

**Re: Board 1 & Board 7**

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To: Susan Domsalla <sdomsall@msn.com>

Hi Susan,

Good questions.

On Board 1, West must have bid 2H over 1S. In 2/1 that's a game force. So, 3D is not an overbid, it's just showing West's pattern.

3D is the proper bid as West knows that potential weakness in a notrump game is a club lead through the West hand, East has Jx, if East had Jxx then the club lead wouldn't be a problem. By bidding 3NT West wrong sided the contract.

Over 3D, West could make the close choice of 3H or 3NT, 3NT makes unless North finds the diamond lead to the ace, and then South makes the fairly obvious club switch.

West only has 5 hearts but they are quite good, and the partnership is committed to game, and K2 of clubs makes the notrump game fairly risky.

I consider it a close call for West to bid 3H (then East would bid 4H), or bid 3NT.

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On Board 7, I would evaluate the West hand as follows:

21 hcp

1 point for the good 5 card heart suit

1 point for the good intermediates, including 2 useful 10's

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23 points, so I would open this hand 2C, planning on bidding 2NT on my second bid

This is how I would bid the hand:

W 2C

N 2S

E 3D (natural)

N P (If I wasn't vulnerable I would bid 3S with this)

W 3H (the Nortrump call I was planning to make when I opened 2C is a lot less attractive with North bidding spades behind me. So, I'll show my good 5 card heart suit)

E 4C (showing a minor suit 2 suiter and no interest in 3NT)

W 5C

Hope this helps

On Fri, Sep 2, 2022 at 9:36 PM Susan Domsalla <[sdomsall@msn.com](mailto:sdomsall@msn.com)> wrote:

Board 1

**Vul:**

	West	East
♠		
♥		
♦		
♣		

W	N	E	S
	P	1S	P
1H	P	2N	P
3N			

Hi Jeff: Bidding for hand below is shown above. Unfortunately, 3NT by E is down with a club lead. Should W have gone to 3NT with their first bid? Or was this just an unlucky hand? I would have preferred that E bid 3D on their 2<sup>nd</sup> bid .... but does that require more points?

Dir: N

1

Vul: None

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

7

17 12

4

♠ A 7  
 ♥ A K J 8 4  
 ♦ Q 9 8 2  
 ♣ K 2

♠ K Q J 10 6  
 ♥ Q 10  
 ♦ K 10 4 3  
 ♣ J 7

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

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N/S: ♣6 ♦2 ♥1 ♠1 NT3  
 E/W: 4♦ 4♥ 4♠ 1NT ♣6

[Par Score ?](#)

Par: -420 4♠-EW/4♥-EW

Board 7:

Vul:

	West	East
♠		
♥		
♦		
♣		

W	N	E	S
			P
1H	1S	X	P
3N	P	P	P

What should E open? 1H, 2NT or 2C? The hand has 5 losers with 21 HCPs...but if you add one for the 5<sup>th</sup> H, that is 22.

E X'd for the minors.... What is your suggestion for the bidding on this hand.

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Dlr: S

7

Vul: All

♠ A Q J 9 5 4

♥ Q 7

13

♦ A 5

21 3

♣ 10 5 3

3

♠ K 10 7

♠ -----

♥ A K 10 9 3

♥ J

♦ K 3

♦ Q 10 8 7 6 4

♣ A K J

♣ 9 8 7 6 4 2

♠ 8 6 3 2

♥ 8 6 5 4 2

♦ J 9 2

♣ Q

Double Dummy Makes ?

N/S: 3♠ 1♣ 2♦ 4♥ NT4

E/W: 5♣ 5♦ 2♥ 2NT 4♠

Par Score ?

Par: -500 5♠\*-NS-2