

BFP B3 L03 Strong Balanced

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 7

♥ A K 4 2

♦ A K 7 6

♣ K 5

♠ 6

♥ Q 9 6

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A 8 7 3 2



♠ Q J 10 9 5 4

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ Q 2

♣ 4

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	4	3	1	2	4
S	4	3	1	2	4
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

♠ K 3 2

♥ 8 7

♦ 8 4 3

♣ Q J 10 9 6

21
7 6
6

West

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

All pass

Agreements may vary, but here North uses 2 NT opening to show a balanced 20-22 HCPs.

With a balanced (five-card club suit doesn't add any possibilities) and 6 HCPs, South raises to 3 NT.

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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 5 4	♠ Q 10 6	♠ A K 9 2
♥ 10 3	♥ Q J 8 4	♥ A K 7 2
♦ 6 4 3	♦ A 8	♦ Q J 9
♣ A K Q 8 3	♣ J 10 9 5	♣ 7 6

	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N	♠ J 8 3	
N	- - - -	♥ 9 6 5	10
S	- - - -	♦ K 10 7 5 2	9 17
E	3 1 2 3 3	♣ 4 2	4
W	3 1 2 3 3		

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

East has a balanced 17 HCPs and so opens one of a suit.

There's a lot of debate about which four-card suit to choose, but in general, if one of them is Hearts, open a Heart.

West has a really good quality 9 HCPs, all working for each other, and so changes suit at the two level.

East's re-bid of 2 NT shows at least 15 HCPs and a balanced hand. It's forcing to game.

West has no better suggestion and so raises to 3 NT.

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Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 4	♠ Q 8 6	♠ J 10 5 3
♥ 8 6 3	♥ 7 5 2	♥ 10 9 4
♦ K 8 6 2	♦ J 7 3	♦ Q 10 5
♣ 5 4 3	♣ A Q J 10	♣ 9 8 2

	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N	♠ A K 2	
N	6 5 6 4 6	♥ A K Q J	10
S	6 5 6 4 6	♦ A 9 4	3 3
E	- - - - -	♣ K 7 6	24
W	- - - - -		

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	All pass	

South's 24 HCPs requires a game forcing opening.

2 ♣ is "Pure" Acoll. Benji Acoll players would use 2 ♦.

North has 10HCP and shows the balanced shape with a positive 2 NT response (8+HCPs).

South's 3 NT re-bid shows a balanced hand with 23-24 HCPs.

North now knows that they have a combined 33-34 HCPs, so bids the 6 NT slam.

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Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 4 3 2

♥ K J 4

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 9 8 6

♠ A 6

♥ Q 10 9 8

♦ A J 7 6









♣ Q 10 2

♠ K J 8

♥ A 6 3

♦ K Q 4

♣ A K J 5

					N	 Q 10 9 5	
N	-	-	-	-	-	 7 5 2	
S	-	-	-	-	-	 10 5 2	
E	6	6	6	4	6	 7 4 3	
W	6	6	6	4	6		

4

13 21

2

West

1 NT

North

Pass

East

6 NT

South

All pass

The informative 1NT (12-14 HCP) opening from West allows East to put the partnership total at 33, 34 or 35.

A raise to 6 NT is safe.

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Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 5	♠ A J 7	♠ K 9 6 4 2
♥ A 7 6 2	♥ Q 4	♥ 10 5
♦ 9 8 2	♦ Q 6 5 3	♦ 10 7 4
♣ 8 6 2	♣ A Q 9 4	♣ K 7 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	4	4	5	2	4
S	4	4	5	2	4
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

♠ 10 3	♠ 10 3
♥ K J 9 8 3	♥ K J 9 8 3
♦ A K J	♦ A K J
♣ J 10 3	♣ J 10 3

	15
6	6
	13

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

With a balanced 15 HCP and no four-card heart suit, North opens the lowest of his four-card suits.

South changes suit to a heart.

North can then complete the description of his hand with a 1 NT re-bid.

South now knows a game is on but shows the five-card heart suit with a jump bid. With only two hearts, North chooses 3 NT.

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 7 6
♥ 9 5 4 3
♦ 10 6 5 2
♣ 7 6

♠ A J 10 4
♥ Q J 8 7
♦ 4 3
♣ 4 3 2



♠ Q 2
♥ A K 2
♦ A K 8 7
♣ A K Q 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	5	4	6	5	6
W	5	5	6	5	6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 9
♣ J 10 9 8

3
8 25
4

West	North	East	South
		2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 NT	All pass		

With 25 HCPs, East opens with a game-forcing 2 ♣ bid.

Receiving a positive reply showing a balanced hand in the region of 8-10 HCPs, East knows a No Trump slam is on.

East makes the forcing bid of 5 NT. With only 8 HCP, West opts for the small slam.

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Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 9 8

♥ 72

♦ A K 4 3

♣ K J 2

♠ 7 3 2

♥ A 6 5 4

♦ 8 7 5 2





♣ 10 7

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 93

♦ J 10 9

♣ Q 9 8 6 4

					N
N	4	5	6	6	6
S	3	5	6	6	6
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

♠ A K 10

♥ K Q J 10 8

♦ Q 6

♣ A 5 3

14
4 3
19

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ❤️

3 NT

Pass

6 NT

All pass

With a a five-card heart suit and 19 HCPs, South opens 1 ♥.

North makes a simple change of suit to 1 ♠ to find out what South's re-bid is.

South has no second four-card suit to bid and the hearts are only five and not six.

He jumps to 3 NT to show a balanced 19HCPs.

(Benji players may reach this point with 2 ♣ and a 2 NT re-bid.)

North knows the contract will be No Trumps and the HCP total is 33. He can raise direct to 6 NT.

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Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 4 3

♥ 10 9 3

♦ J 7 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ A K

♥ A 6 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ Q 7 6 5



♠ Q J 5

♥ K Q

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A K J 8

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	7	6	6	5	7
W	7	6	6	5	7

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ J 8 7 5

♦ 10 8

♣ 10 9 4

1
13 25
1

West

1 NT

North

Pass

East

7 NT

South

All pass

After the 1NT opening by West, East know there are two balanced hands with a total HCPs of 37, 38 or 39.

He raises directly to 7 NT.