

# Module 11 Practice Hands - Pre-Empts

## Board 1

North Deals  
None Vul

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

EW 3♥; NS 2♠; EW 2♦; W 1♣; Par -100: NS 3♠x-1

West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
	All pass		

West has a good hand to overcall 2♠ with 3♥.

North is not strong enough to bid and East does not have enough to raise.

North leads: ♠ Q high-low in partner's suit.

After the 2 rounds of ♠s and the third round led by South, Declarer knows North has a doubleton, so they should ruff high to avoid North winning ♥ 9 and defeating the contract.

## Board 2

East Deals  
N-S Vul

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

EW 3♠; NS 2♥; NS 3♣; EW 1N; NS 1♦;

Par -140: EW 3♠=

West	North	East	South
	3♠		All pass

Even though West has an opening hand opposite their partner's 3♠ pre-empt, it is not enough to raise to game.

South leads ♥ K.

Declarer tries the ♠ finesse, which loses, draws trumps and then leads to the ♣ KJxx, inserting the J to finesse the ♣ Q which forces the ♣ A. This sets up an extra trick to give them 9 to make the contract.

## Board 3

South Deals  
E-W Vul

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

NS 5N; NS 5♥; EW 2♠; N 3♣; S 2♣; EW 1♦;

Par +460: NS 3N+2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All pass	3♥

North has enough to raise their partner's 3♥ opening to game in 4♥.

West leads: ♦ J

Declarer lets East win ♦ K, so they have two ♦ winners. Then they draw trumps in 2 rounds ending in hand and try a ♠ towards the KJ8 in dummy. When West plays low, they can play the ♠ J which finesses the Q and forces out ♠ A.

This provides an extra trick to make 11 for an overtrick.

## Board 4

West Deals  
Both Vul

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

NS 5♥; NS 5♦; NS 3♣; EW 1♠; Par +650: NS 4♥+1

West	North	East	South
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbt
Pass	4♥	All pass	

When the 3♠ pre-empt is passed around to South, they have a good hand and want to compete in one of the other suits, so they bid a takeout double. Opposite this double, North is expected to bid - and they choose the Major suit rather than the minor, at a lowest level they can - with 4♥.

East leads: ♠ 6

Declarer draws trumps and can finesse ♣s and set up ♦s to make 11 or 12 tricks.

