

BFP B2 L05 Weak Unbalanced Hands

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5

♥ A 10 9 8 6 4

♦ K

♣ A 10 9 5 4

♠ A 8 3

♥ Q J 3

♦ 6 4 3 2

♣ K 8 2



♠ J 10 6 2

♥ 5

♦ A J 10 9 7

♣ Q J 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	2	-	3	1	1
S	2	-	3	1	1
E	-	1	-	-	-
W	-	1	-	-	-

♠ K Q 9 7 4

♥ K 7 2

♦ Q 8 5

♣ 7 6

11
10 9
10

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

All pass

2 ♥ by North

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, and sign-off, by bidding 2 ♥. This is as far as the partnership can go, and all pass.

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Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 6 3 2
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ 4

♠ K J 9
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A J 10 9 4
 ♣ K 9 3 2



♠ 7 5
 ♥ A J 10 8 6 3
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ A Q 7

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	1	-
S	-	-	-	1	-
E	3	3	2	-	2
W	3	3	2	-	2

♠ A 10 4
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K 7 6
 ♣ J 10 8 6 5

6
 12 11
 11

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

2 NT by West

East: Hearts=6, Clubs=3, add 11HCPs makes 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 re-bid 2 ♥ indicates minimum opening hand, 5+ hearts, no diamond fit. There could be four spades, but they could not be bid without showing a stronger hand.

East's could be very weak, but with 12 HCPs and good cards in other suits tries 2 NT. With very minimal opening, East passes.

Eight tricks can be made if declarer ignores hearts and persists with diamonds trying the finesse twice.

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Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K 7 2
♥ Q 9 8 7 4
♦ A 4 3
♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 9 4
♥ A 6 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 7 3



♠ 10 6 5 3
♥ J 10 2
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ A 4

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	2	-	1	-	-
S	2	-	1	-	-
E	-	1	-	2	-
W	-	1	-	2	-

♠ A 8
♥ K 5
♦ J 8 5
♣ Q J 10 9 6 5

9
10 10
11

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

2 ♣ by South

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 6+HCP and at least four hearts and demands a re-bid.

South can only re-bid 2 ♣.

This shows a minimum opening hand with at least 5 clubs.

Hint: partner didn't open 1 NT, so there's probably six clubs. It 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.

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Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 10 8 7 6 5
♣ Q 9 5

♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ A 10 9 8 7 2 ♦ A ♣ 10 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A J 8 6 2 ♥ K J 3 ♦ 9 2 ♣ K 4 3
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	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	3	-	-	-
S	1	3	-	-	-
E	-	-	5	5	2
W	-	-	4	4	2

♠ K 3		
♥ Q 5		
♦ K J 4 3	4	
♣ A J 8 7 6	10	12
	14	

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

4 ♠ by East

West has Hearts=6 and Spades=4, and 10HCPs adds up to 20. This meets the Rule of 20, and so West opens 1 ♥.

East's 1 ♠ shows 6+HCP, four+ spades & demands a re-bid.

West raises the spades: 2 ♠, shows weak opening hand with 5+ hearts and 4+ spades.

West's hand could be very weak OR be 14HCPs.

With 12HCPs East makes an invitational raise.

West has only 10HCP, BUT a singleton Ace, and 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.

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Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9
♥ 9 5
♦ 6 4
♣ K J 10 7 6 3

♠ Q 6 5 3 2
♥ K 10 8 7
♦ A 7
♣ 8 4



♠ 10 7 4
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ K 10 9 5
♣ A 9

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	3	1	-	-	1
S	3	1	-	-	1
E	-	-	2	2	-
W	-	-	2	2	-

♠ J 8
♥ A J 4
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ Q 5 2

11
9 9
11

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2 ♣ by North

North: 6 Clubs + 3 Spades + 11HCPs meets the Rule of Twenty, so North opens 1 ♣.

South 1 ♦ shows 6+HCP, four+ diamonds & demands a re-bid.

West's spade suit is not good enough for an overcall.

North's 2 ♣ rebid is a minimum hand, North didn't open 1 NT, so there's probably six clubs. It denies 4 hearts or 4 spades so maybe the hand is 6:3:2:2. South lets it go at 2 ♣.

East has no obvious lead. 5 ♦ suggests fourth highest, and gets two diamond tricks for the defence. There's the A♣ and a heart tricks for the defence, leaving declarer with nine.

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7

♥ J 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ 8 6

♠ K 2

♥ Q 10 9 7 6

♦ 6

♣ A J 10 7 3



♠ 10 6 4

♥ A K 5 3

♦ 8 5

♣ K 9 5 4

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	3	-	3	-
S	-	3	-	3	-
E	4	-	4	-	-
W	4	-	4	-	-

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 8 4

♦ K Q 10 7 3 2

♣ Q 2

11
10 10
9

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

1 ♠

3 ♥

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by North

West: 5 hearts + 5 clubs + 10HCPs = 20, meets the Rule of Twenty, so West opens 1 ♥.

North makes a simple 1 ♠ overcall showing 5+ good spades and 8-14HCPs.

The HCP's look to be evenly distributed.

The heart/spade competition continues until the vulnerable pair, East / West, decline to go to the four level.

3 ♠ made scores 140; with 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.

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Board 7

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ Q 7

♠ K 9 8 6 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 5 2
♣ K 6 5 2



♠ A Q J 7 4
♥ K 5 2
♦ 6
♣ J 9 4 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	5	5	-	2
S	-	5	5	-	2
E	2	-	-	2	-
W	2	-	-	2	-

♠ 10
♥ A J 9 8
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ A 10 8

12
6 11
11

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

4 ♥ by North

South: 5 diamonds+4 hearts+11HCPs=20, South opens 1 ♦.

North 1 ♥ shows 6+HCP, four+ hearts & demands a re-bid.
(Show the major rather than raise diamonds.)

East bids a simple 1 ♠ overcall, 5+ good spades, 8-14HCPs.

With eight+ hearts between the two hands, a double fit (hearts and diamonds), and a ♠ singleton, South bids the hearts game.

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

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Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9
♥ K 10 5 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ J 7 3 2

♠ 10 7 6 5
♥ A 7
♦ A Q J 5 3
♣ 8 6



♠ A Q 8 3 2
♥ 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ K Q 10 4

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	2	-	-
S	-	-	2	-	-
E	1	3	-	3	1
W	1	3	-	3	1

♠ K 4
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ 10 9 7 4
♣ A 9 5

8
11 11
10

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

3 ♠ by East

West: 5 diamonds+4 spades+11HCPs=20, West opens 1 ♦.

East 1 ♠ shows 6+HCP, four+ spades & demands a re-bid.

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.