

BFP BC L04 Defence to Pre-Empts

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 7 6 4 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 5 3

♣ 4 2

♠ 5

♥ A 10 8 3 2

♦ Q J 7

♣ J 7 5 3



♠ 10

♥ K Q 9 5

♦ K 10 4 2

♣ A K 9 8

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

♠ K J 9 8 2

♥ J

♦ A 9 8 6

♣ Q 10 6

6
8 15
11

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Dbl

4 ♠

All pass

North has a good weak 2 in spades. Six spades, six HCPs, points in the suit. 8 losers.

East has a sound double for take-out.

South needs to act quickly and boldly to continue the disruption in spades and prevent East/West finding their contract.

4 ♥ can make and 4 ♠ should be one/two down, so is a good sacrifice, even doubled.

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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

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

West

North

East

South

4 ♥

4 ♠

2 ♥

All pass

Dbl

East has a good Weak Two in Hearts. Six hearts, six HCPs, points in the suit. 8 losers.

South isn't the ideal shape for a double but does have four spades and isn't right for a No Trump. K 10 9 is not good to contain East's heart suit.

Non-vulnerable, with three hearts and 10 HCP, West makes a competitive raise to 4 ♥.

North's competitive 4 ♠ is a bit bolder, but partner has four spades and opening values. The singleton heart should be useful.

West doesn't raise hearts again because there is a fair chance of defeating 4 ♠.

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Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	5	-	1
S	-	-	5	-	1
E	1	-	-	4	-
W	1	1	-	4	-

♠ 7 6 4	♠ 7 6 4
♥ A Q 7 6 4 3	♥ A Q 7 6 4 3
♦ 5 3	♦ 5 3
♣ K 2	♣ K 2

			10
		15	6
			9

West	North	East	South
			2 ♥
Dbl	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
All pass			

South has a good weak two opener in hearts. Six hearts, nine HCPs, points in the suit. 7 losers.

West has a good double for take-out. North is 6 losers and puts South at 8. Raises to 4 ♥.

East has good spades to go with partner's promised four. East has 8 losers to go with West's 7 losers so 4 ♥ is a good stretch, even vulnerable. The singleton heart is useful.

South has 7 losers than 8 and not vulnerable. South can't see any defence to Spades and raises to 5 ♥.

3 ♠

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 7 4

♥ A 9 6

♦ J 5 3 2

♣ 8 5

♠ 10 6 3 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A K 6 4





♣ 6

♠ Q J 9

♥ 84

♦ 7

♣ K J 10 9 7 4 2

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

♠ A 5

♥ K Q J 3

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ A Q 3

8
7 7
18

West

North

East

South

3 ♣

3 N

All pass

East has a good three-level pre-empt in clubs.

With 18 hcp and two honours sitting "over" the club suit, South bids 3NT.

West and North can only pass.

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Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ 6 2
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ A K J 8 2

♠ K J 9
♥ A 10 7
♦ A K 8
♣ Q 10 7 6

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



♠ 2
 ♥ K Q 9 8 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 9 5
 ♣ 4 3

♠ A Q 10 8 7 4 3
♥ J 3
♦ 4 2
♣ 9 5

9
17 7
7

West

North

East

South

3 N

Pass

4 ❤️

3 ♠

All pass

South has a good three-level pre-empt in spades.

With 18 hcps and two honours sitting "over" the spade suit, South bids 3 NT.

North can only pass.

East has some HCPs and SIX hearts. East takes the 3NT out into 4♥.

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Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7

♥ A K 10 8 6 4

♦ 2

♣ Q 8 3

♠ 6 3

♥ 3

♦ K Q 9 8 6 5 3

♣ A 7 4

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

♠ A Q 9 5 2

♥ Q J 7 5

◆ 10 4

♣ 9 2

♠ 10 8 4

♥ 9 2

♦ A J 7

♣ K J 10 6 5

13
9 9
9

West

3 ♦

4 ❤️

North

3 ♥

5 ♦

East

4 ♦

All pass

South

Pass

West has a good three level diamond pre-empt, though an outside aces would not be expected in the modern game.

However, the KQ holding in the diamonds makes it a good suit.

North comes in with the hearts overcall.

4 ♦ by East is competitive, not expecting to make.

4 ♥ by South, with 7 losers and no defence to diamonds.

5 ♦ by West is competitive, not expecting to make.

If North's first call had been a jump to 4♥, would the defence have intervened?