Board 1: Dealer North: Love all

West North **East** South **1** 🔻 Pass 1 Pass 2. Pass 2 🕶 All Pass

North has only 11HCP, but the two longest suits: Hearts=6 and Clubs=5, added to the 11 gives 22. This meets the Rule of 20, and so North opens 1.

South's change of suit reply promises 6+HCP and four+ spades and demands a re-bid.

North re-bids 2♣ giving partner the option to return to his first suit, hearts, at the two level. This shows a minimum opening hand, five+ hearts and four+ clubs.

With a non-game going hand, South indicates preference for hearts by bidding 2. This is as far as the partnership can go, and all pass.

**East** 

**1** 🔻

2 🕶

**3** •

South

All Pass

**Pass** 

**Pass** 

Board 2: Dealer East: NS vulnerable

North

Pass

**Pass** 

♦ Q85 **\***76 **HCP** Makeable contracts **♣** ♦ 2 Ν 11 10 9 S 2 Ε 1

**♣** 5

K

**♠** A83

♥QJ3

**♣** K82

**♦**6432

A 109864

♣ A 10954

**♦** KQ974

▼ K72

**♣**J1062

AJ 10 9 7

▼ | ★ | NT

1 | 1

West

2 •

3♣

3 |

3 1 1

♣OJ3

**y** 5

**♦**Q8632 ♥Q974

W

♦ Q83

**\***4

♠KJ9

10

**↑**75

**y** 2

AJ10863 **♦** 52

♦ AJ 1094 **♣**K932

♣AQ7

**A** A 10 4

**♥** K5

♦ K76

♣J10865

East has only 11HCP, but the two longest suits: Hearts=6 and Clubs=3, added to the 11 gives 20. This meets the Rule of 20, and so East opens 1.

West's change of suit reply promises 10+HCP, at least four diamonds and demands a re-bid.

East can only re-bid 2♥. This indicates a minimum opening hand, and 5+ hearts, no diamond fit. There could be four spades, but they could not be bid without showing a stronger hand.

West knows that East's hand could be very weak, but with 12HCP offers a second suit of clubs. With a very minimal opening, East bids the hearts a third time showing at least six, and no desire to go any further. Three hearts may not make.

HCP	'
6 12 11	11

Makeable contracts							
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N						
Ν	ı	ı	ı	1	ı		
S	-	-	-	1	-		
E	3	3	2	-	2		
W	3	3	2	•	2		



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Board 3: Dealer South: EW vulnerable

West North East South

1 ♣
Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣

All Pass

South has only 11HCP, but the two longest suits: Clubs=6 and Diamonds=3, added to the 11 gives 20. This meets the Rule of 20, and so South opens 1♥. North's change of suit reply promises a minimum of 6HCP and at least four hearts and demands a re-bid.

South can only re-bid 2. This indicates a minimum opening hand, and with at least 5 clubs. Hint: partner didn't open 1NT, so there's probably six clubs. It shows no fit for the hearts and denies 4 hearts or 4 spades so maybe the hand is 6:3:2:2. North is best to leave well alone now and pass.

**★**K72 ♥Q9874 ♦ A43 **\***82 **♠**QJ94 **★** 10653 ♥J102 ♥A63 ♦ 962 ♦ KQ 10 7 **♣** K73 **♣**A4 **A** A 8 **♥** K 5 J85 ♣QJ10965 **HCP** 

Ma	Makeable contracts						
	♣ ♦ <b>♥</b> ♠ NT						
N	2	ı	1	ı	-		
S	2	ı	1	ı	-		
E	-	1	-	2	-		
W	-	1	-	2	-		

**♦**54

**v** 64

• Q 108765

♣Q95

**♦** Q 10 9 7

**▲** AJ862

♥ A 109872

♥KJ3◆92

◆ A **.** 102

**♣**K43

**▲** K3

**♥**Q5

◆ KJ43

♣AJ876

HCP	1
4 10 14	12

Makeable contracts					
	*	•	>	•	NT
N	1	3	-	-	-
S	1	3	-	-	-
Е	-	-	5	5	2
W	-	-	4	4	2

Board 4: Dealer West: All vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
<b>4</b>	All Pass		

West has only 10HCP, but the two longest suits: Hearts=6 and Spades=4, added to the 10 gives 20. This meets the Rule of 20, and so West opens 1♥. East's change of suit reply promises a minimum of 6HCP and at least four spades and demands a re-bid. East raises the spades, 2♠. This simple raise shows weak opening hand with 5+ hearts and 4+ spades.

East knows that West's hand could be a very weak opening or could be 14HCP, with 12HCP makes an invitational raise.

West has only 10HCP, but a singleton Ace, and so raises to the game bonus attracting 4♠. Go for the big bonus if in doubt.

To make the contract declarer must delay clearing trumps. Take the A → and then trump a diamond in dummy (the "short" trumps suit – Lesson 1).

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Board 5: Dealer North: NS vulnerable

WestNorthEastSouth1♣Pass1♠Pass (1♠) 2♣All Pass

North has a "Rule of Twenty" 1. opening. South has a good change of suit to 1.

It's not a good overcall by West, rather a poor suit. With a minimum hand shown by North, South lets it go at 2.

There's no attractive side suit lead by West, so perhaps a trump?

The spade overcall will encourage North to trump a spade in dummy. There's the A\*, a heart and two diamond tricks to lose for nine.

AK9 ♥95 •64 •KJ10763 •Q6532 •1074 ♥K1087 •Q632 •A7 •K1095 •84 •A9 •J8 ▼AJ4

♦ QJ832

♣Q52

Makeable contracts							
	*	♣ <b>♦ ♥ ♠</b> NT					
N	3	1	ı	•	1		
S	3	1	ı	ı	1		
E	-	-	2	2	-		
W	-	-	2	2	1		

**▲**AJ987

**y**J2

♦ AJ94

**\$86** 

♠ K2
♥ Q 10 9 7 6

**★** 1064

◆ AK53◆ 85

• AJ1073

**.** K954

**♠**Q53

# Q J

**v** 84

♦ KQ10732

**♣**Q2

	HCF	)
10	11 0 9	10

Ma	Makeable contracts				
	*	•	>	<b>^</b>	NT
N	-	3	-	3	-
S	-	3	-	3	-
E	4	-	4	-	-
W	4	-	4	-	-

Board 6: Dealer East: EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

East and South don't have opening hands, so when West opens on a Rule of 20, and North makes a simple overcall, the HCP's look to be evenly distributed.

The heart/spade competition continues until the vulnerable (Lesson 3) pair, East / West decline to go to the four level. 3 made scores 140; with an overtrick 170. Two down vulnerable for East / West gives away 200, so its not worth the risk. As it happens 4 will make. That's bridge.



**♦**53 Q 1064 ◆ AKJ73 **♣**Q7 **★**K9862 AQJ74 **v** 73 **♥** K52 **♦** 52 **♦** 6 **♣**K652 **.** J943

**▲** 10

♥AJ98

♣ A 108

O10984

Makeable contracts					
	*	•	>	<b>^</b>	NT
Ν	ı	5	5	ı	2
S	ı	5	5	ı	2
Е	2	-	-	2	-
W	2	-	-	2	-

Board 7: Dealer South: All vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
All Pass			

South opens on a Rule of 20 hand. Partner responds with a change of suit to hearts. East gets a simple overcall (Lesson 2) in spades in. With a minimum of eight hearts between the two hands, a singleton in the overcalled suit, South bids aggressively to the game contract in hearts.

Declarer can see one spade to lose, but can then trump a spade in dummy, so keeps one trump there. The Ky is missing but the finesse will succeed because it is on the "right" side. (Lesson 1 finessing). There is one club to lose because the king is on the "wrong" side. The Diamonds are solid, so eleven tricks are winnable.

<b>▲</b> J9				
<b>∀</b> K 1	0532			
<b>♦</b> K 6				
<b>.</b> J7	32			
<b>↑</b> 10765	<b>▲</b> AQ832			
<b>∨</b> A 7	<b>y</b> 98			
♦AQJ53	<b>♦</b> 82			
<b>.</b> 86	<b>.</b> KQ104			
<b>∧</b> K4	<u> </u>			
<b>♥</b> QJ64				
<ul><li>10974</li></ul>				
<b>.</b> A 9	5			

HCP				
8 11 11 10				

Makeable contracts							
	♣ ♦ <b>♥</b> ♠ NT						
N	-	-	2	-	-		
S	-	-	2	-	-		
Е	1	3	-	3	1		
W	1	3	-	3	1		

Board 8: Dealer West: Love all

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West opens on a Rule of 20. Partner responds with a change of suit to spades. The re-bid supports spades at the next available level showing a weak opening hand with 5+ diamonds and 4+ spades.

East has distributional hand (two doubletons) and five spades, 11HCP. If West is at the top end of a weak opening hand, the game contract could be there, and so East invites a game call with a further raise. West's hand is a lower end weak opening hand, and so passes.

North / South never get a chance to find their heart fit.



**A** AK 10875

**v** 82

♦ AK3

**♣**A9

**★**43

**♠** Q96 **∨** K 10 7 6

**♥**QJ9

◆ QJ98

♦ 62

**♣**075432

**♣** J 10

**♠**J2

♥A543

10754

**♣** K86

Makeable contracts							
	* * NT						
N	1	4	2	4	3		
S	1	4	2	4	3		
E	-	-	-	-	-		
W	-	-	-	-	-		

Board 91: Dealer North: Love all

West North East South 1 1NT Pass

3♠

4♠ Pass

**All Pass** 

Pass

North opens 1♠ to show four+ spades, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With less than four spades and 8 HCPs, South keeps the bidding going with a 1NT reply.

North shows ~16-19 HCPs and six+ spades with a jump to  $3 \blacktriangle$ .

This is not forcing, but South has 8HCPs and two spades, giving an eight-card fit and at least 24HCPs, and so raises to game.

**A** A 10 4

**v** 1054

Q 108

♣ K 1053

**♦**Q982

**♠** 65

♥QJ2

**♥** AK987 ♦ AK764

◆ J32 **.** J86

♣ A

**•** 63

**♣**Q9742

**▲** KJ73

95

	HCP					
7	9	18				

Makeable contracts								
	♣ ♦ <b>♥</b> ♠ NT							
N	2	-	-	•	-			
S	2	-	-	ı	1			
Е	-	4	4	ı	2			
W	ı	4	4	ı	2			

Board 10: Dealer East: NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
1.	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

East opens 1♥ to show four+ hearts, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With four spades and 6 HCPs, West can change suit to spades at the one level only promising a minimum of 6 HCPs.

East shows ~16-19 HCPs and a two-suited hand with a jump to  $3 \bullet$ . ( $2 \bullet$  would show up to 14 HCPs).

This is forcing. West has 7HCPs and three hearts, giving an eight-card fit and at least 23HCPs, and so agrees the hearts without raising to game.

With a great hand, East raises to the 4♥ game.

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**↑**74

**v** K 10 5 ♦ 432

**♣** AK863

**♠** QJ52 ♥QJ863

**▲**963 **♥**9742

**•** 86

♦ A 9 5

**.**72

**♣** Q 10 9

**A** A K 108

**y** A

◆ KQJ107

**♣**J54

Makeable contracts						
* * V N						
N	5	5	2	3	4	
S	5	5	2	3	4	
Ε	-	-	-	-	-	
W	-	-	-	-	-	

**♠** J9

♥A84

◆J107652

**\***95

AQ

**↑**7532

**♥** KQ97 **♦** 3

**♥** J6 ♦ KQ984

**♣**K3

**♣** AQJ872

**★** K 10864

**v** 10532

A

♣ 1064

	HCF	)
18	6 7	9

Makeable contracts							
	♣ <b>♦ ♥</b> ♠ NT						
N	-	-	-	-	-		
S	-	-	-	•	-		
Ε	5	3	5	2	5		
W	5	3	5	2	5		

Board 11: Dealer South: EW vulnerable

West North South East **1** 2♠ 2\* Pass **Pass** Pass 3NT All Pass

South opens 1 ◆ to show four+ diamonds, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With 10 HCPs, North can change suit to clubs at the two-level promising a minimum of 10 HCPs.

South shows ~16-19 HCPs and a two-suited hand with a switch to 2♠. (Making 2♦ unavailable to partner).

This is forcing. North has stops in both hearts and diamonds and knows diamonds is likely to be a good source of tricks. North raises to the 3NT game.

Board 12: Dealer West: All vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 <b>.</b>	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3 <b>.</b>	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West opens 1♣ to show four+ clubs, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With 6 HCPs, East can change suit to diamonds at the one-level promising a minimum of 6 HCPs.

West shows ~16-19 HCPs and a two-suited hand with a switch to 2♥. (Making 2♣ unavailable to partner).

This is forcing. East has two cards in each of partner's suits. Bidding the poor spades won't help. East shows preference a simple club raise. With cover in the unbid spade suit, West bids 3NT.

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**∧** A 5

AKJ7

74

♣KQJ85

**↑**76

**♦** KJ 10 4

**♥** Q2

**v** 853 ♦ K865

◆ QJ10932

**4**43

♣A72

**♦** Q9832 **v** 10964

A

**\*** 1096

Makeable contracts					
	*	•	•	•	Z
N	5	-	5	3	1
S	5	-	5	3	1
E	-	2	-	-	-
W	-	2	-	-	-

Board 13: Dealer North: NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South	
	1.	Pass	1 🛦	
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4♥	All Pass		

North opens 1♣ to show four+ clubs, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With 6 HCPs, South can change suit to spades at the one-level promising a minimum of 6 HCPs.

North shows ~16-19 HCPs and a two-suited hand with a re-bid to 2♥. (Making 2♣ unavailable to partner).

This <u>is</u> forcing. South has four cards in partner's second suit. With only 6 HCPs, South shows preference a simple heart raise. With strength and shape, North raises to game.

**★**K875

**v** 64

1042

**♣** K 1082

**♦**QJ1064

**♠** A 2

**v** 32

♥AOJ1087 ♦ KQ3

◆ J95

**\$**53

**♣**Q64

**♠**93

**♥** K95

♦ A876

**♣**AJ97

HCP		
6 6 16 12		

Makeable contracts					
	*	•	•	<b>^</b>	ТИ
N	2	1	-	-	-
S	2	1	-	-	-
Е	-	-	2	1	-
W	-	-	2	1	-

Board 14: Dealer East: EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass

East opens 1 ♥ to show four+ hearts, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With five spades and 6 HCPs, West can change suit to spades at the one level only promising a minimum of 6 HCPs.

East shows ~16-19 HCPs and a single-suited hand with a jump raise to  $3 \checkmark$ .

This is not forcing. West has only 6HCPs and two hearts, giving an eight-card fit but possibly as little as 23HCPs, and so agrees the hearts without raising to game.

With a minimum 16 HCPs East passes. It may well go one down.

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**↑**74 **♥**J752

♦ KQ63

**\***954

**♦** J92

A 10 4 3

♦ A852

**4** 10 3

97 **\***8762

**♦**Q65

**♥** KQ86

**A** AK 1083

**y** 9

♦ J 10 4

**♣**AKQJ

	<u>HCP</u>	
9	6 18	7

Makeable contracts					
	*	•	•	<b>^</b>	NT
N	3	თ	1	3	2
S	3	თ	1	3	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Board 15: Dealer South: All vulnerable

West North **East** South **1**♠

1NT 3. Pass **Pass** 

3♠ **All Pass** Pass

South opens 1♠ to show four+ hearts, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With two spades and 6 HCPs, North can only keep the bidding open with 1NT.

South shows ~16-19 HCPs and a two-suited hand with a jump to 3. (2. would show up to 14 HCPs).

This is forcing. North has 6 HCPs and is forced to bid. North supports the spades with a simple raise showing 6-7 HCPs.

South is going to be very tempted but should pass.

**A** A 10 7 6

**9**643

♦ Q64

**\***32

♠ 94

**♥** A 5

♥KJ8

♦ AKJ1053

♦ 872

♠QJ8

♣KQ6

♣ A 1094

**★**K532

Q 1072

**•** 9

♣J875

H	HCF	)
17	6	11

Makeable contracts						
N	-	-	-	ı	-	
S	-	-	-	-	-	
E	3	4	1	1	3	
W	3	4	1	1	3	

Board 16: Dealer West: Love all

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	2*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West opens 1 ◆ to show four+ diamonds, the longest or equal longest suit and ~12 to 19 HCPs.

With 11 HCPs, East can change suit to 2.

West shows ~16-19 HCPs and six+ diamonds with a jump to 3♦.

This is not forcing, but East has 11 HCPs and the non-diamond suits stopped, and so raises to 3NT game.

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