Practice Session for U3ABDa17: Bidding Strong Hands

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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 are new things to learn each week, it will take you a while to get the hang of it, no doubt.

This week we've given you some rare, more powerful hands to bid. No more 1NT!

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, with additional detail where it seems needed. You can find a link to the Lesson Summary next to the link for the Bidding Commentary on our web site.

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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.

The Hands

Boards 1-16

North	East	South	West
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

	♠K73 ♥AK2 ♦AJ3 ♣KQJ5	
♠T82 ♥QJ95 ♦K74 ♣A83		♠AJ95 ♥T7 ♦Q9852 ♣94
	♠Q64 ♥8643 ♦T6 ♣T762	

Board: 1 Dealer: North H2007

North has 21 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

South has just 2 HCP, so knows they do not have enough points for game (22-24), so passes.

If you look at the hands, you can see they will probably make 7-8 tricks: one or two Spades, two Hearts, one Diamond and three Clubs. 23 HCP is only a little short of the 25 HCP that will usually deliver 3NT, but the missing 2 points can make a big difference, as you have two less and they have two more!

East	South	West	North
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠JT854 ♥QT2 ♦T9 ♣972	
♠K97 ♥53 ♦KQ752 ♣864		♠AQ6 ♥A97 ♦AJ4 ♣KQ53
	♠32 ♥KJ864 ♦863 ♣AJT	

Board: 2 Dealer: East H561

East has 20 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

West has 8 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (28-30) but not enough for a Slam, so bids 3NT

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠852 ♥T53 ♦AQ976 ♣J8	
♠J97 ♥Q9742 ♦4 ♣KT97		♠T643 ♥K86 ♦K83 ♣542
	♠AKQ ♥AJ ♦JT52 ♣AQ63	

Board: 3 Dealer: South H1892

South has 21 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

North has 7 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (27-29) but not enough for a Slam, so bids 3NT

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠542 ♥K92 ♦T987 ♣T84	
♠KQ ♥T873 ♦AKQ64 ♣AQ		♠AT6 ♥64 ♦J52 ♣K7632
	♠J9873 ♥AQJ5 ♦3 ♣J95	

Board: 4 Dealer: West H1913

West has 20 HCP and a fairly balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

East has 8 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (28-30) but not enough for a Slam, so bids 3NT.

Can I open 2NT with two Doubletons?

Yes, although it's not ideal.

West has two Doubletons, so their hand is semi-balanced, not an ideal hand to open 2NT. They could open 1D instead and jump on the second round to show their points, but partner might pass with less than 6 points, potentially missing game.

Both Doubletons are good stops, reducing the attendant risk, so 2NT seems the better bid to me – but it's still debatable.

North	East	South	West
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠AK6 ♥A754 ♦AQ2 ♣AQ5	
♠QJT73 ♥J98 ♦J4 ♣J98		♠92 ♥KQ6 ♦KT863 ♣T76
	♠854 ♥T32 ♦975 ♣K432	

Board: 5 Dealer: North H1160

North has 23 HCP and a balanced hand. Slightly too strong for a 2NT opening bid (20-22 HCP), they open 2C.

An opening bid of 2C shows 21+ HCP (with a 5-card Major) or 23+ HCP in a balanced hand, or 9+ playing tricks. This is a Game Force unless opener rebids 2NT.

South has 3 HCP, so must make the negative response, 2D.

The 2D response to the 2C opening bid shows 0-7 HCP; a negative response indicating a Slam is unlikely.

North bids 2NT to show they have 23-24 HCP and a balanced hand. Partner can pass now if they have a very weak hand (less than 2 HCP) i.e. this rebid "cancels" the presumed Game Force.

South has 3 HCP, just enough to raise partner to game in 3NT.

Are there different versions of the 2C opening bid?

Yes. If you're playing Strong Twos, the 2C opening is a bit stronger, showing 23+ HCP or 10+ tricks (because you can use a Strong Two for the slightly weaker hands). But we strongly recommend you to play Weak Twos, so 2C has to cover these slightly weaker hands.

East	South	West	North
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠ ♥K9862 ♦KQ932 ♣A83	
♠654 ♥T75 ♦4 ♣QJ6542		♠AKQJ983 ♥AJ ♦AJ5 ♣7
	♠T72 ♥Q43 ♦T876 ♣KT9	

Board: 6 Dealer: East H1918

East has 20 HCP and an excellent 7-card Major. They will make at least 9 tricks without any help from partner, so can open 2C.

An opening bid of 2C shows 21+ HCP (with a 5-card Major) or 23+ HCP in a balanced hand, or 9+ playing tricks. This is a Game Force unless opener rebids 2NT.

West has 3 HCP, so must make the negative response, 2D.

The 2D response to the 2C opening bid shows 0-7 HCP; a negative response indicating a Slam is unlikely.

East bids 2S to show their suit. There's no need to jump as the 2C opening is a Game Force.

West bids 3C to show their suit. After their earlier 2D response, this shows they have 3-7 HCP and a 5-card Club suit.

East rebids their Spades to show their length. West raises partner to 4S since they have 3-card support and no other values to show.

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠QT32 ♥75 ♦T532 ♣QJT	
♠74 ♥QJT ♦J987 ♣9652		♠865 ♥K98632 ♦Q ♣K84
	♠AKJ9 ♥A4 ♦AK64 ♣A73	

Board: 7 Dealer: South H2997

South has 23 HCP and a balanced hand. Slightly too strong for a 2NT opening bid (20-22 HCP), they open 2C.

An opening bid of 2C shows 21+ HCP (with a 5-card Major) or 23+ HCP in a balanced hand, or 9+ playing tricks. This is a Game Force unless opener rebids 2NT.

North has 5 HCP, so must make the negative response, 2D.

The 2D response to the 2C opening bid shows 0-7 HCP; a negative response indicating a Slam is unlikely.

South bids 2NT to show they have 23-24 HCP and a balanced hand. Partner can pass now if they have a very weak hand (less than 2 HCP) i.e. this rebid "cancels" the presumed Game Force.

North has 5 HCP and a 4-card Major, so bids 3C (Stayman) to check for a 4-4 fit.

South has a 4-card Spade suit, so responds with 3S.

North raises partner to 4S as they've established a 4-4 fit in Spades.

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠T63 ♥85 ♦52 ♣AQT863	
♠AKQ ♥KQT4 ♦AK6 ♣K92		♠87 ♥AJ6 ♦J743 ♣J754
	♠J9542 ♥9732 ♦QT98 ♣	

Board: 8 Dealer: West H2297

West has 24 HCP and a balanced hand. Too strong for a 2NT opening bid (20-22 HCP), they open 2C.

An opening bid of 2C shows 21+ HCP (with a 5-card Major) or 23+ HCP in a balanced hand, or 9+ playing tricks. This is a Game Force unless opener rebids 2NT.

East has 7 HCP, not quite enough for a positive response, so must make the negative response, 2D.

The 2D response to the 2C opening bid shows 0-7 HCP; a negative response indicating a Slam is unlikely.

West bids 2NT to show they have 23-24 HCP and a balanced hand. Partner can pass now if they have a very weak hand (less than 2 HCP) i.e. this rebid "cancels" the presumed Game Force.

East doesn't have a 5-card suit to bid, or a 4-card Major to investigate with Stayman. They do have 7 HCP, more than enough to raise to 3NT

North	East	South	West
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠KQJ5 ♥K62 ♦AK84 ♣AT	
♠A3 ♥JT9 ♦JT65 ♣Q982		♠T86 ♥AQ8753 ♦2 ♣J64
	♠9742 ♥4 ♦Q973 ♣K753	

Board: 9 Dealer: North H2234

North has 20 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

South has 5 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (25-27) but not enough for a Slam. They could bid 3NT, but the singleton Heart is a worry. With 4 Spades they bid 3C, Stayman, to check if there's a 4-4 fit in a Major. 4S would probably be easier than 3NT with a fit.

Notice that South just needs 4 Spades, they don't have to be good cards!

North responds 3S to show they have 4 Spades and deny 4 Hearts.

South raises to 4S as they have at least 8 Spades and 25 HCP, just enough for game – although they can (perhaps) add two points for their singleton Heart.

East	South	West	North
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠852 ♥653 ♦J84 ♣QJ93	
♠63 ♥JT82 ♦963 ♣AT75		♠AKQJ7 ♥K9 ♦AQT ♣K42
	♠T94 ♥AQ74 ♦K752 ♣86	

Board: 10 Dealer: East H2546

East has 22 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT. With such a strong 5-card Spade suit, it's tempting to play in Spades, but you're not strong enough to open 2C and if you open 1S, partner might pass with fewer than 6 HCP, missing game.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

West has 5 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (25-27) but not enough for a Slam. They could bid 3NT, but with 4 Hearts they bid 3C, Stayman, to check if there's a 4-4 fit in a Major. 4H would probably be easier than 3NT with a fit.

Notice that West just needs 4 Hearts, they don't have to be 4 good cards!

East responds 3S to show they have 4 Spades and deny 4 Hearts.

West can't bid either Major without a 4-4 fit. With at least 25 HCP, they have just enough to bid 3NT.

Should I open 2C when I am NEARLY strong enough?

NO! Do not lie to your partner, no matter how tempted.

In this hand, East is nearly strong enough to open 2C, but not quite, they have 8-9 tricks. 2NT is a better bid because it doesn't mislead partner.

If East were playing Strong Twos, they could open 2S with this hand.

Notice that East has a 5-card major and might do better in 4S, but only if if partner has at least 3-card support. Finding a 5-3 fit after a 2 NT opening is difficult – which is why some people won't open 2NT (or 1NT) with a 5-card Major.

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠7653 ♥7542 ♦K95 ♣K2	
♠T9 ♥6 ♦T6432 ♣Q9874		♠QJ4 ♥AJ983 ♦QJ8 ♣T6
	♠AK82 ♥KQT ♦A7 ♣AJ53	

Board: 11 Dealer: South H894

South has 21 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

North has 6 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (27-29) but not enough for a Slam. They could bid 3NT, but with two 4-card Majors they bid 3C, Stayman, to check if there's a 4-4 fit in a Major. 4H/4S would probably be easier than 3NT with a fit.

Notice that North just needs 4 cards in a Major to try Stayman, they don't have to be 4 good cards!

South responds 3S to show they have 4 Spades and deny 4 Hearts.

With a 4-4 fit in Spades and at least 26 HCP, North is strong enough to bid 4S

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠T62 ♥T642 ♦KQJ9 ♣Q2	
♠KQ95 ♥KJ9 ♦A4 ♣AK74		♠AJ84 ♥3 ♦762 ♣JT965
	♠73 ♥AQ875 ♦T853 ♣83	

Board: 12 Dealer: West H2516

West has 20 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

East has 6 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (26-28) but not enough for a Slam. They could bid 3NT, but with a 4-card Major they bid 3C, Stayman, to check if there's a 4-4 fit. 4S would probably be easier than 3NT with a fit.

The singleton Heart would also be a worry in NT – and an asset in Spades.

West responds 3S to show they have 4 Spades and deny 4 Hearts.

With a 4-4 fit in Spades and at least 26 HCP, East is strong enough to bid 4S.

North	East	South	West
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠KQ ♥QT643 ♦AK97 ♣AQ	
♠AJ6 ♥72 ♦T85432 ♣J8		♠T3 ♥AJ9 ♦QJ ♣T96542
	♠987542 ♥K85 ♦6 ♣K73	

Board: 13 Dealer: North H3075

North has 20 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

South has 6 HCP so game should be on, with 26-28 HCP. In 3NT? No. South has a weak 6-card Spade suit and a singleton Diamond, 4S sounds a much better bet; partner must have at least two Spades to open 2NT, for an 8-card fit. Let's hope they're good ones!

South could just bid 4S, but that would put North's much stronger hand on the table as Dummy, showing East-West where all those points are. Much better to hide North's hand, by making them Declarer.

So South bids 3H, a transfer to 3S, then raises 3S to 4S, confident in a 6-2 fit and 26 HCP – or better.

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠Q43 ♥KQJ9 ♦KJ842 ♣7	
♠KT7 ♥A76 ♦A5 ♣AKQ53		♠AJ965 ♥T82 ♦T3 ♣964
	♠82 ♥543 ♦Q976 ♣JT82	

Board: 14 Dealer: East H3563

West has 20 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

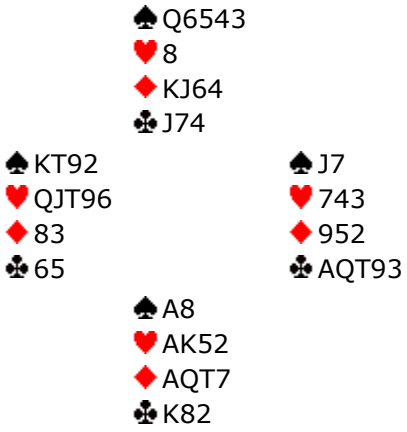
East has 5 HCP so game should be on, with 25-27 HCP. In 3NT? Maybe. East has a decent 5-card Spade suit and a doubleton Diamond, so 4S sounds a better bet, but only if partner has 3+ Spades, for an 8-card fit. The way to find out is to use a Transfer.

East also wants West's much stronger hand hidden from the Defence, so they want West to be Declarer – another advantage of a Transfer.

So East bids 3H, a transfer to 3S, then bids 3NT rather than 4S. This tells partner that they have a 5-card Spade suit and enough points for game. Partner can pass if they only have two Spades, or bid 4S with three or more, confident of an 8-card fit.

West does indeed have three Spades, so "corrects" the contract to 4S as requested.

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		



Board: 15 Dealer: South H780

South has 20 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

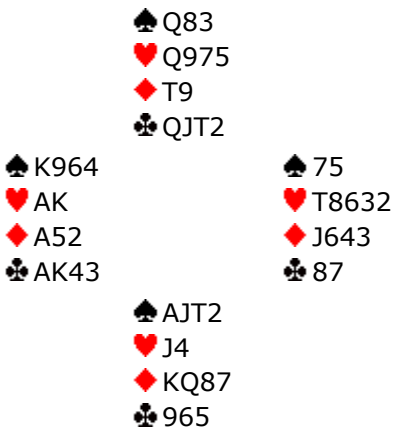
North has 7 HCP so game should be on, with 27-29 HCP. In 3NT? Maybe. North has a decent 5-card Spade suit and a singleton Heart, so 4S sounds a better bet, but only if partner has 3+ Spades, for an 8-card fit. The way to find out is to use a Transfer.

North also wants South's much stronger hand hidden from the Defence, so they want South to be Declarer – another advantage of a Transfer.

So North bids 3H, a transfer to 3S, then bids 3NT rather than 4S. This tells partner that they have a 5-card Spade suit and enough points for game. Partner can pass if they only have two Spades, or bid 4S with three or more, confident of an 8-card fit.

South only has 2 Spades, so 3NT is a better contract than 4S (with a 7-card fit) – so they pass.

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



Board: 16 Dealer: West H1731

West has 21 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

East has just 1 HCP so game is very unlikely. They could pass 2NT, but they have a 5-card Heart suit and two Doubletons, their hand is much more useful in Hearts than NT.

East also wants West's much stronger hand hidden from the Defence, so they want them to be Declarer – an advantage of a Transfer.

So East bids 3D, a transfer to 3H, then passes. Partner must have at least two Hearts, for a 7-card fit. Not ideal, but they are not strong enough to rebid 3NT to offer a choice.

At first glance the 3H contract looks more difficult than 2NT, after all it requires an extra trick! However, East's hand is so weak it's unlikely to make ANY tricks in NT, but might make two tricks (by ruffing) in Hearts.

Boards 17-32

North	East	South	West
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

	♠KQ5 ♥AK2 ♦AKT4 ♣AK6	
♠JT98 ♥J96 ♦Q82 ♣J94		♠A743 ♥QT53 ♦J ♣Q873
	♠62 ♥874 ♦97653 ♣T52	

Board: 17 Dealer: North H2464

North has 26 HCP and a balanced hand. Too strong for a 2NT opening bid (20-22 HCP), they open 2C.

An opening bid of 2C shows 21+ HCP (with a 5-card Major) or 23+ HCP in a balanced hand, or 9+ playing tricks. This is a Game Force unless opener rebids 2NT.

South has 0 HCP, so must make the negative response, 2D.

The 2D response to the 2C opening bid shows 0-7 HCP; a negative response indicating a Slam is unlikely.

North bids 3NT to show their point count and balanced hand.

The 3NT rebid after a 2C opening shows 25-28 HCP and a balanced hand..

South has nothing else to say and passes

East	South	West	North
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠T973 ♥J4 ♦K865 ♣T75	
♠642 ♥9632 ♦JT2 ♣842		♠AK5 ♥AKQ85 ♦AQ4 ♣Q6
	♠QJ8 ♥T7 ♦973 ♣AKJ93	

Board: 18 Dealer: East H485

East has 24 HCP and a balanced hand with a good 5-card Major. Too strong for a 2NT opening bid (20-22 HCP) or 1H opening, they open 2C.

An opening bid of 2C shows 21+ HCP (with a 5-card Major) or 23+ HCP in a balanced hand, or 9+ playing tricks. This is a Game Force unless opener rebids 2NT.

West has 1 HCP, so must make the negative response, 2D.

The 2D response to the 2C opening bid shows 0-7 HCP; a negative response indicating a Slam is unlikely.

North bids 2H to shows their 5-card suit.

South only has 1 HCP but does have 4-card support for partner's Hearts. They don't have any other values to show, so they bid game, 4 Hearts.

After a 2C opening bid, should I just raise partner to game?

No, even if you have nothing else to show, partner might have. Jumping straight to game will stop your partner making any other bids. You don't need to jump to game, 2C is a game force!

So South's 4H is a bit heavy-handed; a 3H response would give North the chance to make another bid; they aren't going to miss game. For example: North might be two-suited. Still, no harm done - this time.

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

	♠Q74 ♥86 ♦743 ♣97652	
♠K3 ♥QT74 ♦KJ9652 ♣Q		♠J982 ♥J953 ♦Q8 ♣K43
	♠AT65 ♥AK2 ♦AT ♣AJT8	

Board: 19 Dealer: South H3230

South has 20 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

North has just 2 HCP, so knows they do not have enough points for game (22-24), so they pass.

You might wonder why North didn't bid their 5-card Club suit – wouldn't a 3C contract be easier than 2NT? Maybe, but that 3C bid would be interpreted as Stayman by their partner. So they must pass.

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

	♠J8 ♥A8653 ♦T98 ♣KT7	
♠KQ63 ♥Q94 ♦AKQ ♣AQ5		♠A974 ♥ ♦J7432 ♣8642
	♠T52 ♥KJT72 ♦65 ♣J93	

Board: 20 Dealer: West H2882

West has 22 HCP and a balanced hand, so opens 2NT.

A 2NT opening shows 20-22 HCP and a balanced hand.

East has 5 HCP, so knows they have enough points for game (25-27) but not enough for a Slam. They could bid 3NT, but with a 4-card Spade suit and a void in Hearts they bid 3C, Stayman, to check if there's a 4-4 fit. 4S would probably be easier than 3NT, with a fit.

The void in Hearts would be a worry in NT but an asset in Spades.

West responds 3S to show they have 4 Spades and deny 4 Hearts.

With a 4-4 fit in Spades and at least 25 HCP, East is strong enough to bid 4S.

After partner responds 2D or 3D to Stayman, can I choose a Diamond contract?

Yes, but it's rare.

In this case, if West had responded 3D, East could pass – they're not strong enough to be certain of game in Diamonds, but at least they've got 7+ trumps. Or they could bid 4D as a game invitation. Or 5D, relying on that void to make up the points.

If West had responded 3H, East could bid 3NT, relying on West for stops in Hearts. West now knows East has 4 Spades, so can decide whether to pass or bid 4S on that basis.

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Board: 21 **Dealer: North** **Lead: ♠K** **H41**

No commentary

	♠ KQJT8 ♥ QJ8 ♦ 9 ♣ J763	
♠ 532 ♥ AK9 ♦ AQT5 ♣ AK9		♠ A6 ♥ 764 ♦ K643 ♣ 8542
	♠ 974 ♥ T532 ♦ J872 ♣ QT	

East	South	West	North
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Board: 22 **Dealer: East** **Lead: ♠K** **H138**

No commentary

	♠ 653 ♥ T985 ♦ A6 ♣ Q986	
♠ 87 ♥ J62 ♦ KQT73 ♣ 543		♠ AJ9 ♥ AKQ ♦ J985 ♣ AJ2
	♠ KQT42 ♥ 743 ♦ 42 ♣ KT7	

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Board: 23 **Dealer: South** **Lead: ♠Q** **H467**

No commentary

	♠ 96542 ♥ T ♦ 432 ♣ J854	
♠ QJT7 ♥ 63 ♦ AJ87 ♣ K96		♠ 83 ♥ Q985 ♦ 65 ♣ QT732
	♠ AK ♥ AKJ742 ♦ KQT9 ♣ A	

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

♠ Q5
♥ A32
♦ KJ62
♣ K942

♠ AKJ6
♥ Q854
♦ A93
♣ AQ

♠ 432
♥ K7
♦ Q8754
♣ J76

♠ T987
♥ JT96
♦ T
♣ T853

Board: 24 **Dealer: West** **Lead: ♣2** **H838**

No commentary

North	East	South	West
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

♠ T87
♥ Q7
♦ J96
♣ QT982

♠ J654
♥ 543
♦ KT854
♣ 7

♠ AQ
♥ KJT
♦ AQ3
♣ AK543

♠ K932
♥ A9862
♦ 72
♣ J6

Board: 25 **Dealer: North** **Lead: ♥6** **H849**

No commentary

East	South	West	North
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

♠ AKJ8
♥ 8752
♦ 2
♣ J763

♠ T65
♥ K6
♦ T943
♣ T852

♠ Q7
♥ A43
♦ AKQ7
♣ AKQ4

♠ 9432
♥ QJT9
♦ J865
♣ 9

Board: 26 **Dealer: East** **Lead: ♥Q** **H891**

No commentary

South West North East

2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

♠ 3
♥ A93
♦ J7632
♣ QT85

♠ Q9864
♥ QJ62
♦ 4
♣ 742

♠ JT72
♥ 75
♦ QT98
♣ A96

♠ AK5
♥ KT84
♦ AK5
♣ KJ3

Board: 27 Dealer: South Lead: ♠6 H1034

No commentary

West North East South

2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

♠ Q5
♥ T8432
♦ Q9
♣ K862

♠ A874
♥ KQ7
♦ AKJ4
♣ A7

♠ J32
♥ J65
♦ 75
♣ QJT43

♠ KT96
♥ A9
♦ T8632
♣ 95

Board: 28 Dealer: West Lead: ♥3 H1136

No commentary

North East South West

2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

♠ AKQJ7
♥ AKQ2
♦ J4
♣ K5

♠ 43
♥ T94
♦ A952
♣ AQJ7

♠ T98
♥ J75
♦ K86
♣ T863

♠ 652
♥ 863
♦ QT73
♣ 942

Board: 29 Dealer: North Lead: ♠T H1204

No commentary

East South West North

2NT Pass 3♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Board: 30 Dealer: East Lead: ♦Q H2867

No commentary

♠J6
♥J9762
♦9
♣Q9654

♠A743
♥T854
♦653
♣K3

♠K82
♥AK3
♦AK742
♣A2

♠QT95
♥Q
♦QJT8
♣JT87

South West North East

2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Board: 31 Dealer: South Lead: ♠Q H2871

No commentary

♠42
♥932
♦QJT85
♣K85

♠QJT986
♥K76
♦2
♣T32

♠753
♥A4
♦K973
♣J976

♠AK
♥QJT85
♦A64
♣AQ4

West North East South

2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Board: 32 Dealer: West Lead: ♠4 H2932

No commentary

♠JT743
♥972
♦J
♣T832

♠KQ
♥T853
♦AKQ9
♣AKQ

♠952
♥AQ6
♦8643
♣654

♠A86
♥KJ4
♦T752
♣J97

Synopsis

Boards 1-16

Some of these hands do not support the **Plan the Play** feature of **My Hands** yet, as indicated in the table below.

Board	Dealer	Bidding	Hand #	Plan the Play?
1	N	2NT	H2007	Y
2	E	2NT, 3NT	H561	Y
3	S	2NT, 3NT	H1892	Y
4	W	2NT, 3NT	H1913	Y
5	N	2C, 2D, 2NT, 3NT	H1160	Y
6	E	2C, 2D, 2S, 3C, 3S, 4S	H1918	Y
7	S	2C, 2D, 2NT, 3C, 3S, 4S	H2997	Y
8	W	2C, 2D, 2NT, 3NT	H2297	Y
9	N	2NT, 3C, 3S, 4S	H2234	Y
10	E	2NT, 3C, 3S, 3NT	H2546	Y
11	S	2NT, 3C, 3S, 4S	H894	Y
12	W	2NT, 3C, 3S, 4S	H2516	Y
13	N	2NT, 3H, 3S, 4S	H3075	Y
14	E	2NT, 3H, 3S, 3NT, 4S	H3563	N
15	S	2NT, 3H, 3S, 3NT	H780	Y
16	W	2NT, 3D, 3H	H1731	N

Boards 17-32

Some of these hands do not support the **Plan the Play** feature of **My Hands** yet, as indicated in the table below.

Board	Dealer	Bidding	Hand #	Plan the Play?
17	N	2C, 2D, 3NT	H2464	N
18	E	2C, 2D, 2H, 4H	H485	Y
19	S	2NT	H3230	Y
20	W	2NT, 3C, 3S, 4S	H2882	Y
21	N	2NT, 3NT	H41	Y
22	E	2NT, 3NT	H138	Y
23	S	2C, 2D, 2H, 2NT, 3D, 3NT, 4H	H467	Y
24	W	2NT, 3NT	H838	Y
25	N	2C, 2D, 2NT, 3C, 3D, 3NT	H849	Y
26	E	2C, 2D, 2NT, 3NT	H891	Y
27	S	2NT, 3NT	H1034	Y
28	W	2NT, 3NT	H1136	Y
29	N	2C, 2D, 2S, 2NT, 3H, 3S, 4S	H1204	Y
30	E	2NT, 3C, 3D, 3NT	H2867	Y
31	S	2NT, 3NT	H2871	Y
32	W	2C, 2D, 2NT, 3NT	H2932	Y