

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul



♠ 8 2
♥ K J 7 4 3
♦ A 8 6 5 2
♣ K

Partner opens 2S

We should expect a minimum of 4.5 tricks in partner's hand for opening at the 2 level in 2nd seat, not vulnerable.

How many tricks can I take in support of partner's suit?

How many tricks can I take on defense?

How many levels can I raise partner and still expect to have a good sacrifice against their game?

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Partner opens 2S

We should expect 4.5-5.5 tricks in partner's hand

How many tricks can I take in support of partner's suit?

1 heart
1 diamond
1 club

How many tricks can I take on defense?

1 heart
1 diamond
1 club * more dubious after the preempt, the opponents are likely to be able to play me for the missing honors.
However there are extra chances due to ruffing and heart jack.

How many levels can I raise partner and still expect to have a good sacrifice against their game?
Since the opponents are not vulnerable, I can raise partner (3 tricks - 2) 1 level and expect to have a good sacrifice against their game. However with so much defense, I do not believe the opponents are likely to make their game. So the sacrifice is unlikely to be successful. Instead I should likely pass and hope to go plus in 2S.

Board 2
North Deals
N-S Vul



♠ A K 8 7 5 2
♥ 6 2
♦ 9 7 6
♣ A 9

Partner opens 3H

expect 6 tricks from partner when they open in 1st seat vulnerable at the 3 level.

How many tricks can I take in support of partner's suit?

How many tricks can I take on defense?

How many levels can I raise partner and still expect to have a good sacrifice against their game?

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul



♠ A K 8 7 5 2

♥ 6 2

♦ 9 7 6

♣ A 9

Partner opens 3H

expect 6 tricks from partner when they open in 1st seat vulnerable at the 3 level.

How many tricks can I take in support of partner's suit?

3. 2 spades and 1 club

How many tricks can I take on defense?

The same 3.

How many levels can I raise partner and still expect to have a good sacrifice against their game?

With the opponents NV, I can only raise partner 1 level when I can take 3 tricks and expect to have a good sacrifice. However, partner might be able to take 7 tricks and we might make the game. I would bid it and hope for the best, not expecting this to be a sacrifice, but hoping to make.

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul



♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10 7 3
♦ 3
♣ 10 6 3 2

Partner opens 2S

I should expect partner to be able to take 4 tricks when they open at the 2 level in first seat NV.

How many tricks can I take in support of partner's suit?

How many tricks can I take on defense?

How many levels can I raise partner and still expect to have a good sacrifice against their game?

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul



♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 10 7 3
♦ 3
♣ 10 6 3 2

Partner opens 2S

How many tricks can I take in support of partner's suit?

- 0 tricks in spades
- 1.5 tricks in hearts
- 1.5 tricks in diamonds
- 0 tricks in clubs
- I can take 3 tricks

How many tricks can I take on defense?

- I only have the 1.5 heart tricks on defense
- Plus with a 9 card spade fit, I expect only 1 trick in spades

How many levels can I raise partner and still expect to have a good sacrifice against their game?

Since the opponents are vulnerable, I can raise partner 2 levels when I can take 3 tricks. I do not have sufficient defense to set their contract so I can cheerfully raise partner to 4S and expect to have a successful sacrifice if they double us here.