

Board 1 Protective bidding

North Deals ♠ J 8
 None Vul ♥ A Q J 10 6
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ K 4 2

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

 ♠ 7 6
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ J 10 9 7 5 3
 ♣ 7 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
1 ♠ ¹	Pass	4 ♠ ²	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 5-13 points in the protective seat.
 2. 19 points including shortage!
- 4 ♠ by West
 Lead: ♦ K

East has a sound opening bid but there is no remotely suitable bid he can make immediately over 1 ♥. West's protective 1 ♠ shows 5-13 points. With excellent spade support and 19 points including shortage East bids game and with the club finesse right declarer may make 12 tricks despite having only 20 points between the two hands.

Note; Using the Losing Trick Count (LTC) a direct 1-level suit overcall usually has at most 8 losers. in the protective seat it could have 9 losers. East has 4 1/2 losers so with a combined 13 1/2 losers at most East bids 4 ♠.

Board 2 Protective bidding

East Deals ♠ A K 7 6 5
 N-S Vul ♥ 5 2
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ 8 4 3 2

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

 ♠ 2
 ♥ A Q 4 3
 ♦ A 4 3 2
 ♣ A 9 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
Pass	1 ♠ ¹	Pass	1 NT ²
Pass	Pass ³	Pass	

1. 5-13 points in the protective seat
 2. 12-14 points after partner's protective bid
 3. 7 points opposite 14 at most so game not on.
- 1 NT by South
 Lead: ♥ 9

South has a sound opening bid but there is no remotely suitable bid he can make immediately over 1 ♥. North's protective 1 ♠ shows 5-13 points. South's 1 NT shows 12-14 points. South would need 9-12 points to bid 1 NT opposite an immediate 1 ♠ overcall. A protective 1 ♠ overcall could be 3 points weaker so South must be 3 points stronger.

Board 5 Protective bidding

North Deals ♠ 7 2
 ♥ A K Q J 5
 N-S Vul ♦ A 9 8
 ♣ J 10 5

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

♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ 10 7 6 2
 ♦ 5 4 3 2
 ♣ 8 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl ¹	Pass	1 ♠ ²	Pass
4 ♠ ³	All pass		

1. 9+ unlimited. Could be very strong.
2. 1 ♠ shows 0-8 points in the direct seat and 0-11 points in the protective seat.
3. 28 points including shortage so happy to play in 4 ♠ opposite zero points.

4 ♠ by East
 Lead: ♥ 7

West's protective double shows about 3 points fewer than an opening bid. East would need 6-9 points to bid 1 NT opposite an immediate double. A protective double could be 3 points weaker so East must be 3 points stronger. East's 1 NT shows 9-12 points and heart stoppers. West knows his side has at least 25 HCP + shortage.

Board 6 Protective bidding

East Deals ♠ K Q 10 8
 ♥ 5 4
 E-W Vul ♦ K 9 5
 ♣ A K J 6

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

♠ J 7
 ♥ A 10 7 6
 ♦ A 8 7 2
 ♣ 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl ¹	Pass	1 NT ²
Pass	3 NT ³	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 9+ points in the protective seat.
 2. Shows 9-12 points opposite partner's protective bid
 3. 16 points opposite at least 9 points, enough for game.
- 3 NT by South
 Lead: ♥ 8

North's protective double shows about 3 points fewer than an opening bid. South would need 6-9 points to bid 1 NT opposite an immediate double. A protective double could be 3 points weaker so South must be 3 points stronger. South's 1 NT shows 9-12 points and at least one heart stopper. North has 16 points so the partnership has 25+ HCP.

Board 7 Protective bidding

South Deals ♠ K 9 7 6
 Both Vul ♥ 10 9
 ♦ 10 9 7 3 2
 ♣ 7 2

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	Pass	1 NT ¹	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 12-15 points in the protective seat - does not guarantee a heart stopper.
 1 NT by East
 Lead: ♥ K

East's protective 1 NT shows 12-15 points, preferably though not necessarily a stopper in opener's suit. West would bid game opposite an immediate 1 NT overcall (which would show 16-18 points) but there is no realistic chance of game opposite at most 14 points so he passes 1 NT.

Board 8 Protective bidding

West Deals ♠ A 8 2
 None Vul ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ J 10 8 7

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	Pass	2 ♦ ¹
Pass	2 NT ²	Pass	3 NT

All pass

1. In the protective seat shows 7-15 points
 2. Would show 11-12 points responding to a direct suit overcall but 14-15 points when responding to partner's protective overcall.

3 NT by North
 Lead: ♥ 3

North has a sound opening 1 NT bid but there is no suitable bid he can make over 1 ♥ because an immediate 1 NT overcall shows 16-18 points. South's 2 ♦ shows 7-15 points. North's 2 NT is a game try and with 10 points and a 6-card suit South accepts.

Board 9 Protective bidding

North Deals ♠ 9 8 7
 E-W Vul ♥ K Q J 10 4
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A 8 5

♠ Q 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K J	
♥ A 8 7		♥ 9 6 2	
♦ 8 6 5 2		♦ A 9 4	
♣ K Q J 7		♣ 10 9 6 2	

♠ 10 5 4 3 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ J 10 7 3
 ♣ 4 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
1 NT ¹	Pass	2 NT ²	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 12- 15 points in the protective seat- does not guarantee a heart stopper
 2. Invitation to game
- 2 NT by West
 Lead: ♥ K

East has a sound opening 1 NT bid but there is no suitable bid he can make immediately over 1 ♥ because an immediate 1 NT overcall shows 16-18 points. West's protective 1 NT shows 11-14 points, preferably though not necessarily a stopper in opener's suit. East makes a game try with 2 NT which West declines.

Board 10 Protective bidding

East Deals ♠ Q 6
 Both Vul ♥ A Q J
 ♦ 8 6 5 2
 ♣ K Q 10 7

♠ 10 7 5 4 3 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 8	
♥ 5 3		♥ K 10 8 7 4	
♦ J 10		♦ K Q 7 3	
♣ 5 4 3		♣ A 8	

♠ A K J
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ J 9 6 2

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

1. 12-15 points in the protective seat- does not guarantee a heart stopper
 2. Invitation to game
 3. Accepts to game
- 3 NT by North
 Lead: ♥ 7

South has a sound opening 1 NT bid but there is no suitable bid he can make immediately over 1 ♥ because an immediate 1 NT overcall shows 16-18 points. North's protective 1 NT shows 11-14 points, preferably though not necessarily a stopper in opener's suit. South makes a game try with 2 NT which North accepts.

Protective bidding

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 6 4 3
♥ 7
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 4 3 2

♠ 9 8 5
♥ K 8 3 2
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ J 10

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♠ K J 7
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ 7 5
♣ A K 7 6

♠ A 2
♥ A Q 6 5
♦ K 9 4 2
♣ Q 8 5

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

1. Not strong enough to overcall. (SQOT = 6)
2. In the protective seat West borrows a king and bids 2 ♠.
3. Not tempted to bid on. Partner passed first time.

2 ♠ by West
Lead: ♥ 2

West hasn't got enough for an immediate 1 ♠ overcall of 1 ♥, but when North's 2 ♥ is passed round to him he shouldn't sell out to 2 ♥. Note that West knows that East has quite a few points because South/North have stopped in 2 ♥ rather than bid game. East remembers that West passed first time so he is not tempted to bid on. Note that East makes 2 ♠, and if South/North choose to bid on to 3 ♥ they are defeated.

Protective bidding

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 2
♥ A Q 6 5
♦ K 9 4 2
♣ Q 8 5

♠ Q 10 6 4
♥ 7
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 6 4 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 5
♥ K 8 3 2
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ J 10

♠ K J 7 3
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ 7 5
♣ A 9 7

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass ¹	2 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl ²	Pass	2 ♠ ³

All pass

1. Not strong enough to make an immediate double.
2. In the protective seat can double with 9+ HCP.
3. Opposite partner's direct seat double South would jump to 3 ♠ with 9 points but here bids 2 ♠.

2 ♠ by South
Lead: ♥ 5

North hasn't got enough for an immediate double of 1 ♥, but when East's 2 ♥ is passed round to him he shouldn't sell out to 2 ♥. Note that North knows that South has quite a few points because West/East have stopped in 2 ♥ rather than bid game. South remembers that North passed first time so he is not tempted to bid on. Note that South makes 2 ♠, and if West/East choose to bid on to 3 ♥ they are defeated.