

U3ABDa09 Practice Session: Opening One of a Suit with a Balanced Hand - Responses and Rebids

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Welcome!

Here is a list of all the hands that you could play in today's Practice Session. It tells you useful stuff about them, like the cards in each hand, the High Card Points, the "correct" bidding and lead. Don't feel bad if you bid the hands a bit differently, or ended up in a different contract. There's new things to learn each week, it will take you a while to get the hang of it, no doubt.

Bridge is a great game, but it can be overwhelming, so much to think about. Don't worry, it will get easier. We're here to help it all make sense; don't worry about making mistakes, we're always happy to explain or answer questions. Remember, you're playing with other people who are just starting out, too. Let's have fun together!

To help clarify some points in this week's lessons, we've added a Lesson Summary. It describes the same topics from a slightly different angle to the online materials handouts, with additional detail where it seems needed.

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Advanced topics & background information

Anything in green is background information or more advanced than you need right now. But if you're keen, it's worth knowing.

Lesson Summary

For a summary of this week's lesson, please refer to the U3ABDa08 Lesson Summary, on our website.

The Hands

Boards 1–16

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ AQ		
	♥ 972		
	♦ J984		
	♣ AKQT		
♠ T9865		♠ 32	
♥ K86		♥ QJT543	
♦ AK		♦ Q65	
♣ 864		♣ 75	
	♠ KJ74		
	♥ A		
	♦ T732		
	♣ J932		

Board: 1 Dealer: North Lead: ♥Q H27

North has 16 points and a balanced hand, so they open their longest suit, intending to rebid 1NT to show their points. Why did they bid 1D rather than 1C? The basic rule is: open the higher-ranked suit if you have two suits of the same length. But it's more complicated than that; see the second discussion below.

South has 9 points, an unbalanced hand, and a major that they can bid at the one-level, so they bid 1S.

South's 1S bid shows 6+ points, 4+ Spades, and less than 4 Hearts. It is forcing for one round; partner must bid.

North hasn't got four Spades, so can't support partner's suit. They rebid 1NT as planned.

North's 1NT rebid shows a balanced hand with 15-16 points, and denies 4 Spades.

South can see 24-25 points, maybe enough for game in NT, so they respond with 2NT, a game invitation asking partner to bid 3NT if they have the maximum for their bid i.e. 16 points. This isn't forcing, it's an **invitation**.

North has the maximum 16 points, so they bid 3NT as requested.

Can I bid NT with a singleton?

South's second bid of 2NT is a little dodgy, as they have a singleton Heart, suggesting that the opponents might have quite a lot of them. North's 1NT bid promises a balanced hand, but not a stop in every unbid suit. Indeed it only promises 2 Hearts, so the opponents might have ten Hearts.

Still, South's singleton Heart is an Ace, a stop. Not ideal, but 3NT is the only likely game contract – worth a try.

Which suit do I open?

Open your longest suit, even when intending to rebid NT, because you might not be able rebid NT, so you open a suit that you can play in, if you have to. If you have two suits of equal length, open the higher-ranked suit (unless they are Clubs and Spades, when you open Clubs). Why? If your opponents overcall in a suit that you don't have a stop in, you can't rebid NT! So then you can rebid your second suit to give partner a choice.

If you bid a second suit of a higher rank, that show partner you have a strong hand! We haven't covered most of this yet - including overcalls - so don't worry too much.

East South West North

1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ 8753		
	♥ 654		
	♦ A7		
	♣ 5432		
♠ T62		♠ AKQJ	
♥ T7		♥ A32	
♦ K653		♦ T942	
♣ AQJ6		♣ K9	
	♠ 94		
	♥ KQJ98		
	♦ QJ8		
	♣ T87		

Board: 2 Dealer: East Lead: ♥K H30

East has 17 points and a balanced hand, so they open their longest suit (1S), intending to rebid 2NT to show their points. Why did they bid 1S rather than 1D? The basic rule is: open the higher-ranked suit if you have two suits of the same length. But it's more complicated than that; see the second discussion for Board 1.

West has 10 points, a balanced hand, and two 4-card minors. They don't have four Spades so can't support partner's major. They are just strong enough to bid a new suit at the two level, so they can bid 2C or 2D, but which?

They're probably only going to bid one suit, so they bid the cheapest (lowest ranking) suit, 2C.

East now knows that West has 10+ points (*unless they've invoked the Rule of 14*), making a total of at least 27. So, instead of rebidding 2NT, East can rebid 3NT.

South West North East

1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ K86		
	♥ Q865		
	♦ 94		
	♣ Q765		
♠ QJT7		♠ 432	
♥ 94		♥ 73	
♦ KQJT8		♦ 532	
♣ J4		♣ AT982	
	♠ A95		
	♥ AKJT2		
	♦ A76		
	♣ K3		

Board: 3 Dealer: South Lead: ♦K H346

South has 19 HCP and a nice 5 card major, so opens 1H – showing 12-19 HCP and at least 4 Hearts.

North doesn't have much, 7 HCP and 4 Hearts, but that's enough for the limit raise to 2H (showing 4 Hearts and 6-9 HCP).

South now knows that, as a minimum, they have 25 HCP and 9 Hearts; they can't add an extra Shortage Point for the doubleton Club as they're going to be Declarer. Just enough to have a reasonable chance of game, so bids 4H.

How much is a doubleton Honour worth?

North can add a Shortage Point for their Diamond doubleton, but that makes no difference to their bid.

South's ♣Kx is harder to value, as it might not make a trick. Some people might take one High Card Point off because Kx is less likely to make a trick than Kxx!

West North East South

1♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
	♠ QT87		
	♥ 75		
	♦ QT5		
	♣ KQJ5		
♠ A5		♠ 2	
♥ AQJ62		♥ KT983	
♦ A63		♦ K842	
♣ 963		♣ A84	
	♠ KJ9643		
	♥ 4		
	♦ J97		
	♣ T72		

Board: 4 Dealer: West Lead: ♣K H389

West has 15 HCP and a nice 5 card major suit, so opens 1H (showing 12-19 HCP and 4 Hearts).

East has just 10 HCP, but good Heart support (5 cards) so can add 2 Shortage Points for their Spade singleton, making 12. This means E-W have a minimum of 24 HCP and 9 Hearts, maybe 1 point short of game, but most people would cross their fingers and bid 4H.

With good support, should I jump to 3 or 4?

West's hand is balanced, with 15 HCP they are strong enough to rebid NT if partner doesn't support their Hearts. For example: 1H-1S-1NT or 1H-2C-2NT; bidding NT (without a jump) after opening one of a suit shows 15-16 points. Or you could rebid the Hearts, showing you have 5 (so partner can support with 3).

The direct jump to 4H is a slight overbid by East, showing 13-15 points. A more cautious and accurate bid would be 3H (showing 10-12 points and 4 Hearts). West can then pass with a minimum hand, or raise to 4H with a bit extra.

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

♠ AQJ
 ♥ KQJT9
 ♦ Q54
 ♣ A8

♠ T65
 ♥ 5
 ♦ AJT97
 ♣ J975

♠ 9432
 ♥ A8432
 ♦ K6
 ♣ T2

♠ K87
 ♥ 76
 ♦ 832
 ♣ KQ643

Board: 5 Dealer: North Lead: ♦ J H1353

North has a strong, balanced hand with 19 HCP. The best way to show that is to bid 1 of a suit, then on the second round jump to 3NT. So North starts by bidding their longest suit, 1H. However, as this is a major with five cards, a game in Hearts is also possible. Let's see...

North's bid shows 12-19 HCP and 4 Hearts – they're much stronger than this, but can show that with their second bid; if partner has less than 6 points they pass and North doesn't get to bid again, but they didn't have enough points for game anyway.

Note that until you've agreed a trump suit, you don't add Shortage Points for voids, singletons and doubletons – and then only Dummy can add them!

South has 8 HCP, so is not strong enough to bid their long suit (2C requires 10+ points), doesn't have 4 Hearts, so can't bid 2H, so their only sensible bid is 1NT (showing 6-9 HCP). This bid denies 4-card support for Hearts, and denies 4 cards in Spades. A lot of information for partner to use.

North now knows they have enough points (25+) for game in Hearts or NT, but which? They chose 3NT, as partner might have 0 Hearts!

I have a great suit and 19 points - but can only open 1H/S?

Yep. North really does have a maximum hand for a 1H opening, should be very keen to bid game, but isn't quite strong enough for a strong opening like 2NT. Resist the temptation to exaggerate; don't lie to your partner! Your partner will respond if they 6 points - giving you the chance to show your strength, or even bid game.

You CAN take a different approach to bidding a balanced hand with 19 HCP and a 5-card major: open 1H/S and rebid 3H/S, not 3NT. This is (by agreement) forcing: partner bids 3NT if they have 2 or fewer cards in your suit, 4H/S if they have 3 or more.

Does a 1NT response promise a balanced hand?

No! A 1NT response does only promises 6-9 points.

East South West North

1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

2NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

♠ T8

♥ A95

♦ 986432

♣ A2

♠ Q75

♥ 87

♦ AKJT5

♣ J65

♠ K62

♥ KQJT

♦ Q7

♣ KQT9

♠ AJ943

♥ 6432

♦

♣ 8743

Board: 6 Dealer: East Lead: ♠4 H104

East has 16 points and a balanced hand, with two 4-card suits, so they open the major (1H) intending to rebid 1NT to show their points. With a choice between a major and a minor, you will usually open the major; partner might have four or more, giving you a fit.

West has 11 points, an unbalanced hand, and a nice 5-card minor suit. They don't have 4-card support for partner's Hearts, so they bid 2D.

West's 2D bid over 1H shows 10+ points, less than four Hearts, less than four Spades, and a 4+ Diamond suit. That's a lot of information!

East adds partner's promised 10+ points to their 16, making 26 – more than enough for 3NT. However, they rebid 2NT to show partner their balanced shape and point range (15-16) to allow partner the chance to show another feature; West won't pass, because they can add up too!

West is happy to raise to 3NT as they can't see any other prospect for game and have the minimum points for their bid.

Why bid 2NT when 3NT looks the best contract?

East's bid of 2NT (rather than 3NT) gives partner another bid without going past 3NT. On this occasion West's next bid was 3NT, but they could have a hand that would play really badly in NT (such as a long Diamond suit with gaps and no entries) or a very powerful hand with potential for a slam.

We'll cover bidding to the slam level later in this course, but for now just remember to give partner that extra bidding space in this situation by bidding 2NT rather than 3NT when you **both** know that you have enough points for 3NT. Phew.

South West North East

1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
 Pass Pass

♠ A8
 ♥ A9742
 ♦ KJ4
 ♣ K87

♠ 9643 ♠ 52
 ♥ QT5 ♥ J3
 ♦ 73 ♦ QT9865
 ♣ QJ92 ♣ AT4

♣ KQJT7
 ♥ K86
 ♦ A2
 ♣ 653

Board: 7 Dealer: South Lead: ♠5 H3442

South has 13 HCP, a good 5-card Spade suit and a balanced hand. They bid their long suit, 1S. This shows a 4-card suit and 12-19 points in an unbalanced hand, or 15-19 points in a balanced hand (if they rebid NT).

They plan to rebid Spades on the second round, showing 5+ Spades and a 12-15 point hand.

Note: South should really open this hand with 1NT, I guess the strong Spade suit was too tempting. Tsk!

North has 15 HCP and a decent 5-card Heart suit, in a balanced hand. They can't support partner's Spades, but with five Hearts and 10+ points they can respond 2H. This bidding sequence (2H over 1S) promises at least five Hearts, and 10+ points. (See the discussion for Board 18.)

South has three Hearts so they know they have a 5-3 fit and raise Hearts in preference to rebidding their own suit which MIGHT have a 5-3 fit. They can only see 13 + 10 HCP so far, plus one Shortage Point for their Doubleton; game is likely but not certain, so they bid 3H, not 4H.

North can see at least 15 + 12 HCP, with a 5-3 fit, they're happy to raise partner's 3H to 4H.

Should I bid a Game Invitation or a Game Contract?

South 3H bid is incredibly pessimistic and risks missing game as it asks partner to big 4H if they have a maximum point count (15) when they just need 11 or so, I think South should go straight to 4H.

West North East South

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
 1NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ KT85
 ♥ K9863
 ♦ 87
 ♣ Q2

♠ 632 ♠ AQ74
 ♥ QJT ♥ 742
 ♦ AKQ5 ♦ 43
 ♣ A54 ♣ 9763

♠ J9
 ♥ A5
 ♦ JT962
 ♣ KJT8

Board: 8 Dealer: West Lead: ♥6 H132

West has 16 points and a balanced hand, with one 4-card suit, so they open that suit (1D) intending to rebid 1NT to show their points and shape.

East has 6 points, a balanced hand, and a decent 4-card major that they can bid at the one-level, so they bid 1S.

This change of suit at the one-level promises 6+ points and 4+ Spades, and is forcing. It doesn't deny 4+ Hearts, as there are some situations when you would bid Spades first (e.g. if you have five Spades and four Hearts).

West hasn't got 4-card support for partner's Spades, so they rebid 1NT as planned, showing 15-16 points and less than 2-3 Spades.

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

♠ AQ6
♥ AKJ
♦ AJ76
♣ 873

♠ J9732
♥ 972
♦ Q8
♣ AK4

♠ T8
♥ QT83
♦ K9532
♣ 62

♠ K54
♥ 654
♦ T4
♣ QJT95

East	South	West	North
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

♠ QJT
♥ KQT9
♦ 73
♣ JT73

♠ 973
♥ J3
♦ A4
♣ KQ9854

♠ AK5
♥ A852
♦ K952
♣ A2

♠ 8642
♥ 764
♦ QJT86
♣ 6

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

♠ K842
♥ A954
♦ 96
♣ T32

♠ J7
♥ QJ632
♦ AQ4
♣ J97

♠ T9
♥ K
♦ T8732
♣ A8654

♠ AQ653
♥ T87
♦ KJ5
♣ KQ

Board: 9 Dealer: North Lead: ♠3 H2976

North has a strong, balanced hand with 19 HCP. The best way to show that is to bid 1 of a suit, then on the second round you can jump to 3NT. So North starts by bidding their longest suit, 1D.

South has a bare 6 HCP, so is not strong enough to bid their long suit (2C requires a good 10 points or more), doesn't have 4 Diamonds, so can't bid 2D, so their only sensible bid is 1NT (6-9 HCP).

North adds up the HCP, reaching the magic 25 – just enough for 3NT. Fingers crossed – those Clubs look bad...

Why am I Dummy when I have the stronger hand?

South bid NT first so they're Declarer and North's hand is Dummy, revealing where all those points are to the Defence. Unfortunate, but it can't be helped.

Board: 10 Dealer: East Lead: ♦Q H223

East has 18 points and a balanced hand, with two 4-card suits, Diamonds and Hearts. They plan to open one of a suit and rebid 2NT to show their shape and points, but which suit? With a major and a minor you will usually choose the major – not least because there's a chance that partner has four and you'll find a fit right away. So they open 1H.

West has 10 points, an unbalanced hand, and a good 6-card minor. They don't have four Hearts so can't support partner's major. They are just strong enough to bid a new suit at the two level, so they bid 2C. Bidding a new suit at the two-level shows 10+ points and 4 cards, and is forcing.

East now knows that West has 10+ points, making a total of at least 28. So, instead of rebidding 2NT, East can rebid 3NT.

Board: 11 Dealer: South Lead: ♥Q H2565

South has 15 points and a balanced hand, with a good 5-card Spade suit. They open 1S and plan to rebid 1NT to show their shape and points.

North has just 7 points, a balanced hand, and four Spades. They're strong enough to raise partner to 2S. Do NOT bid a new suit when you have 4-card support for partner's major and just 6-9 points.

This single raise promises 4 Spades and 6-9 points.

South can see a combined point count of 21-24, so despite partner's support there's no need to bid further; not enough points for game. They might be tempted to bid 2NT, but a suit contract usually makes one more trick than a NT contract – and is usually a bit safer.

West North East South

1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ 5		
	♥ QJT83		
	♦ QT4		
	♣ KJT8		
♠ KQJ64		♠ AT98	
♥ 954		♥ A762	
♦ AJ		♦ 7653	
♣ A96		♣ 5	
	♠ 732		
	♥ K		
	♦ K982		
	♣ Q7432		

Board: 12 Dealer: West Lead: ♥Q H1341

West has 15 HCP and a nice 5-card major in a balanced hand, so opens 1S intending to rebid 1NT to show their points and shape.

East has just 8 HCP, but good 4-card support plus two Shortage Points for the singleton Club – making 10 points. Just enough to raise to 3S.

Remember that a jump raise of a suit promises 10-12 points and 4+ trumps.

West can see a total of 25+ points, so raises to 4S for game.

North East South West

1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ KQJ94		
	♥ A42		
	♦ A87		
	♣ J6		
♠ 8		♠ A75	
♥ 975		♥ QJT6	
♦ T542		♦ 93	
♣ A9852		♣ KT43	
	♠ T632		
	♥ K83		
	♦ KQJ6		
	♣ Q7		

Board: 13 Dealer: North Lead: ♥Q H539

North has 15 HCP and a nice 5-card major in a balanced hand, so opens 1S intending to rebid 1NT to show their points and shape.

South has 11 HCP and good 4-card support plus one Shortage Point for the doubleton Club – making 12 points. More than enough to raise to 3S, not quite enough to jump to 4S.

Remember that a jump raise of a suit promises 10-12 points and 4+ trumps.

North can see a total of 25+ points, so raises to 4S for game.

East South West North

1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ KJ95		
	♥ 632		
	♦ A972		
	♣ T4		
♠ A64		♠ Q73	
♥ Q754		♥ AKJT8	
♦ K86		♦ 54	
♣ 862		♣ AKQ	
	♠ T82		
	♥ 9		
	♦ QJT3		
	♣ J9753		

Board: 14 Dealer: East Lead: ♦Q H2698

With 19 high card points (HCP), a 5 card major, and a balanced hand East opens 1H, intending to rebid 3NT to show their 19 points.

With a balanced 9-point hand and four Hearts, West raises partner to 2H. They might be tempted to bid 1NT with a balanced hand, but with 4-card support for their partner's major, raising it is a MUCH better bid; 2H shows 6-9 points and 4+ Hearts.

After West's 2H bid, East knows that between them they have at least 25 HCP and 9 trumps, so 4H should be easy and is the obvious bid, safer than 3NT.

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ 53		
	♥ KT84		
	♦ A65		
	♣ QJ72		
♠ QT42		♠ KJ97	
♥ 963		♥ 2	
♦ KQJ8		♦ T742	
♣ 84		♣ KT95	
	♠ A86		
	♥ AQJ75		
	♦ 93		
	♣ A63		

Board: 15 Dealer: South Lead: ♦K H526

South has 15 HCP and a nice 5-card major in a balanced hand, so opens 1H intending to rebid 1NT to show their points and shape.

North has 10 HCP and good 4-card support plus one Shortage Point for the doubleton Spade – making 11 points. Enough to raise to 3H.

Remember that a jump raise of a suit promises 10-12 points and 4+ trumps and an Ace.

South can see a total of 25+ points, enough for 4H.

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ QJ86		
	♥ QJ72		
	♦ KT6		
	♣ 87		
♠ A73		♠ K542	
♥ 953		♥ T864	
♦ A743		♦ Q8	
♣ AK6		♣ Q54	
	♠ T9		
	♥ AK		
	♦ J952		
	♣ JT932		

Board: 16 Dealer: West Lead: ♠6 H133

West has 15 points and a balanced hand, with one 4-card suit, so they open that suit (1D) intending to rebid 1NT to show their points and shape.

East has just 7 points, a balanced hand, and a modest 4-card major. While they might be tempted to bid 1NT to show their points and shape, that runs the risk of missing a fit in Hearts or Spades, so they bid 1H instead. Always bid a 4+ card major suit if you can, rather than NT. If you have four Hearts and four Spades, bid Hearts – to allow partner to raise to 2H or bid 1S and find a 4-4 fit.

The 1H bid shows 6+ points and 4+ Hearts. It's a change of suit, so it's forcing for one round.

West can't support partner's Major with just 3 Hearts, so they rebid 1NT as planned. This gives East a chance to bid again, to describe their hand more fully, if appropriate.

East is too weak to bid again, so passes. They know that they have just 22-23 points between them, not enough for game. While it might be enough for 2NT, there's no point bidding it; 1NT+1 scores the same as 2NT, while 1NT scores a lot better than 2NT-1!

Boards 17–32

Note: Boards 19-32 do not include a bidding commentary.

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ QT96		
	♥ AKJT		
	♦ AJ5		
	♣ KJ		
♠ A52		♠ 4	
♥ 84		♥ 9763	
♦ Q987		♦ K62	
♣ T432		♣ A8765	
	♠ KJ873		
	♥ Q52		
	♦ T43		
	♣ Q9		

Board: 17 Dealer: North Lead: ♦7 H2970

North has 19 HCP, four Hearts, four Spades in a balanced hand. They are far too strong to open 1NT, so they open 1H intending to rebid 3NT to show their 19 points.

Remember that with exactly 4 Hearts and 4 Spades, you must bid Hearts first, not Spades. (This makes it easier to find a 4-4 fit in Spades.)

South has 8 HCP and a 5-card Spade suit, in a balanced hand. They could bid 1NT to show their 6-9 points and shape, but 1S is a better bid, as partner might have a fit. This bid shows 6+ points, four Spades and less than four Hearts. A change of suit by responder is forcing for one round.

North recognizes that they have a 4-4 fit in Spades and at least 25 HCP, so bids 4S.

When should I jump straight to game?

South's change of suit response has a very wide point range, 6-15. North's jump to 4S is rather negative, telling partner that they have no slam ambitions. It's sometimes called a **shut-out bid** because it shuts out the opposition but sadly also makes it much harder for partner to bid a slam, if they have the points for it. If South has a good hand, they'll have to press on by bidding at a high level.

But we haven't got to slams yet, so let's not worry about that!

East	South	West	North
1♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♠ J943		
	♥ T95		
	♦ QT7		
	♣ A98		
♠ K76		♠ AQ5	
♥ A76		♥ K84	
♦ 94		♦ A85	
♣ KJT76		♣ Q543	
	♠ T82		
	♥ QJ32		
	♦ KJ632		
	♣ 2		

Board: 18 Dealer: East Lead: ♦3 H113

East has 15 points and a balanced hand, with one 4-card suit, so they open that suit (1C) intending to rebid 1NT to show their points and shape.

West has 11 points, a balanced hand, and excellent 5-card support for partner's minor suit. They don't have stops in the other three suits, so can't respond in NT, and don't have another 4-card suit so can't make a forcing change of suit. They're too strong for a simple raise to 2C (which shows 6-9 points and four Clubs). So they jump raise to 3C, showing 10-12 points and 4+ Clubs.

While in general you don't raise partner's opening bid if it's a minor, sometimes that's the only sensible bid.

South adds the minimum points shown by partner's to their own (15+10=25) and that's enough for 3NT.

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 19 Dealer: South**Lead: ♥K****H137**

No bidding commentary.

♠ K42
 ♥ 876
 ♦ 762
 ♣ AKQ3

♠ JT87 ♠ Q6
 ♥ KQJT5 ♥ 93
 ♦ 43 ♦ K985
 ♣ 64 ♣ JT752

♠ A953
 ♥ A42
 ♦ AQJT
 ♣ 98

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass 1NT Pass
 2NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Board: 20 Dealer: West**Lead: ♣K****H158**

No bidding commentary.

♠ 97
 ♥ T873
 ♦ A42
 ♣ KQJ2

♠ KQ654 ♠ AJ2
 ♥ AK2 ♥ 964
 ♦ Q6 ♦ KJT9
 ♣ A43 ♣ T65

♠ T83
 ♥ QJ5
 ♦ 8753
 ♣ 987

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 21 Dealer: North**Lead: ♥Q****H219**

No bidding commentary.

♠ K754
 ♥ K75
 ♦ Q42
 ♣ AKJ

♠ JT983 ♠ 2
 ♥ 63 ♥ QJT42
 ♦ KJ5 ♦ AT86
 ♣ Q74 ♣ T95

♠ AQ6
 ♥ A98
 ♦ 973
 ♣ 8632

East South West North

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 22 Dealer: East Lead: ♥K H574

No bidding commentary.

♠ Q6
 ♥ T32
 ♦ K985
 ♣ JT75

♠ K42 ♠ A953
 ♥ 986 ♥ A4
 ♦ 762 ♦ AQJT
 ♣ AKQ3 ♣ 982

♠ JT87
 ♥ KQJ75
 ♦ 43
 ♣ 64

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 1NT Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 23 Dealer: South Lead: ♣A H1594

No bidding commentary.

♠ KQJ6532
 ♥ Q5
 ♦ K
 ♣ 843

♠ T ♠ 974
 ♥ K9842 ♥ T73
 ♦ QT96 ♦ 852
 ♣ 652 ♣ AKQ9

♠ A8
 ♥ AJ6
 ♦ AJ743
 ♣ JT7

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 24 Dealer: West Lead: ♥2 H1724

No bidding commentary.

♠ 7653
 ♥ QT62
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ T76

♠ AQT42 ♠ K
 ♥ K7 ♥ J43
 ♦ QT9 ♦ A72
 ♣ A94 ♣ KQJ532

♠ J98
 ♥ A985
 ♦ 86543
 ♣ 8

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Board: 25 Dealer: North Lead: ♠T H1734

No bidding commentary.

♠ K64
♥ J863
♦ AK
♣ AK62

♠ 752 ♠ QT983
♥ AKQ5 ♥ 974
♦ 75 ♦ J82
♣ T843 ♣ 97

♠ AJ
♥ T2
♦ QT9643
♣ QJ5

East South West North

1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2NT Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Board: 26 Dealer: East Lead: ♣A H2341

No bidding commentary.

♠ 9873
♥ K743
♦ J6
♣ AKJ

♠ AQT542 ♠ K6
♥ Q6 ♥ A85
♦ 54 ♦ AKQ
♣ 832 ♣ Q7654

♠ J
♥ JT92
♦ T98732
♣ T9

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Board: 27 Dealer: South Lead: ♣T H2646

No bidding commentary.

♠ J64
♥ J9
♦ KQJ94
♣ Q54

♠ K87 ♠ QT9
♥ T852 ♥ KQ3
♦ 3 ♦ A8765
♣ T9872 ♣ 63

♠ A532
♥ A764
♦ T2
♣ AKJ

West North East South

1♦ 1♠ 1NT Pass
 Pass 2♥ Pass Pass
 Pass

Board: 28 Dealer: West Lead: ♦3 H2754

No bidding commentary.

♠ KQ842

♥ KQJ75

♦ 6

♣ K8

♠ 973

♥ A2

♦ AJ98

♣ AQ95

♠ AJT5

♥ T9

♦ Q43

♣ JT32

♠ 6

♥ 8643

♦ KT752

♣ 764

North East South West

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 29 Dealer: North Lead: ♥T H2926

No bidding commentary.

♠ A4

♥ AKQ

♦ J843

♣ A432

♠ K63

♥ J4

♦ A96

♣ JT865

♠ Q75

♥ T98652

♦ KT7

♣ 7

♠ JT982

♥ 73

♦ Q52

♣ KQ9

East South West North

Pass Pass 1♦ Pass
 1NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 30 Dealer: East Lead: ♠J H2958

No bidding commentary.

♠ A532

♥ T842

♦

♣ QJ653

♠ KQ

♥ J63

♦ AKQ753

♣ A8

♠ 874

♥ A97

♦ 642

♣ KT94

♠ JT96

♥ KQ5

♦ JT98

♣ 72

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 31 Dealer: South Lead: ♥4 H3018

No bidding commentary.

♠ AT7
 ♥ K8
 ♦ T87432
 ♣ QJ

♠ 532 ♠ K86
 ♥ QT642 ♥ J95
 ♦ KJ6 ♦ A9
 ♣ T5 ♣ 98732

♠ QJ94
 ♥ A73
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ AK64

West North East South

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
 1NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Board: 32 Dealer: West Lead: ♣6 H3065

No bidding commentary.

♠ K97
 ♥ 8632
 ♦ 4
 ♣ QJ863

♠ T52 ♠ AJ3
 ♥ AQ7 ♥ KJT4
 ♦ KQT63 ♦ J9
 ♣ AT ♣ 7542

♠ Q864
 ♥ 95
 ♦ A8752
 ♣ K9

Synopsis

Boards 1-16

NOTE: Some of these hands do not support the **Plan the Play** feature of **My Hands** at this time, as indicated in the table below.

SYNOPSIS					
Opening a balanced hand with one of a suit - responses and rebids					
Board	Dealer	Bidding Sequence	Hand #	Declarer or Defender?	Plan The Play?
1	N	1D, 1S, 1NT, 2NT, 3NT	H27	Declarer	Y
2	E	1S, 2C, 3NT	H30	Declarer	N
3	S	1H, 2H, 4H	H346	Declarer	N
4	W	1H, 4H	H389	Declarer	N
5	N	1H, 1NT, 3NT	H1353	Declarer	N
6	E	1H, 2D, 2NT, 3NT	H104	Declarer	N
7	S	1S, 2H, 3H, 4H	H3442	Declarer	Y
8	W	1D, 1S, 1NT	H132	Declarer	Y
9	N	1D, 1NT, 3NT	H2976	Declarer	Y
10	E	1H, 2C, 3NT	H223	Declarer	Y
11	S	1S, 2S	H2565	Declarer	Y
12	W	1S, 3S, 4S	H1341	Declarer	Y
13	N	1S, 3S, 4S	H539	Declarer	Y
14	E	1H, 2H, 4H	H2698	Declarer	Y
15	S	1H, 3H, 4H	H526	Declarer	Y
16	W	1D, 1H, 1NT	H133	Declarer	Y

Boards 17-32

NOTE: These hands all support the **Plan the Play** feature of **My Hands**, as indicated in the table below.

SYNOPSIS					
Opening a balanced hand with one of a suit - responses and rebids					
Board	Dealer	Bidding Sequence	Hand #	Declarer or Defender?	Plan The Play?
17	N	1H, 1S, 4S	H2970	Declarer	Y
18	E	1C, 3C, 3NT	H113	Declarer	Y
19	S	1S, 2C, 2NT, 3NT	H137	Declarer	Y
20	W	1S, 1NT, 2NT, 3S, 4S	H158	Declarer	Y
21	N	1S, 2C, 2NT, 3NT	H219	Declarer	Y
22	E	1S, 2C, 2NT, 3NT	H574	Declarer	Y
23	S	1D, 1S, 1NT, 4S	H1594	Declarer	Y
24	W	1S, 2C, 2NT, 3NT	H1724	Declarer	Y
25	N	1H, 2D, 3NT	H1734	Declarer	Y
26	E	1C, 1S, 2NT, 4S	H2341	Declarer	Y
27	S	1H, 2D, 2NT, 3NT	H2646	Declarer	Y
28	W	1D, 1S, 1NT, 2H	H2754	Declarer	Y
29	N	1D, 1S, 2NT, 3NT	H2926	Declarer	Y
30	E	1D, 1NT, 3NT	H2958	Declarer	Y
31	S	1S, 2D, 2NT, 3NT	H3018	Declarer	Y
32	W	1D, 1H, 1NT, 3NT	H3065	Declarer	Y