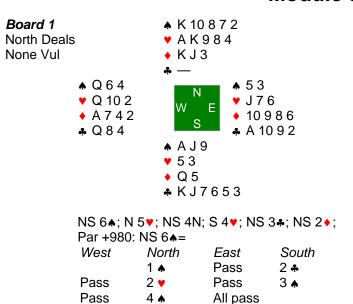
## **Module 8 Practice Hands**

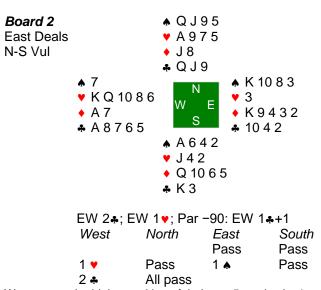


North opens the higher-ranking of their two 5-card suits. South with 11 HCP responds at the 2-level with 2 ♣. After North's 2 ♥ rebid, South knows there is a ♠ fit of at least 8 cards between their hands, plus they have invitational values, so they bid a jump preference to 3 ♠ showing 10-12 points with a suit fit.

Considering distribution, North has a good hand, so they accept the invite to game in 4  $\spadesuit$ .

Opening lead: • 10

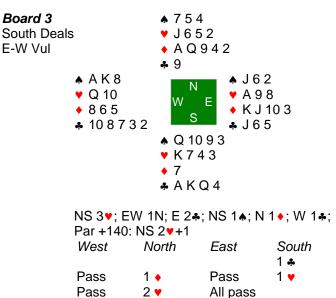
Declarer does best to delay drawing trumps & play ♥s, using dummy's trumps to establish their ♥ side-suit.



West opens the higher ranking of their two 5-card suits 1 ♥. East responds 1 ♠ and after partner's rebid of 2 ♣, as they strongly prefer that suit, they pass on their minimum hand to leave partner to play there. East cannot afford to bid their ◆ suit at any stage as that pushes the bidding too high.

Opening lead: A Q

Declarer should aim to establish tricks in their ♥ side suit before drawing trumps: Lead ♥ K and then use dummy's trumps to ruff ♥s before they are used up.

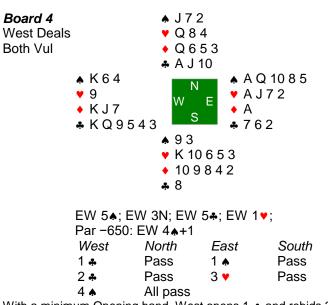


South opens their lowest-ranking 4-card suit, the suit below their singleton 1 ♣. After partner's 1 ◆ response, they rebid 1 ♥.

North, with a good minimum hand raises to 2 ♥, which should end the auction as South also has a minimum hand.

Opening lead: A

Declarer should take any opportunity to get the lead into dummy so that they can lead a ♥ towards the ♥ K in their hand while drawing two rounds of trumps.



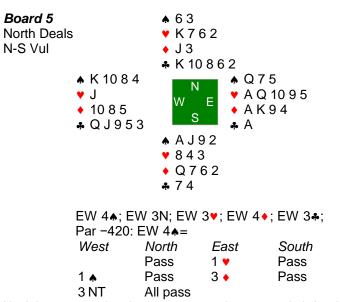
With a minimum Opening hand, West opens 1 & and rebids 2 &. East has a game-going hand opposite their partner's opening, so they need to make a forcing rebid after Opener's rebid. So they jump to 3 v which shows their 5 &s plus 4 vs and game values.

West now knows there is a suit fit in A and therefore raises to 4 A.

South leads: ♣ 8 or ◆ 10.

If South leads • 8 and partner gives them a ruff, the defence get the 1st two tricks. After that start the •s are all set up as winners, so Declarer can draw trumps and take their • winners for 11 tricks.

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North has a strong hand, so once partner has responded showing 6+ HCP they rebid a jump in a new suit to 3 → to force to game . East has cover in the unbid suit, and no support for partner's suits, so they bid 3 NT.

North leads: 4 2

Declarer can establish 4 tricks on the v suit by playing a small heart from dummy to the V J in hand and forcing out the K. Together with tricks in the other suits that the opponents might lead, they should come to 9 tricks.

Board 6 ♠ 105 **East Deals 9** 8 4 3 E-W Vul A653 **4** 10986 ★ KJ432 A Q A K 5 Q J 10 7 2 742 98 S ♣ Q J ♣ K742 ♠ 9876 **9** 9 6 KQJ10 ♣ A 5 3 EW 4♥; EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♣; NS 1♦; Par -620: EW 4♥= West North East South 1 🔻 Pass 1 🛦 **Pass** 2 \* **Pass** 4 🕶 All pass

After partner's 1 ♥ opening and 2 ♣ rebid, West knows their partner should have 5 ♥s. With game values they rebid 4 ♥.

South leads: ♦ K

After the defence take the first two ◆ tricks, they should also make the ♣ A, sooner or later.

Declarer can then make the rest of the tricks - draw trumps and make the remaining tricks in  $\clubsuit$ s and  $\clubsuit$ s.

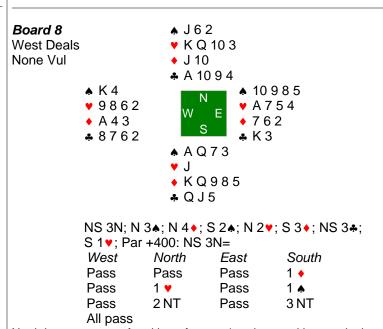
Board 7 **8** ♠ South Deals 1083 Both Vul ♦ J 5 2 ♣ A Q J 10 9 3 A 1054 ♠ Q9732 ♥ K75 ♥ Q 2 Ε A 8 4 3 976 **\*** 76 **\*** 842 ★ KJ6 A J 9 6 4 K Q 10 ♣ K 5 S 4N; NS 4♥; NS 4♣; N 2N; NS 2♦; EW 1♠; Par +630: S 3N+1 West North East South 1 🔻 **Pass** 1 NT **Pass** 2<sub>NT</sub> Pass **Pass** 3 🔻 4 • All pass

After partner's invitational 2 NT raise, North has a distributional hand and looks for an alternative place to play a game contract with 3 ♥s. As South has 5 ♥s they are happy to accept the alternative 4 ♥ game contract.

West leads: 47

Note: West should avoid leading As - leading a suit with an unsupported ace often gives away a trick in a suit contract.

Declarer wins the opening lead in dummy to play on trumps taking a double finesse towards their hand.



North has no support for either of partner's suits, so with cover in the unbid suit, they suggest game in NT, by rebidding 2 NT showing 10-12 HCP. This invite is accepted to 3 NT by partner who has a good minimum hand - enough for game.

East leads: ♠ 10

Declarer plays low on the opening lead which establishes three tricks, once West wins their K.

Then they play on ◆s to force out the ace and establish four tricks in that suit. Should make 9 or 10 tricks in total.