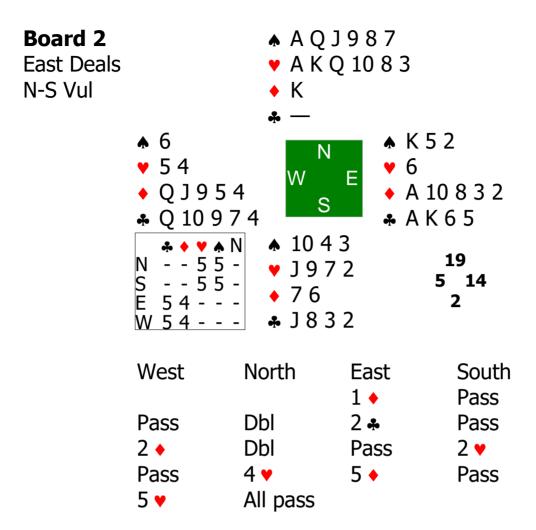


INTERMEDIATE Jump Overcall by East shows 11-15HCP Six+ card suit

STRETCH Bid by Responder.
7HCP=Raise to 2 Level;
+Singleton=Raise to 3 Level;
+Interference=Raise to 4 Level.
(LTC = 8, stretch to 7)

- 4 ★ COMPETITIVE by Advancer on Losing Trick Count Expecting 2 down doubled = -300 Better than 4H (N) = -420
- 5 ▼RAISE by Opener on Losing Trick Count Opener has 5 Losers Partner shows 8 Losers 24-8-5 = 11 trick prediction
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With a huge hand, North doubles.

With 6 losers and not vulnerable, East re-bids 2 \* even though partner passed.

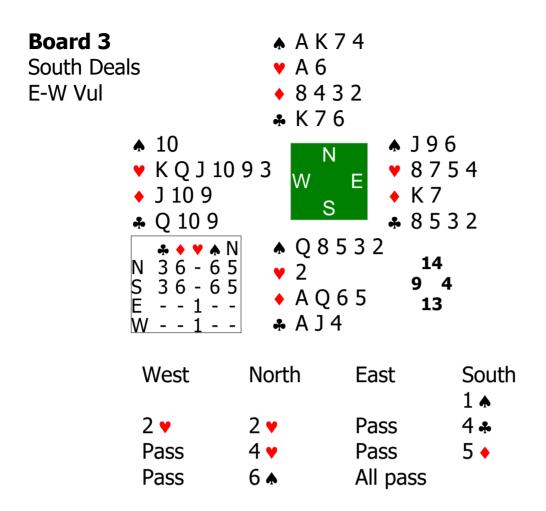
West shows preference for diamonds.

North doubles again, still for take-out.

South reluctantly shows Hearts.

Given the vulnerability West competes to five diamonds but gives in to five hearts.

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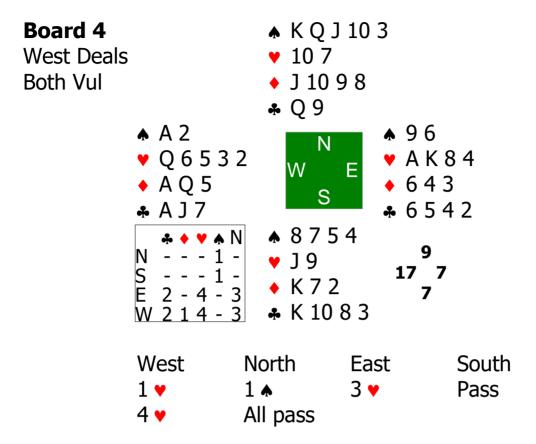


After the overcall, North responds with UCB agreeing Spades, game values and slam interest.

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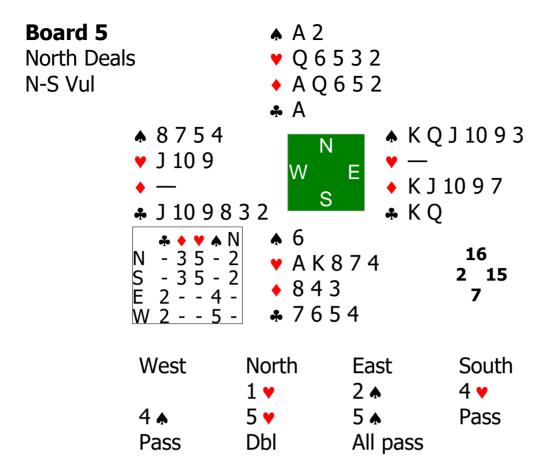
South shows first round control in diamonds. North goes for the small spade slam.



East can stretch to three hearts.

All are vulnerable, and South doesn't have enough to support North.

Should West raise to four hearts? It works, but relies on two favourable finesses(!)



East two-level spade overcall is **intermediate** 11-15hcps and six+ in the suit.

South has 7HCPs, five hearts and a singleton (8 losers). A normal response would be a raise to three, so with interference, South STRETCH raises to four.

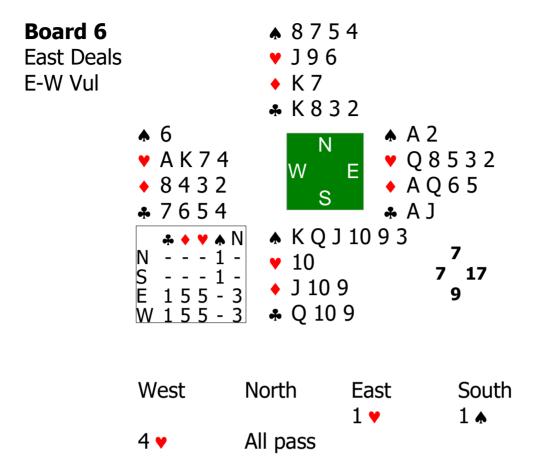
The vulnerability favours East-West. West cannot see any defence to hearts and so COMPETITIVELY raises to 4 .

West expects to be 1 or 2 down doubled, -100 or -300 better than -620.

North has only 5 losers, expects South to have 8. Losing Trick Count says 24-8-5=11 tricks, so North raises to 5 ♥ expecting to make it.

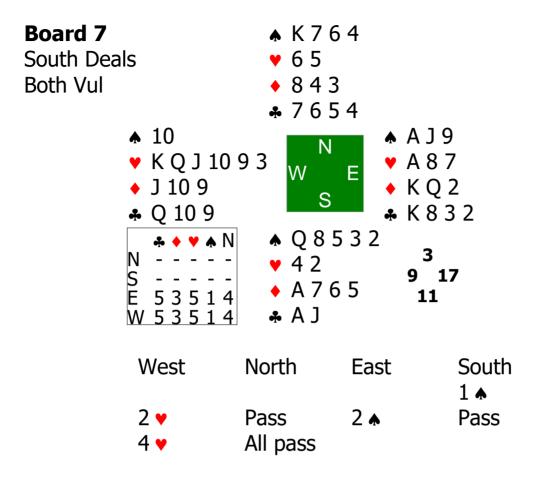
East raises to 5 \( \blacktrian, \) expecting to be doubled and sacrificing.

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West stretches to a raise to four hearts.

South's simple raise doesn't justify North going on.

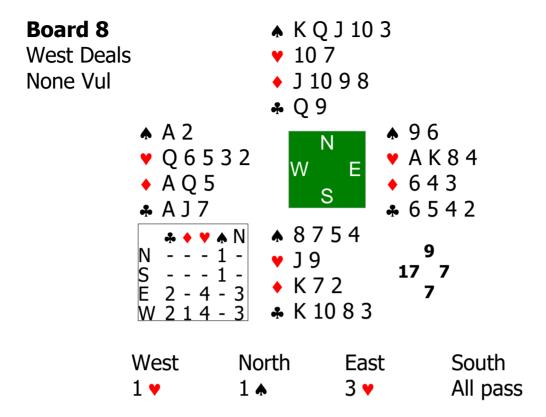


South opens a Rule of 20 1 ♠.

West has 9 HCP, but six good hearts and overcalls 2 ♥.

East bids 2 \( \blacktrian, \) an unassuming cue bid, showing support for West's hearts and interest in game, or even more.

West rates his hand better than minimum and jumps to 4 ♥.



East STRETCHES to three hearts.

South should leave well alone.

South shouldn't act as it may cause West to bid an unlikely game. Without action from South, West may pass and miss game.