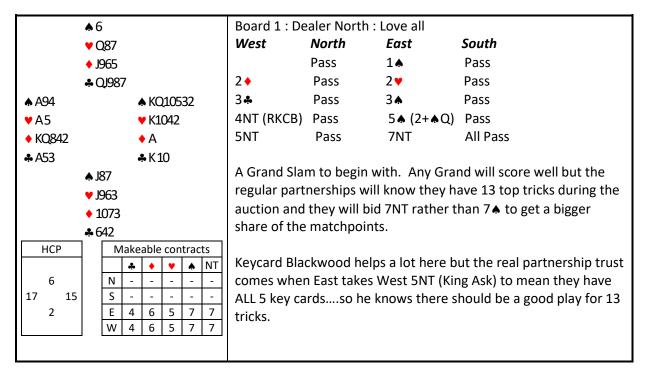
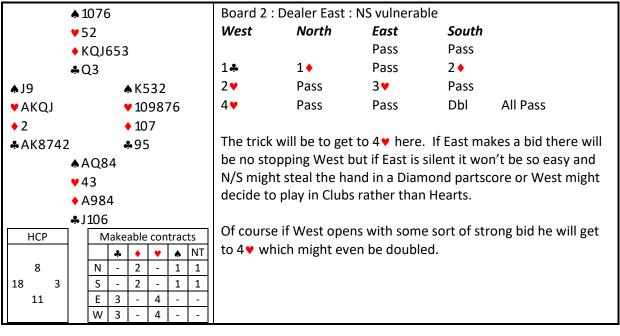
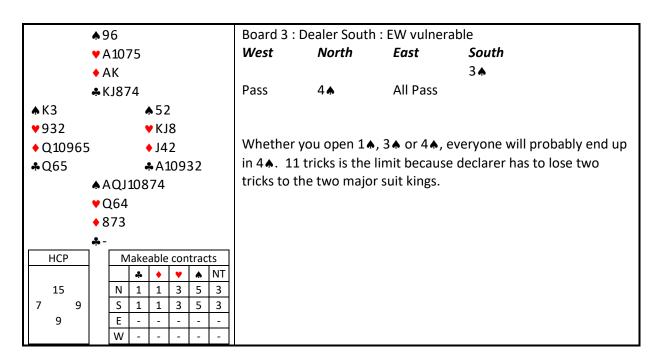
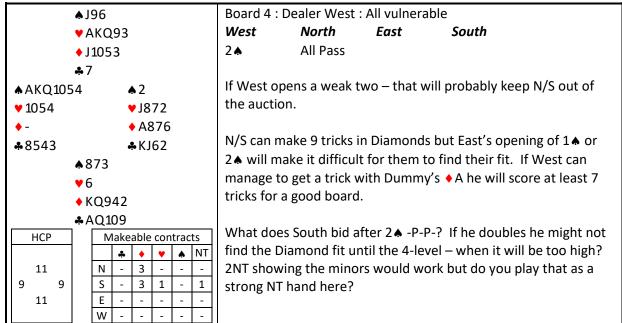
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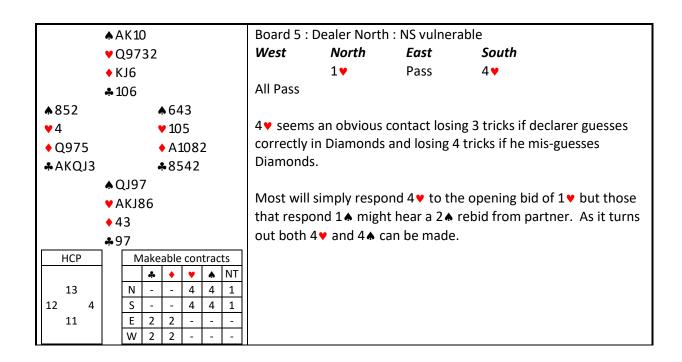
For arguments sake, I am assuming 4-card majors and weak No-Trump....but all systems are fine.

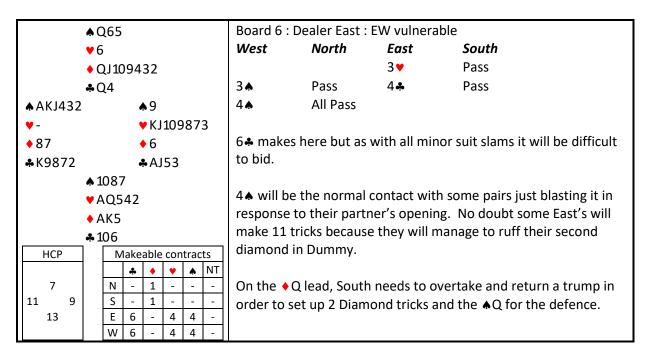


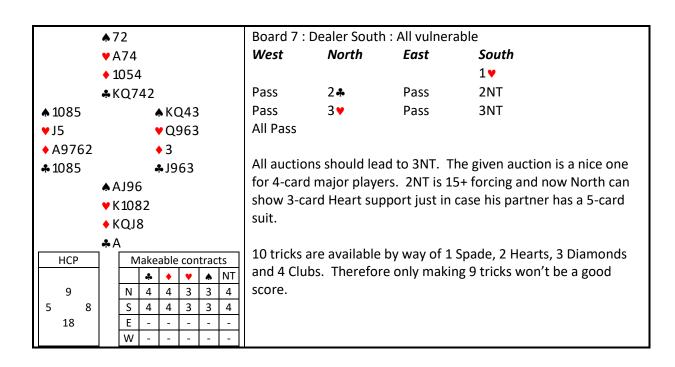


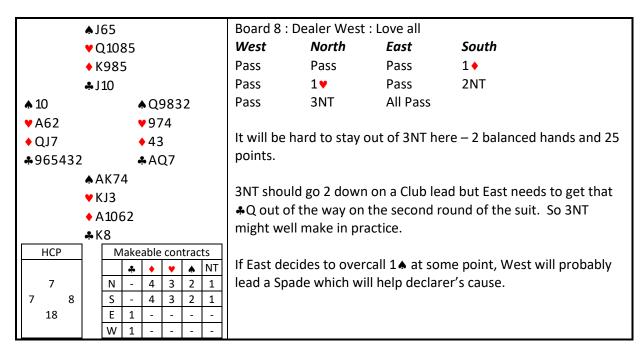


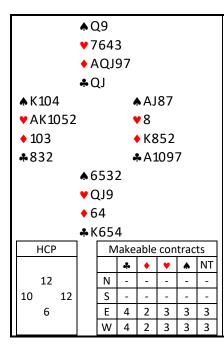












Board 9 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable

West North East South

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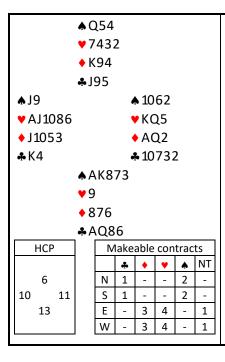
Pass 2 → Pass Pass

2 → All Pass

The cards lie well for E/W and especially so if West remembers that North opened the bidding.

Ideally East should not enter the bidding on the first round as he has too many Diamonds to make a take-out double. If he passes on the first round he might be even less inclined to enter the auction on the second round if South has bid Spades.

In any event West will have to save the day and bid  $2 \checkmark$  at some point. Of course letting N/S play in 2Dx -2 or -3 would be nice work for E/W.



Board 10 : Dealer East : All vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
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A very favourable lie of the cards means that E/W can make 10 tricks in Hearts but they are unlikely to enter the auction vulnerable. If North passes the 1 opening, East might bid a 'protective' 1NT showing 11-14 and now West will show his Hearts.

If North responds 1NT or 2S, South might let things drop in 2♠ but if he fancies his hand he can bid 3♣ as a 'Trial' bid asking his partner to look at his Club holding when deciding whether or not to bid 4♠. North doesn't like his Clubs or any other part of his hand for that matter and he will sign off in 3♠....which has 5 obvious losers.

