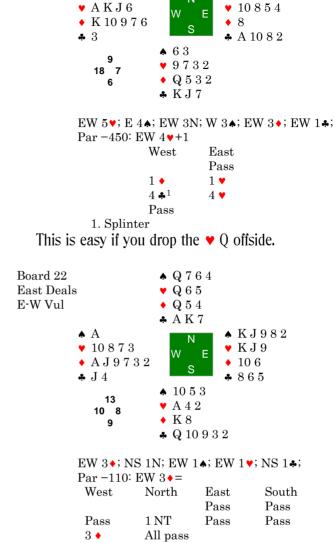
At pairs you probably should not get higher than this.



- 1. The game needs both the spade and heart finesses. We do not want to be in a 25% game.
- 2. Some will be able to bid on the East cards and with good methods should be able to find the diamond partial.



Again the slam is poor and we expect some not to get to game.



▲ 10 8 7 4

♣ Q 9 6 5 4

★ K 9 5 2

♥ Q

♦ AJ4

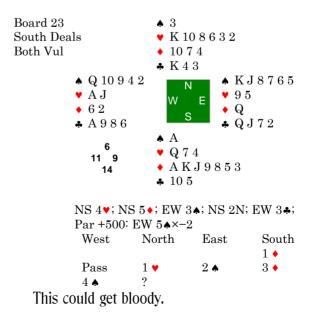
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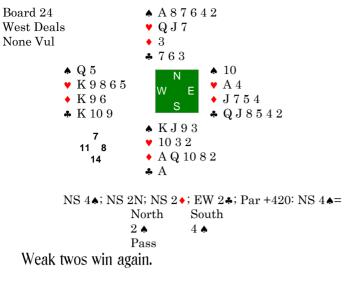
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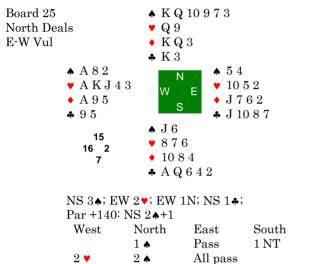
North Deals

♠ AQJ

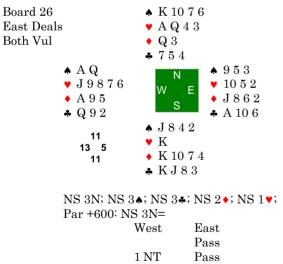
So long as East does not bid their poor spade suit it will be fine.



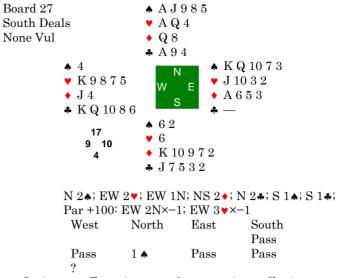




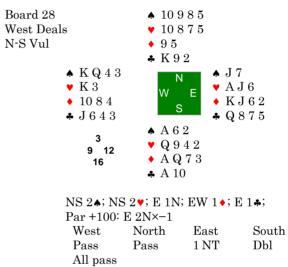
Bridge is an easy game so long as East/West keep discipline. How do you beat $3 \checkmark ? 3$ rounds of clubs promotes the $\checkmark Q$ in the North hand.



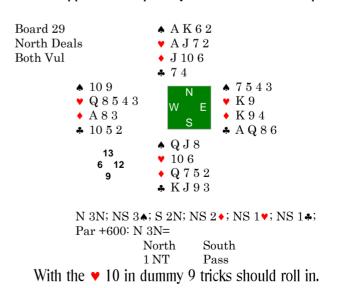
West must try to make as many tricks as possible as we do not see how North/South can get into this auction..



So long as East does not frown and say, "Is that natural?" we should be okay but can East/West get into this cheaply enough or will they defend?



Yes, 1 NT makes. Why? In our opinion South has not got a double because they have not got a good lead. If South does double North should pass but many would bid if this happens we hope they bid hearts and not spades.



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Board 30
                       ♠ K 5 4
East Deals
                       ♥ J6432
None Vul
                       ♦ 54
                       ♣ J83
          ♠ 3 2
                                  ▲ J98
                                  ♥ K 10
          \checkmark A 9 8 5
                         W
          932
                                  • A Q 10 7 6
          ♣ A K Q 9
                                  ♣ 10 5 2
                       ♠ A Q 10 7 6
            5
13 10
                       ♥ Q 7
                       ♦ KJ8
              12
                       * 764
          E 2♥; EW 3♦; EW 1N; EW 2♣; NS 1♠; W 1♥;
          Par −110: EW 3 •=
                     North
                               South
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Will South open 1 ♠ or 1 NT? This time 1 ♠ works but on many hands it will be wrong.

