

Opener's rebid with strong hands

Board 1

North Deals

No-one Vul

♠ A Q J 10

♥ A

♦ A K J 8 7

♣ 10 3 2

♠ K 6 5
♥ Q 7 6 5
♦ 4 2
♣ J 8 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 4
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ A K Q

♠ 9 7 3 2

♥ K J 4 3

♦ Q 10

♣ 9 6 5

19

6 9

6

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

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♣ A

South responds 1 ♥, the lower of two four-card suits. North can jump to 2 ♠ showing 19 points. A jump rebid in a new suit is forcing to game. With minimum hand and good support, South bids 4 ♠ (game).

Defenders start by cashing three rounds of clubs and declarer needs to make the next 10 tricks. Declarer must use the two diamond entries to twice finesse the king of trumps.

The play theme on these hands: Finessing for a King.

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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 7 6 5

♥ K 10 8

♦ A 8 2

♣ Q J 10

♠ A K
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ Q 10 6 4
♣ 6 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 4
♥ A Q J 7
♦ J 3
♣ A K 8 3 2

♠ 10 9 8 3 2

♥ 6 5

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ 9 7

11

9 17

3

West	North	East	South
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		1 ♣	Pass
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1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
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3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass
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4 ♥ by East

Lead: ♠ 10

East has 17 points and can bid 1 ♥ but is not strong enough to jump rebid 2 ♥, as this would show 19 points and be game forcing. In response, to East's 1 ♥ rebid, West should bid 3 ♥; West can add an extra point for the doubleton, as a heart fit has been established. East will accept the game invitation.

Declarer must use the two spade entries to take twice finesse the king of trumps.

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Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 4 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 7 5 4

♠ J 9 8 6
♥ Q 9 7
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K Q J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 10 7 5
♥ 10 4
♦ K 10 6 3
♣ 10 8 6

♠ Q
♥ A K 8 6 3 2
♦ A Q J
♣ 9 3 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	
4 ♥ by South			
Lead: ♣ K			

With 16 points and a six card heart suit, South should make a jump rebid to 3 ♥. North recognises an eight-card heart fit and sufficient points for game.

As there are only two entries to dummy, declarer must take two immediate finesse in diamonds before drawing trumps.

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Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ A K 10 8
♥ K 8 2
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 7 5 4

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ 10 6 5 4
♦ Q J 4
♣ K 10

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 4
♥ A Q J 3
♦ A K 5 3 2
♣ Q 2

♠ 9 7 6
♥ 9 7
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A J 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		
4 ♥ by West			
Lead: ♠ A			

East's jump raise of West's 1 ♥ response shows 16-18 points.

The declarer will lose two spade tricks and one club trick and must make the next 10 tricks. Declarer needs to take the trumps finesse twice to make the contract.

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Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9

♥ A K 8 4 3

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 6

♦ A K 5 3 2

♣ J 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ 8 6 5

♥ Q 10 7 5

♦ 10 8 7 4

♣ 3 2

♠ A Q J 4 3 2

♥ 9 2

♦ Q 9

♣ 7 6 5

17
12 2
9

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

4 ♠ by South
Lead: ♦ A

North rebids a simple 2 ♣, as 3 ♣ would be game forcing promising 19 points. South repeat bids spades to show a weak hand and a six card suit. Now knowing there is a fit in spades, North can bid game.

Despite losing the first two diamond tricks and a trump finesse, the declarer can win the next 10 tricks to make the contract.

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 10 9 7

♥ Q 10 9 8 2

♦ 8 4

♣ K J

♠ A 6 5 3 2

♥ 4 3

♦ K 5

♣ 10 7 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ A K 7 6 5

♦ A 7 3 2

♣ A Q 2

♠ Q J 8

♥ J

♦ Q J 10 9 6

♣ 9 8 5 3

9
7 17
7

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	All pass

2 NT by East
Lead: ♦ Q

East bid 2 ♦ as they do not have 19 points to jump rebid 3 ♦, which would be game forcing. West gives preference to East's first bid suit. The bid shows a weak hand with 6-9 points. The preference bid does not promise three cards support. East is interested in game with 17 points, and bids 2 NT showing a stopper in clubs. With a minimum hand, West passes.

Declarer after winning the opening lead in the West hand, should immediately take the club. North has to play the ♣ J and the ♣ Q wins, declarer can make three club tricks.

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