

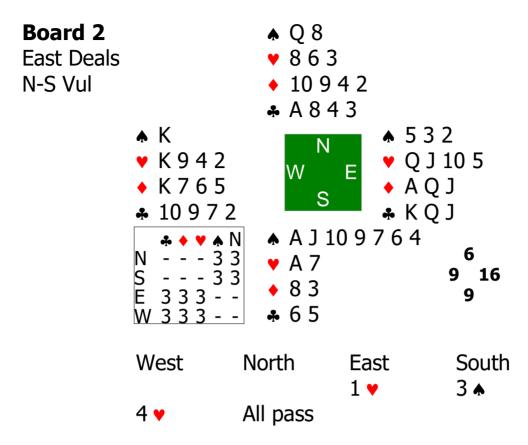
East has a comfortable pre-emptive double jump in Hearts.

This gives South a problem.

The raise to 4 ***** happens to be spot on.

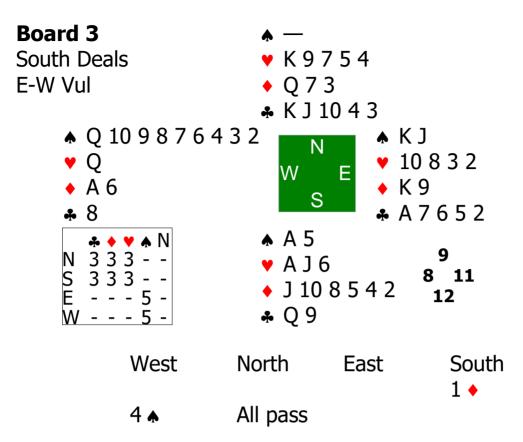
If East/West continue, they should be doubled and give away 300.

If not doubled they give away 100, a good result, but best assume a double when making these decisions.

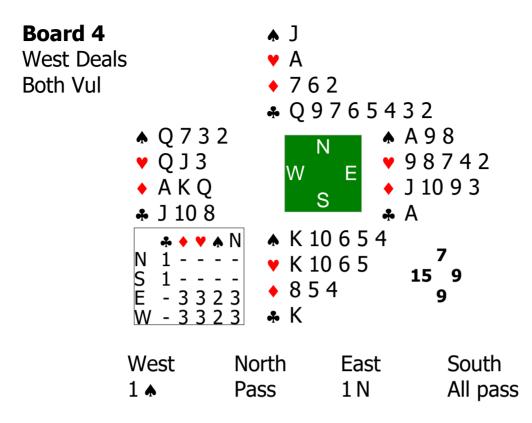


South has an excellent pre-emptive double jump overcall of $3 \blacktriangle$.

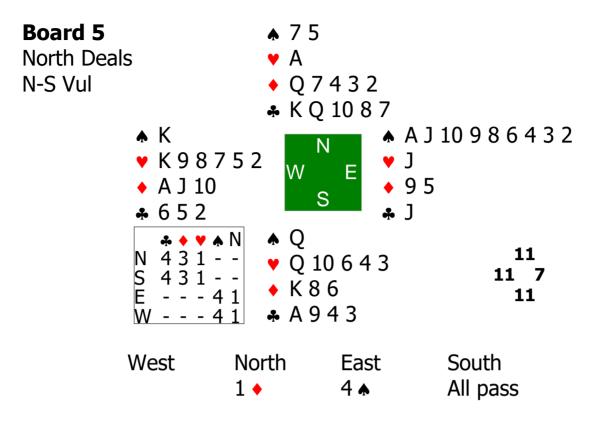
This makes if left, but 4 • by East/West is one down, a better result for East/West.



It will take a bit of nerve, but the length of West's spade suit, and the A ake the triple jump pre-empt the right bid.



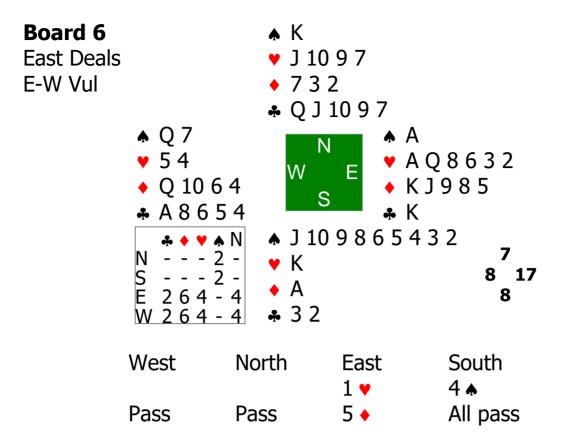
North's clubs are numerous, but poor.



East's nine spades headed by \bigstar A and favourable vulnerability make the triple jump to 4 \bigstar reasonable.

South has a difficult decision: either to pass in the hope of defeating $4 \bigstar$, or to bid a negative double showing hearts and clubs.

The vulnerability suggests that passing may be the wiser choice, but the analysis shows that $5 \div$ is a good sacrifice.



South's nine spades, \blacklozenge A, and favourable vulnerability all make the triple jump to 4 \blacklozenge reasonable.

East with a strong hand has to choose whether to double for penalties or to bid 5 • showing a strong two-suiter.

It's a marginal decision but the lure of a possible vulnerable game suggests that the 5 re-bid may be the better choice.

Although it is possible to make twelve tricks in a diamond contract by dropping South's singleton \mathbf{v} K, the more likely result is eleven tricks.