



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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Simulations



Board 1.

North/None

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

West	North	East	South
	1♦/1NT		

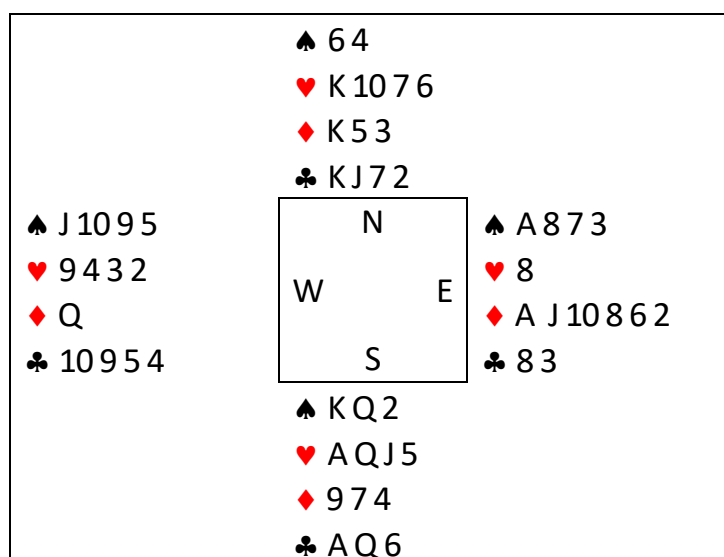
- A) TD! North tells the TD that he did not realize to have 15 points.
- B) East tells North he cannot change his bid and then bids 1♥ himself. TD!
- C) After the bid of 1NT East doubles. West alerts the double and explains it as showing a minor. East then looks surprised and only now sees the 1NT: 'Oh, sorry, I saw 1♦ opening'. TD!

In all three cases:

EW reach heart contract – West bids 2♦ (or double 2♦, if South was allowed to bid it?), East bids 2♥ raised to 3♥. South on lead.



South/EW

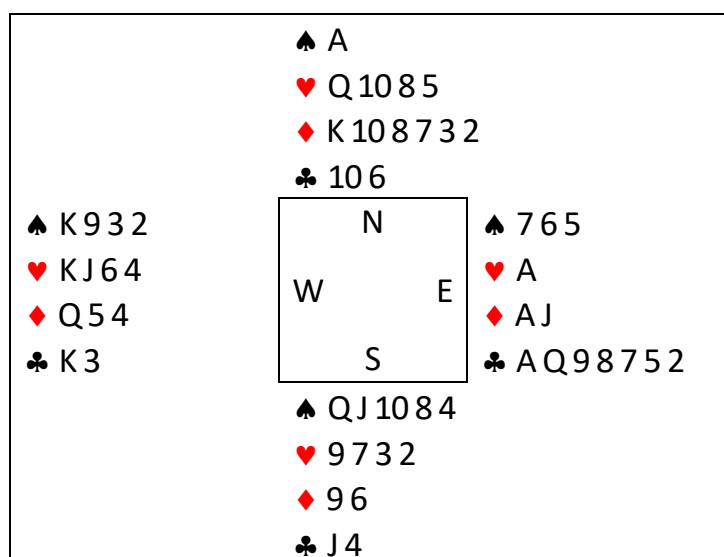


West	North	East	South
	pass	(out of turn, not accepted)	
			1♣
pass	1NT	pass	2NT
pass	3NT	All pass	

East calls the TD when he notices many pairs have gone down in 4♥.



West/Both, matchpoints



West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	3♣	pass
3NT	pass	4♥	pass
...5♣	pass	6♣	All pass



Before 5♣, undisputed hesitation.

6♣, lead ♠A, 12 tricks. NS calls the TD! NS is not happy about the slam after hesitation. East says that he practically had a slam in his hand. Moreover, 4NT would be negative and 5♣ carries some positive information. North objects and says that both 4NT and 5♣ are negative. East adds that the slam should be one down and was made only because of a poor lead.

+ Do you have a specific agreement on 4NT/5♣ meanings? No, this is common bridge knowledge.

North/NS

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

West	North	East	South
	1 	pass	pass
2NT	pass	3 	pass
3NT	All pass		

If TD asks East-West how they play after 2NT strong: 3♣ Stayman and transfers, no specific agreements on the strength.

**Board 6.**

East/EW

	♠ --				
	♥ --				
	♦ --				
	♣ J 6 2				
♠ --		N		♠ --	
♥ 10 5		W		♥ J 6	
♦ 7			E	♦ --	
♣ --		S		♣ 9	
	♠ --				
	♥ K 7 3				
	♦ --				
	♣ --				

South is declarer in a heart contract. He should lead from dummy, but he plays ♥K.

A) West says: 'I don't accept it' and plays ♥5. TD!

B) East plays ♣9 and says: 'Dummy is on lead' and West says: I accept it. TD!

C) West plays ♥5 and East says: 'Dummy is on lead'. TD!

D) East plays ♣9 and West asks him what he is doing. The TD is called. East will say that he wanted the lead from dummy.

**Board 7.**

South/Both

West	North	East	South
	1♣		1♦

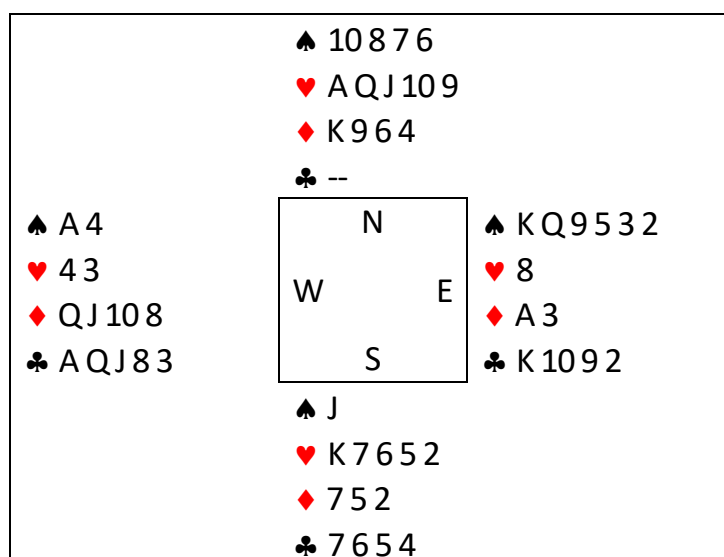
North opens 1♣ OOT and then South opens the auction with 1♦. TD!

A) If offered that possibility East does not accept the 1♣. West passes.

B) If offered that possibility East does accept the 1♣. East bids 1♠.



West/None



- If the TD decides that West's card will become penalty, the bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♥	1♠	4♥
pass	pass	dbl	All pass

East on lead.

**Board 9.**

North/WE

	♠ 7										
	♥ 10 6										
	♦ --										
	♣ 8 4										
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W		E									
	S										
♥ 8 5		♥ J 3									
♦ QJ 7		♦ 6 4									
♣ --		♣ --									
	♠ --										
	♥ Q										
	♦ A 8 2										
	♣ 7										

South, declarer is in 3NT (1NT-3NT) and has won 5 tricks. He plays a small diamond in trick 8 and tells dummy to ruff.





- A) Dummy has put clubs on his right side. He says: 'What? We play 3NT!'.
B) Dummy has hearts on his right side and declarer states that he thought to play a club contract.

The opponents want him to play the ♣4. TD!



West/NS

	♠ 74										
	♥ AJ7642										
	♦ 32										
	♣ 982										
♠ QJ109	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr></table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K52
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W		E									
	S										
♥ K95		♥ Q									
♦ KJ986		♦ Q104									
♣ K		♣ QJ7643									
	♠ A863										
	♥ 1083										
	♦ A75										
	♣ A105										

West	North	East	South
1 	pass	1 	pass
2 	pass	2 	All pass

1 ♦ = precision-like, 11-15, balanced or semi-balanced

2♥ = 4♠, 13-15, any shortage (!)

2♠, 10 tricks

North called the TD after the play. If 2♥ had been alerted, he would have doubled, and his partner would have bid 3♥.



Board 13. Pairs

North/Both

	♠ J 7 3	
	♥ J 7 4	
	♦ Q 8 2	
	♣ Q 8 6 3	
♠ A K Q 4	N	♠ 10 9 8 2
♥ A Q	W	♥ 9 8
♦ A K 4 3	E	♦ 10
♣ A K 5	S	♣ J 10 9 7 4 2
	♠ 6 5	
	♥ K 10 6 5 3 2	
	♦ J 9 7 6 5	
	♣ --	

West	East
	pass
2♣	2♦
6NT	pass

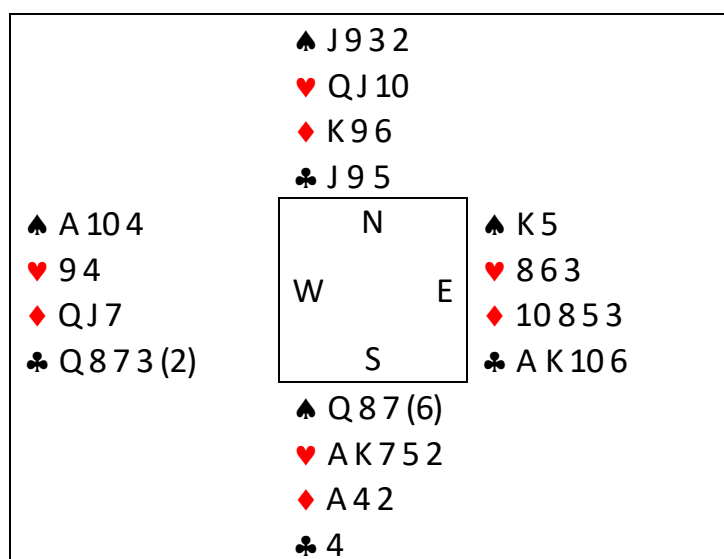
West plays 6NT and gets the first lead of the ♠3. He asks about the leads and gets “second, fourth” as an answer. Playing ♠10 and ♠4 in this trick he cannot reach dummy anymore and goes down.

He calls the TD and says that North only could have the Jack fourth in spades so he needed the clubs to split 2-2 or the Queen bare... He feels damaged by the explanation.

The TD finds out that NS do play 2nd-4th, but from Jxx the lowest. They play together for the 2nd time.



East/None

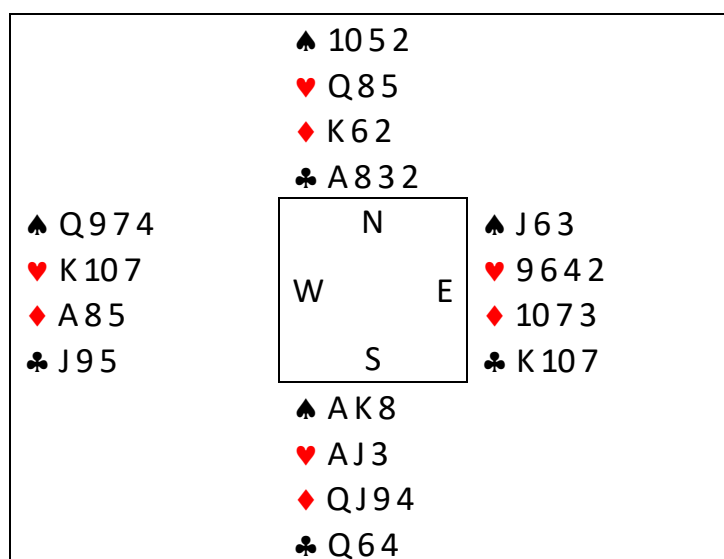


A) The ♣K stays on the table and after a while, thinking it was led in the second trick, declarer ruffs it. TD!

B) Only declarer turns his card face down and after a while plays another small club.
TD!



South/NS



West	North	East	South
pass	3NT	All pass	1NT

A) and now East drops $\heartsuit 10$ and $\clubsuit 7$ (both visible). In the second trick, South plays a small heart for the King in West.

B) In the second trick, South plays $\spadesuit 4$ to $\spadesuit 5$ and $\spadesuit K$, and while trying to follow suit East drops both $\spadesuit 3$ and $\spadesuit 10$.



West/EW

	♠ AKQJ5										
	♥ QJ7										
	♦ A62										
	♣ 42										
♠ 1082	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr></table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 963
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	S										
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♦ J7		♦ Q943									
♣ J9873		♣ --									
	♠ 74										
	♥ 3										
	♦ K1085										
	♣ AKQ1065										

West	North	East	South
pass	1♠	2♦ ^A	3♣
3♥	3♠	4♥	3NT

2♦ = transfer

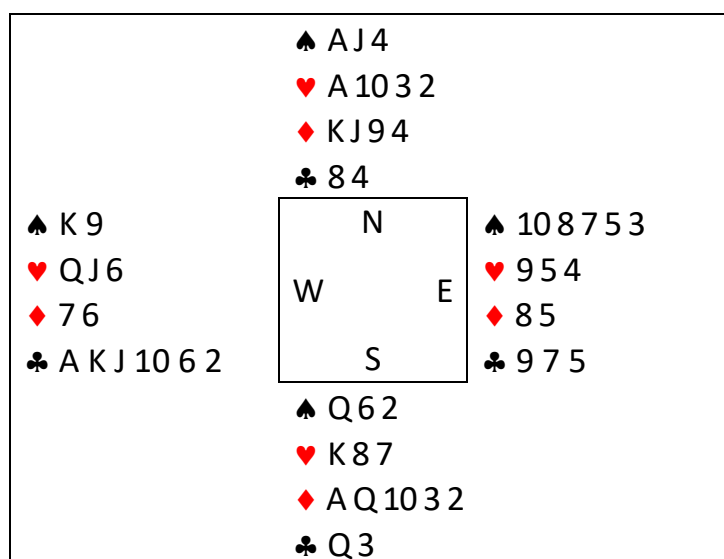
TD! 3NT is not accepted and the bidding continues:

West	North	East	South
pass	1♠	2♦ ^A	3♣
3♥	3♠	4♥	4NT
All pass			

They make 11 tricks and the TD is called back. EW have a problem with the contract, which is not easy to reach without the infraction.



North/None



West	North	East	South
	1♦	pass	1♦
2♣			

- A) South tells West that his call is insufficient after which he discovers that his own call is insufficient. TD!
- B) South sees what happened and replaces the 1♦ with 2♦ combined with a 'sorry'. Now the TD is called.

East/NS

	♠ Q	
	♥ J84	
	♦ A1065432	
	♣ AQ	
♠ 10842	N W E S	♠ 9763
♥ KQ3		♥ A10975
♦ KJ8		♦ 9
♣ KJ7		♣ 542
	♠ AKJ5	
	♥ 62	
	♦ Q7	
	♣ 109863	

West	North	East	South	
		pass	pass	
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠	
pass	3♦	pass	3NT	All pass

EW call the TD.

- A) Declarer waited about a minute before playing from dummy after the first lead.
- B) Declarer waited for 15 seconds before playing from dummy, RHO followed smoothly and declarer himself waited for another 10 seconds.
- C) As in B) but now declarer says that he feels sick, has problems concentrating and would prefer to stop playing. He was not aware of the pauses he made; he adds.



Board 19.

South/EW

West	North	East	South
1 ♦			

TD!

BOOT is not accepted, and the bidding goes:

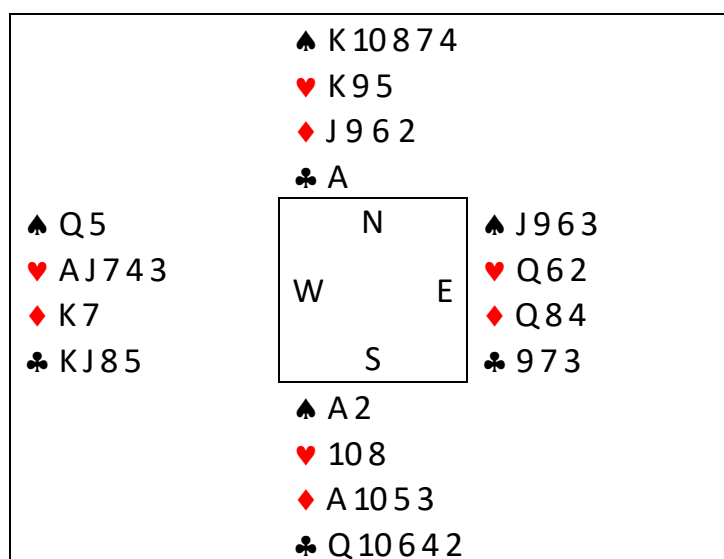
West	North	East	South
pass	3NT	All pass	1 ♠

Now West leads OOT with ♣K. TD!

Did the TD explain lead restrictions related to BOOT? West should lead immediately after his last pass not giving time to the TD to do so.



West/Both



West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	pass	dbl

C) West bids 2♣ and the auction continues:

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	pass	dbl
2♣	pass	2♥	dbl
pass	3♦	All pass	

Now they discover the mistake made and call the TD.



Board 21. Screens in use

North/NS

North is declarer, East and West both lead:

- A) East face down, West face up, South opens the screen
- B) East face down, West face up, West opens the screen
- C) Both face up, South opens the screen
- D) Both face up, West opens the screen



Board 22. Screens in use

East/EW

<div> <div> <div>♠ AK75</div> <div>♥ KQ8</div> <div>♦ KQ53</div> <div>♣ 87</div> </div> <div> <div>♠ J93</div> <div>♥ J62</div> <div>♦ 976</div> <div>♣ A1042</div> </div> <div> <div>♠ 864</div> <div>♥ A10754</div> <div>♦ J102</div> <div>♣ Q6</div> </div> </div>			
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West	North	East	South
1NT	pass	pass	pass
3♥/2♥		2♦	pass

- A) West put 3♥ bidding card on the table in front of him, close to the tray. When South draws the attention, West takes back 3♥, and wants to bid 2♥ instead. South calls the TD. West will explain that he changed his mind.
- B) West took 3♥ bidding card and almost put it on the tray. One edge of the bidding card was touching the tray while the other one was held in a player's hand. West takes back 3♥, and wants to bid 2♥ instead. South calls the TD.
- C) The TD is called when 2♥ is placed on the tray. West changed his 3♥ with 2♥, however, it is not clear what happened. West says he kept 3♥ above the tray, maybe a little touching, then changed his mind and replaced it with 2♥. South claims 3♥ was released on the tray and West immediately took it back.

In all cases, the bidding continues:

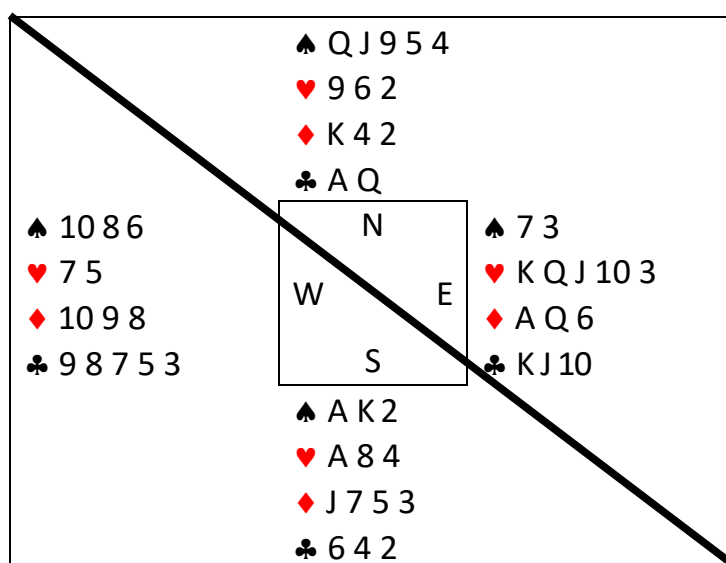
West	North	East	South
...
2♥	pass	2NT	pass
4♥	All pass		

The TD is called again after the play – 10 tricks. East bid doubtful 2NT. Maybe he heard that his partner is strong?



Board 23. Screens in use

South/Both



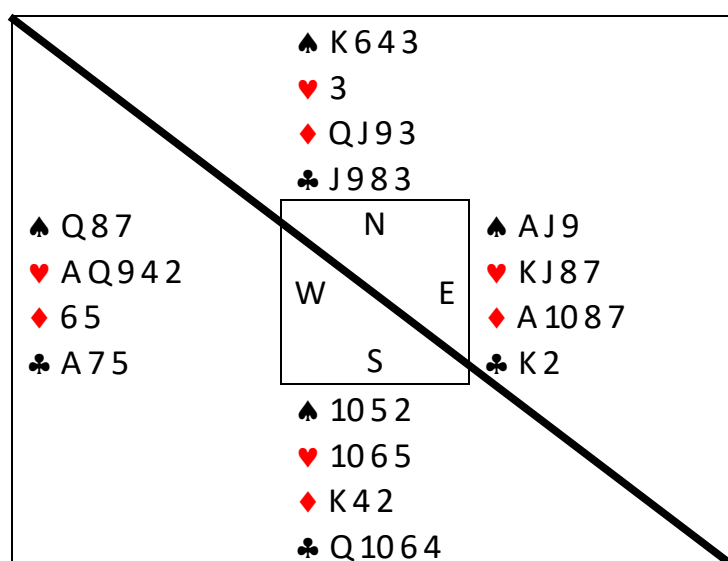
West	North	East	South
			pass
pass	1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥
pass			

- A) North passes and East removes his bid from the tray. Before he puts his bid back to bidding boxes, he changes his mind. He puts 2 ♥ back on the tray and adds a double.
- B) When the tray came to North/East, 3 ♥ was not visible (it might have snagged at the bottom of the screen). Seeing passes from South and West, North removes his bid, and so does East. When the tray is pushed back, South doesn't understand why bids were removed and calls the TD.



Board 24. Screens in use

West/None

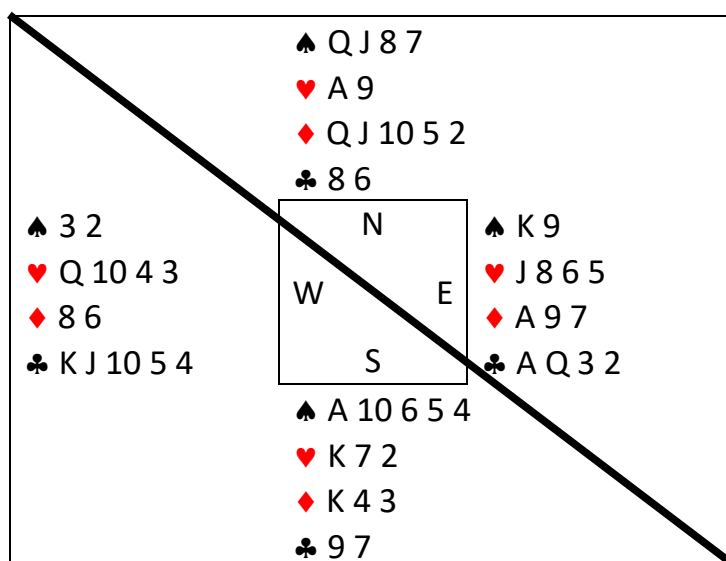


West	North	East	South
1 ♥	pass	1NT	

- A) East bid 1NT seeing only North's pass. Before pushing the tray, 1 ♥ became visible. East calls the TD.
- B) After bidding 1NT, East wants to change his bid. He explained he wanted to bid 2NT – forcing with a 4-card fit, and he was surprised he bid only 1NT.
- C) Same as B), but East realizes his misbid after the tray is pushed. They stop the bidding after South's pass.

**Board 25. Screens in use**

North/EW



West	North	East	South
	pass	1♣	1♠
dbl	2NT ^A	3♥	...pass
pass	4♠	dbl	All pass

4♠x, 10 tricks.

West called the TD after the play and complained about South's hesitation before his first pass. Shall the TD deal with the case? North and East say that they didn't see the pause (they were talking together), but checking on camera, South took 102 seconds before passing.

North bid 2NT as 8-10 points with 4-card fit. As they were forced to 3♠, his partner's pass was encouraging and that's why he bid a game.

If the TD asks South why he thought before pass, he will explain that he wasn't sure how they play – if the pass is forcing or not. Some pairs play conservatively – 2NT forces to 3♠, but some pairs overcall very aggressively (even with 4-card suit) and don't play forcing pass after overcall. Finally South passed to show weak, but not minimum hand.

**Board 26. Screens in use**

East/Both

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	

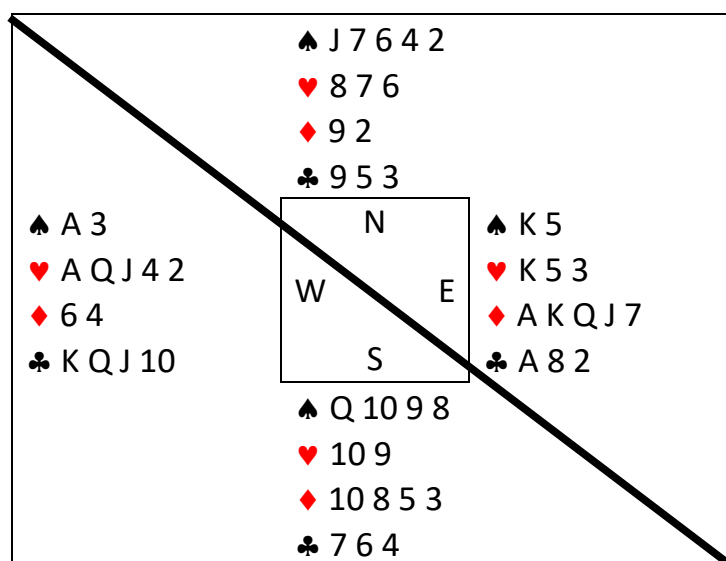
East is dealer. North opens 1 ♥ OOT and East overcalls 1 ♠.

- A) TD!
- B) North pushes the tray. South calls the TD.
- C) East, after bidding, pushes the tray himself. South calls the TD.
- D) East noticed that North bid OOT, however, Norths says: "Too late, you accepted".
East replies: "OK" and North pushes the tray. South calls the TD.



Board 27. Screens in use, Pair event

South/None



West	East
1 ♥	2 ♦
3 ♣	3 ♥
3 ♠	4 NT
5 ♠	6 ♣
7 ♣	7 ♥

North asks about 7 ♣ and then passes. After 7 ♥ he asks some more and then passes again. This causes East to think the auction is closed and the bidding cards are removed. The tray is pushed to the other side.

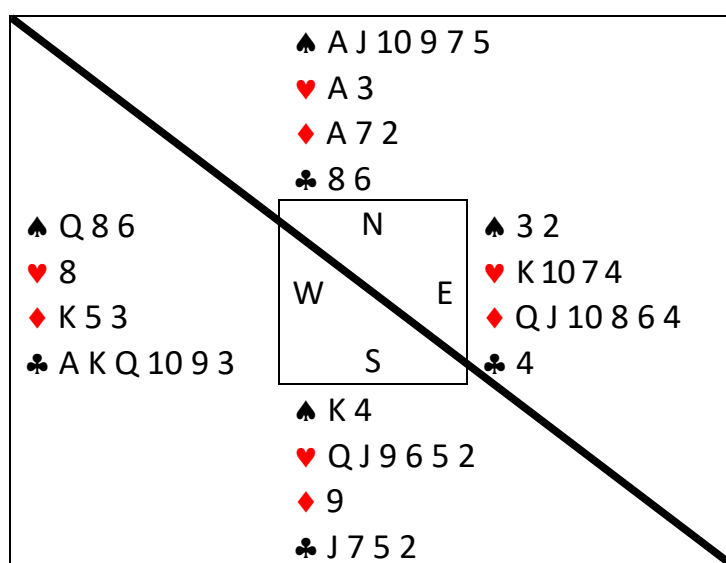
When the screen is opened by East, North has led faced up: ♠ 4 and East is busy putting down his cards, with the hearts on his right and the diamonds already visible. West says that the clubs should be there.

When the TD investigates the case, West will say that he would have considered bidding 7 NT.



Board 28.

West/NS



West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	2♣*	2♥*
dbl*	2♠	3♥	pass
3NT	x	All pass	

North-East side of the screen:

- 2♣ – alerted, transfer to diamonds (with accordance to EW system)
- 2♥ – alerted, normal raise to 2♠ (the system used by NS after opp's transfer)
- dbl – shows 4 hearts

South-West side of the screen:

- 2♣ – not alerted, natural
- 2♥ – not alerted, natural (the system used by NS when opp's bid naturally)
- dbl – extras
- 3♥ – better hand, shows a heart stopper

3NTx -4. East calls the TD. He was misinformed and misbid the hand.

- A) West forgot the system and did not alert 2♣.
- B) When South pulled the tray and started looking at his hand, West alerted 2♣ by pointing it with his finger. South did not notice the alert.
- C) West pointed 2♣ with his finger. South nodded, but when started looking at his hand, forgot about the alert. South claims there was no alert at all. But the TD may review a camera recording.