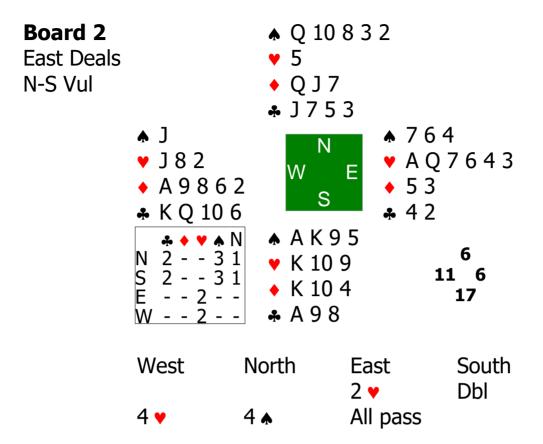


North has a good weak 2 in spades. Six spades, six HCPs, points in the suit. 8 losers.

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.



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

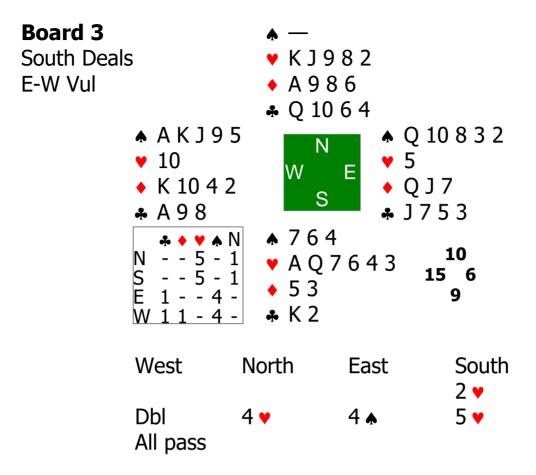
South isn't the ideal shape for a double but does have four spades and isn't right for a No Trump. K 10 9 is not good to contain East's heart suit.

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

Norths competitive 4 \(\bigsim \) is a bit bolder, but partner has four spaces and opening values. The singleton heart should be useful.

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

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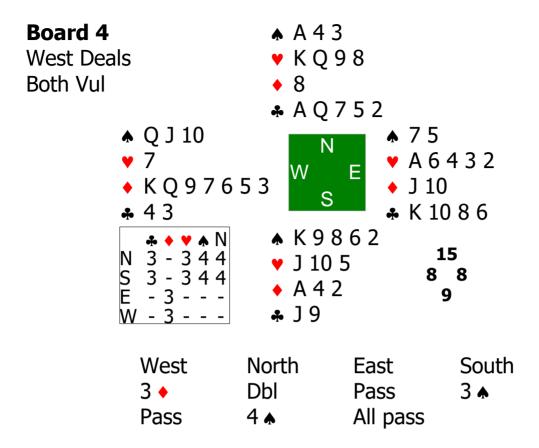


South has a good weak two opener in hearts. Six hearts, nine HCPs, points in the suit. 7 losers.

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

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 $5 \checkmark$.



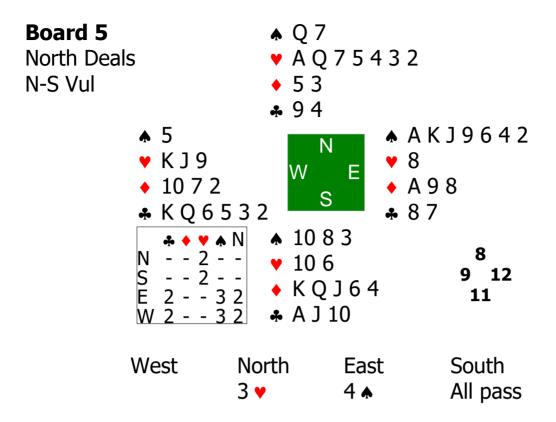
West has a good three level pre-empt in diamonds. Seven diamonds, eight HCPs, two honours in the suit. 6 losers.

North has a sound double for take-out. It's pity there's only three spades but it's still the best bid.

East has little to offer.

South responds with a forced $3 \blacktriangle$.

With a five-loser hand, it makes sense for North to raise to game.

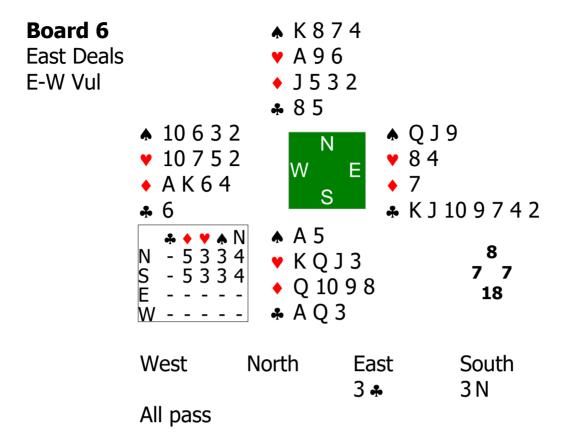


North has a good three level pre-empt in hearts.

East's hand is $3 \spadesuit$ or a competitive jump to $4 \spadesuit$.

3 ★ seems meek.

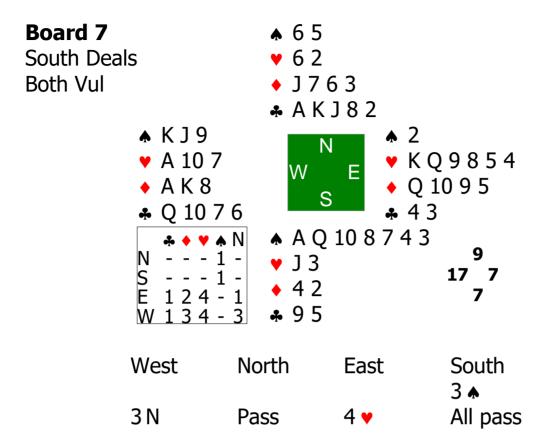
4 ★ shuts out a heart bid from South. It's correct just unlucky. Partner's high card points just aren't what's needed.



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

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

West and North can only pass.

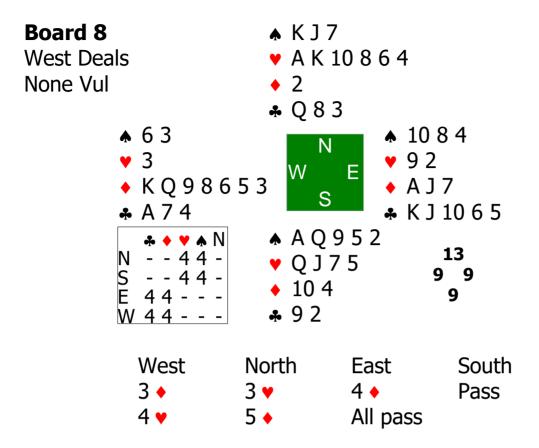


South has a good three-level pre-empt in spades.

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 3 NT out into 4 .



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?

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