

<p><b>HAND 1</b> <u>TRANSFER/2<sup>ND</sup> SUIT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ K7 ♥ 8765 ♦ AK92</p> <p>♠ J106   ♣ A72   ♠ 984 ♥ QJ104   ♥ 932 ♦ 65   ♦ 103 ♣ QJ108   ♠ AQ532   ♣ K9543 ♥ AK ♦ QJ874 ♣ 6</p>	<p><b>BIDDING/COMMENTS :</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">N</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">E</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">S</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">W</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1NT</td><td>P</td><td>2H</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>2S</td><td>P</td><td>3D</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>4D</td><td>P</td><td>4H</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>5C</td><td>P</td><td>5H</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>5S</td><td>P</td><td>5NT</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>7D</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>After a Transfer, a new suit (ie 3D) is forcing to game. 4D agrees the suit, and the rest</p>	N	E	S	W	1NT	P	2H	P	2S	P	3D	P	4D	P	4H	P	5C	P	5H	P	5S	P	5NT	P	7D	P	P	P	<p>After a Transfer, a new suit (ie 3D) is forcing to game. 4D agrees the suit, and the rest are Cue Bids. Note, since North did not bid 4S over 4H, then the 5S bid is second round control (the King, not the Ace). 5NT is called 'Josephine', and asks Partner to bid 6 of the trump suit with 0/1 top honours, and to bid 7 of the trump suit with 2 top honours. <b>To discuss !</b></p>
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<p><b>HAND 2</b> <u>4-4-4-1 OPENING PLUS RAISE OF 4<sup>TH</sup> . SUIT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ J8 ♥ 975 ♦ J106</p> <p>♠ KQ75   ♣ Q9863   ♠ A1096 ♥ 42   ♥ AK83 ♦ AK   ♦ Q952 ♣ A10742   ♣ 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 432 ♥ QJ106 ♦ 8743 ♣ KJ</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">E</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">S</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">W</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1H</td><td>P</td><td>2C</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>2D</td><td>P</td><td>2S</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>3S</td><td>P</td><td>4C</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>4H</td><td>P</td><td>4S</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>P</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	E	S	W	N	1H	P	2C	P	2D	P	2S	P	3S	P	4C	P	4H	P	4S	P	P	P			<p>Correct opening bid of 1H with a 4-4-4-1 hand. 2S is 4<sup>th</sup>. Suit forcing. Made on this hand because West might be too strong just to bid 3NT (the alternative bid). The raise of 2S (4<sup>th</sup>. Suit) to 3S should show a hand that is 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4-0. This means that we do not lose the 4-4 spade fit, and can play in the correct contract. Nevertheless, as the cards lie, 6S is a good contract.</p>				
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<p><b>HAND 3</b> <u>LANDY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ J10 ♥ 8762 ♦ J10</p> <p>♠ KQ752   ♣ KJ432   ♠ A643 ♥ QJ105   ♥ 9 ♦ A72   ♦ KQ843 ♣ 7   ♠ 98   ♣ 865 ♥ AK43 ♦ 965 ♣ AQ109</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">S</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">W</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">N</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">E</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1NT</td><td>2C</td><td>P</td><td>3S</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>4S</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S	W	N	E	1NT	2C	P	3S	P	4S	P	P	P				<p>West uses Landy on a hand with 5-4 in the majors. They could be quite strong for that bid, so East makes a constructive (as opposed to pre-emptive) raise to 3S. West accepts with a 5-4 spade fit, and only 6 losers.</p>												
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<p><b>HAND 4</b> <u>BIDDING ENEMY SUIT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ AKJ10 ♥ 32 ♦ Q96</p> <p>♠ 763   ♣ AKJ7   ♠ Q984 ♥ K9654   ♥ Q8 ♦ 4   ♦ KJ10532 ♣ 10984   ♠ 52   ♣ 3 ♥ AJ107 ♦ A87 ♣ Q652</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">W</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">N</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">E</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>P</td><td>1C</td><td>1D</td><td>1H</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>2D</td><td>P</td><td>3D</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>3NT</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>With a strong hand like North's, after a pass from West, I would suggest that 1C from North facilitates showing both black suits. If you open 1S, the club suit, and potential fit could be lost when North rebids NT's. East will bid 1D for the lead, not 2D (a 4 card spade suit !)</p>	W	N	E	S	P	1C	1D	1H	P	2D	P	3D	P	3NT	P	P	P				<p>South should possibly bid 1H, although this is a difficult hand to bid. North bids the enemy suit here, (Not to see whether South has a spade suit, South has probably denied Spades, i.e. - no Take out double) to show game intentions. South could bid 3 NT, but it is better that North plays the hand. 3D is bid, and North happily bids 3NT. East must avoid a diamond lead, to avoid giving overtricks.</p>								
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<p>HAND5 <b><u>TRIAL BIDS</u></b></p> <p>♠ K1096 ♥ A53 ♦ 75</p> <p>♠ 542 ♣ QJ53 ♠ Q ♥ KQ1087 ♥ J964 ♦ AKQ6 ♦ J932 ♣ 6 ♠ AJ873 ♣ A1042 ♥ 2 ♦ 1084 ♣ K987</p>	<p><b>N</b>      <b>E</b>      <b>S</b>      <b>W</b></p> <p>P      P      P      1H P      2H      P      2S P      4H      P      P P</p>	<p>West has only 5 losers for their opening 1H bid. They should therefore see how strong East is for the 2H raise, and more importantly, determine whether East can offer any help in the spade suit. Thus, the Trial bid (or Game Try) of 2S. Equally, 3C or 3D would also be Game Tries. East accepts the Game Try – with a singleton spade, and the Ace of clubs.</p>
<p>HAND 6 <b><u>SAFE LEADS</u></b></p> <p>♠ 8 ♥ 1086 ♦ J743</p> <p>♠ Q7432 ♣ AKJ72 ♠ AJ1095 ♥ 52 ♥ AKJ9 ♦ K8652 ♦ Q9 ♣ 3 ♠ K6 ♣ 54 ♥ Q743 ♦ A10 ♣ Q10986</p>	<p><b>E</b>      <b>S</b>      <b>W</b>      <b>N</b></p> <p>1S      P      4S      P P      P</p>	<p>West has 7 losers. Opposite Partner's probable 7 losers, it is correct to jump to game. Notice that there is no defense to 4S, even though the points are split 20-20. South must try to find a safe lead, lest Declarer is allowed to make 11 tricks. It is suggested that the 10 of clubs (top of an internal sequence) is selected.</p>
<p>HAND 7 <b><u>REAL LIFE HAND</u></b></p> <p>♠ K1095 ♥ --- ♦ AK10763</p> <p>♠ 7 ♣ K108 ♠ 8 ♥ AK8654 ♥ Q732 ♦ 85 ♦ QJ942 ♣ AQJ3 ♠ AQJ6432 ♣ 954 ♥ J109 ♦ --- ♣ 762</p>	<p><b>S</b>      <b>W</b>      <b>N</b>      <b>E</b></p> <p>1S      *      4H      * 4S      5H      6S      P P      P</p>	<p>Difficult to know how high to bid on this one. West is too good to just bid 2H, and should prefer a double. If 4H is a Splinter, then North should bid it. East shows 4 hearts with a *. South bids 4S (a better hand than a Pass). North will possibly jump to 6S to complete an exciting auction. If West doesn't cash the Ace of clubs, Declarer will make 13 tricks, setting up the 6<sup>th</sup> Diamond for a 3<sup>rd</sup> club discard.</p>
<p>HAND 8 <b><u>BLACKWOOD ?</u></b></p> <p>♠ J1093 ♥ 87 ♦ 987</p> <p>♠ K4 ♣ KQ74 ♠ A65 ♥ KQ42 ♥ AJ93 ♦ A105 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 8653 ♠ Q872 ♣ A2 ♥ 1065 ♦ 642 ♣ J109</p>	<p><b>W</b>      <b>N</b>      <b>E</b>      <b>S</b></p> <p>1NT      P      2C      P 2H      P      4NT      P 5S      P      6H      P P      P</p>	<p>East will bid Stayman, find a heart fit, and then be interested in a slam. Those of you that use Gerber, should only use a 4C Gerber bid directly over 1NT. I suggest, once Partner has shown a major in response to Stayman, that 4NT should be your favourite version of Blackwood. Here, 5S = 2 Aces (including King of trumps as an Ace) plus the Queen of trumps. East is happy with 6H.</p>

<p>HAND9 <b><u>8 EVER 9 NEVER</u></b></p> <p>♠ Q53 ♥ J1043 ♦ J108</p> <p>♠ K982   ♣ 543   ♠ AJ107 ♥ 875   ♥ 962 ♦ Q9   ♦ AK63 ♣ AKQ2   ♠ 64   ♣ J7 ♥ AKQ ♦ 7542 ♣ 10986</p>	<p><b>N</b>   <b>E</b>   <b>S</b>   <b>W</b></p> <p>P   1NT   P   2C P   2S   P   4S</p>	<p>Against the final contract, South cashes the A, K and Q of hearts, and switches to the 10 of clubs. We see that 3NT would always make 9 tricks, so long as the hearts break 4-3. Do we play off the Ace and King of Spades?</p>
<p>HAND 10 <b><u>DOUBLETON SUPPORT</u></b></p> <p>♠ KJ875 ♥ 97 ♦ KQ92</p> <p>♠ 643   ♣ AK   ♠ A92 ♥ 642   ♥ KJ10 ♦ A73   ♦ J104 ♣ Q1076   ♠ Q10   ♣ J985 ♥ AQ853 ♦ 865 ♣ 432</p>	<p><b>E</b>   <b>S</b>   <b>W</b>   <b>N</b></p> <p>P   P   P   1S P   1NT   P   2D P   2S   P   3S P   4S   P   P P</p> <p>North, with only 5 losers, and all the points working, can just afford a 2D bid over 1NT; South can almost bid 3S over 2D, but contents themselves with a 2S bid.</p>	<p>North makes a try for game, with a 3S raise, and South obliges. 10 tricks are available, so long as you take a heart finesse, and play towards diamond honours twice. Win Ace of clubs, spade to the 10, diamond to the King, give up a spade to the Ace. Win the King of clubs; draw trumps, take a heart finesse, and play another diamond to the Queen.</p>
<p>HAND 11 <b><u>RAISE OF 4<sup>TH</sup>. SUIT</u></b></p> <p>♠ K32 ♥ 72 ♦ 9653</p> <p>♠ 7   ♣ 10953   ♠ AJ1085 ♥ QJ96   ♥ 10853 ♦ KJ72   ♦ AQ ♣ AQ64   ♠ Q964   ♣ K7 ♥ AK4 ♦ 1084 ♣ J82</p>	<p><b>S</b>   <b>W</b>   <b>N</b>   <b>E</b></p> <p>P   1D   P   1S P   2C   P   2H P   3H   P   4H</p> <p>1D is correct on the West hand, not 1H. If you open 1H, you haven't got a suitable rebid over Partner's 1S bid !</p>	<p>East bids a 4<sup>th</sup>. Suit forcing bid of 2H. If West support the 4<sup>th</sup>. Suit by bidding 3H, then this should show a 4 card suit. East completes the bidding by raising the hearts to the 4 level. 1 more trick available in hearts, than No Trumps. Also refer back to Hand 2</p>
<p>HAND 12 <b><u>STRONG 3 LEVEL BID</u></b></p> <p>♠ K107 ♥ A643 ♦ Q10</p> <p>♠ J652   ♣ A1042   ♠ Q983 ♥ 8   ♥ J2 ♦ J987   ♦ 643 ♣ J976   ♠ A4   ♣ KQ83 ♥ KQ10975 ♦ AK52 ♣ 5</p>	<p><b>W</b>   <b>N</b>   <b>E</b>   <b>S</b></p> <p>P   1NT   P   3H P   4C   P   4D P   4H   P   4S P   4NT   P   5C(0/3) P   6H</p>	<p>The 3H bid should show a very strong hand, and is forcing to game. There follows cue bids. (Note 4H is not necessarily weak, just a waiting bid); 4NT asks, and 5C shows 3. North settles for 6H.</p>
<p>HAND 13 <b><u>DUPLICATED HONOURS</u></b></p> <p>♠ KQ ♥ KQ ♦ Q10432</p> <p>♠ 109654   ♣ J874   ♠ 8732 ♥ 9874   ♥ 106532 ♦ K8   ♦ A7 ♣ A10   ♠ AJ   ♣ Q9 ♥ AJ ♦ J965 ♣ K6532</p>	<p><b>N</b>   <b>E</b>   <b>S</b>   <b>W</b></p> <p>1NT   P   3NT   P P   P   P</p>	<p>This simply shows how duplicated values weaken a hand. There is 10 points in total in each of the major suits; but only 4 tricks are available in these 2 suits together. With 27 Points in the combined hands, you can only make 7 tricks on a major suit lead from East ! 3NT -2 should be an average.</p>

<p>HAND 14 <b><u>WEAK 2 BIDS/OGUST</u></b></p> <p>♠ Q5432 ♥ 65 ♦ 42</p> <p>♠ 9      ♣ J432      ♠ 8 ♥ AK103                      ♥ QJ9874 ♦ AQJ953                      ♦ K10 ♣ A7      ♠ AKJ1076      ♣ K1098 ♥ 2 ♦ 876 ♣ Q65</p>	<p>E    S    W    N</p> <p>2H 2S 2NT 3S 4H P ???</p>	<p>East, using the rule of 19 for opening bids should possibly open 1H (only 6 losers). However, the weak 2 bid makes it more difficult to bid the slam. If West bids 6, it is a punt (In Bridge this term means that the bid has no true justification). It works well on this hand.</p>
<p>HAND 15 <b><u>A GAMBLING BID</u></b></p> <p>♠ 82 ♥ Q74 ♦ AKJ10876</p> <p>♠ KQ1076      ♣ 8      ♠ AJ953 ♥ AJ98                      ♥ K103 ♦ Q52                      ♦ 9 ♣ 7      ♠ 4      ♣ 10952 ♥ 652 ♦ 43 ♣ AKQJ643</p>	<p>S    W    N    E</p> <p>3NT * 5C 5S P P P</p> <p>South opens with a Gambling 3NT. It is made, specifically, on a minor suit, a 7 card suit (not 8 or 6) and will have the top 3 honours. i.e. always AKQxxxx or AKQJxxx. West doubles potentially for take out, although East could convert to penalties.</p>	<p>North bid seems strange ! But, he knows that South has a solid club suit, so bids 5C. East is short in diamonds, and has long clubs, 8 losers, and not a bad hand, so should bid 5S. It is possible to get 5C doubled 2 off, which is best for East – West.</p>
<p>HAND 16 <b><u>JACOBY/SPLINTER ?</u></b></p> <p>♠ KQ72 ♥ 32 ♦ 8763</p> <p>♠ A63      ♣ Q109      ♠ 9 ♥ KQ1084                      ♥ A975 ♦ 4                      ♦ A1095 ♣ K732      ♠ J10854      ♣ AJ64 ♥ J6 ♦ KQJ2 ♣ 85</p>	<p>W    N    E    S</p> <p>1H P 2NT P 3C P 3D .....</p> <p>1H P 3S P 4NT P 5C(3) P 6H P P P</p>	<p>West clearly opens 1H; what should East do : - a) bid 2NT (Jacoby) or b) bid 3S as a Splinter–single Spade. I think 3S makes it easier to bid 6H.</p> <p><b>What do you think ?</b></p>
<p>HAND 17 <b><u>SAFE LEAD AND DUCK</u></b></p> <p>-      ♠ Q1086 ♥ AKQ9 ♦ Q76</p> <p>♠ AK7      ♣ AK      ♠ J952 ♥ 62                      ♥ J1084 ♦ A52                      ♦ J3 ♣ 109754      ♠ 43      ♣ 832 ♥ 753 ♦ K10984 ♣ QJ6</p>	<p>N    E    S    W</p> <p>2NT P 3NT P P P</p>	<p>East must try the lead of the Jack of hearts – J1084 is a better bet than J1064, say. North eventually goes 1 off in their contract.</p> <p><b>Please explain why. !</b></p>
<p>HAND 18 <b><u>QUANTITATIVE</u></b></p> <p>♠ 98 ♥ 7432 ♦ 865</p> <p>♠ KJ6      ♣ 9732      ♠ AQ1074 ♥ J105                      ♥ KQ6 ♦ AKQJ7                      ♦ 109 ♣ Q10      ♠ 532      ♣ KJ6 ♥ A98 ♦ 432 ♣ A854</p>	<p>E    S    W    N</p> <p>1S P 2D P 2NT P 4NT P P P</p>	<p>East rebids 2NT showing 15-16 points. West wishes to be in 6NT if East is maximum, so bids 4NT. There is not yet any suit agreement (one of the essentials ingredients of a 4NT bid being Blackwood). Therefore the 4NT bid will be quantitative. East has a close call, but decides not to accept the slam try. Good thinking; South can cash 2 Aces.</p>

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