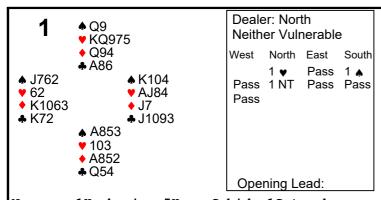
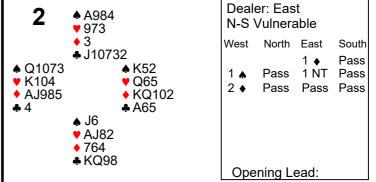
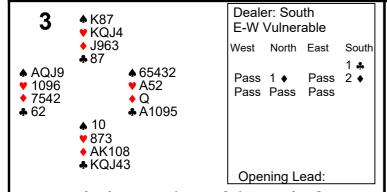
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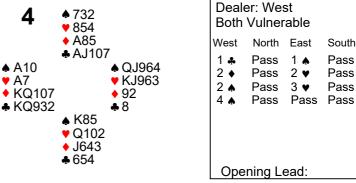
N opens 1H showing 5Hs. S bids 1S to show a major. The rebid by N in Standard American shows 12 to 14 HCP. With 10 HCP S leaves the auction there.



E opens the better minor. Here the longer suit with 4 cards 1D. Although W immediately knows there is a fit in D (at least 3 with p and 5 in hand) W shows a 4 card major first. When E rebids 1NT W puts E back to the safe contract of 2D. There is also nothing wrong with a jump to 3D by W to ask E if at max to bid game and the 5D can be found that way.

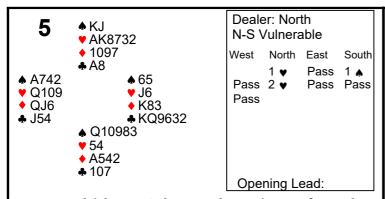


S opens the better minor of 1C .. the longer minor. When N bids 1D ... N is not a 1 bid wonder so can afford to show 4 card suits up the line by bidding Ds first ... S confirms fit in Ds. N now knows S does not hold a 4 card major and prospects of game are slim.

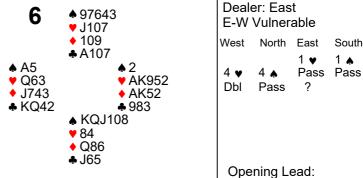


W reverses, bidding C first and then bidding beyond his opening suit, beyond 2C by bidding 2D. This promises 16 plus HCP. Once E explains his hand by showing a repeat in Hs W puts E back to the first bid suit in case it is a 6 card suit. NTs in a misfit is rarely a good option as transport between hands becomes problematic.

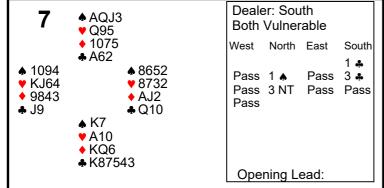
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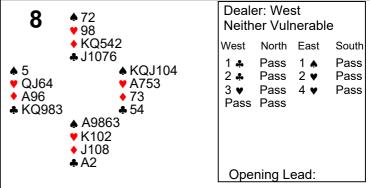
Once N rebids Hs S knows there is an 8 card fit and is content to leave the auction there.



W makes an immediate raise to game anxious to cut out further interference by the opposition. N bids 4Ss easily at this vulnerability. E is in difficulties doubling with his spade holding. W should X giving p option of penalties or bidding 5H. In fact 5H does not make on this hand but 4SX goes 3 light and is a steal for the NS pair bidding according to LTT



Always consider a minor suit slam ... they are the most underbid. Here N is optimistic in bidding 3NT or just lazy and does not want to push for 11 tricks! Lucky to find p with some Ds and the Cs splitting nicely. At teams you would always go for the Club option playing it safe.



W cannot mention his Hs on a rebid as that would be through the barrier and he has a minimum hand. Rebidding clubs with a singleton is correct. E is able to rebid with 10 HCP and mention Hs. Given E has 10 HCP and a 7 loser hand a bid of 3H may be warranted. Whether 2H or 3H, both tell W of 5Ss and 4Hs. With a fit E can now invite game if E bid 2H. Sadly the KH is offside and if the defence lead KD, a standout lead, there is nothing declarer can do as he cannot escape AS, AC and KH with QD taking it one trick light.