

## 1) Both vulnerable

W

♠ AK10862

♥ —

♦ A742

♣ 943

E

♠ QJ

♥ J1072

♦ 109

♣ AKQJ2

| W   | N    | E   | S       |
|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣ | 3 ♥     |
| X   | pass | 3 ♠ | pass    |
| 4 ♥ | pass | 5 ♣ | pass    |
| 5 ♥ | pass | 5NT | pass    |
| 6 ♣ | pass | 7 ♣ | pass... |

X = +6 ♠

3 ♠ = what about a slam in ♠?

4 ♥ = shortage (3NT = a slam try without shortage)

5 ♣ = cue-bid, I like your shortage

5 ♥ = I'm a fan of void priority

5NT = Blackwood. West must have a diamond control to make up his opening bid

6 ♣ = 0-3 KC

7 ♣ = OK, but in ♣

## 2) None vulnerable

W

♠ AK

♥ KJ765

♦ 5

♣ KJ1072

E

♠ J84

♥ A10

♦ A742

♣ AQ84

| W   | N       | E   | S    |
|-----|---------|-----|------|
| 1 ♥ | pass    | 2 ♣ | 2 ♦  |
| 2 ♠ | pass    | 2NT | pass |
| 3 ♣ | pass    | 3 ♦ | pass |
| 3 ♥ | pass    | 4 ♣ | pass |
| 4NT | pass    | 5 ♣ | pass |
| 5 ♦ | pass    | 5NT | pass |
| 7 ♣ | pass... |     |      |

2 ♠ = +5 ♥ +4 ♣

2NT = natural - I need more information

3 ♣ = +5 ♥ +5 ♣ (Note that thanks to our concept, E-W know more at this level than would be the case playing standard methods.)

3 ♦ = ♣ agree. 10 cards model - minor agreed

3 ♥ = ♦ shortage (3 ♠ = natural ♠ shortage)

4 ♣ = good support, usually 4 cards

5 ♣ = 0-3 KC

5NT = ♣ Q, no kings

### 3) Both vulnerable

W

♠ 6  
♥ AKQ95  
♦ J54  
♣ KQ107

E

♠ AK  
♥ 72  
♦ 10832  
♣ AJ432

| W  | N    | E   | S       |
|----|------|-----|---------|
| 1♥ | pass | 2♣  | 2♦      |
| 2♠ | pass | 2NT | pass    |
| 3♠ | pass | 3NT | pass... |

2♠ = +5♥+4♣, not a minimum

2NT = I need more information

3♠ = Extra Length 1♠ 5♥ 3♦ 4♣ (3♣ = +5♥-5♣, 3♦ = 6♥-4♣, 3♥ = 3514, 3NT = 2524)

### 4) E-W vulnerable

W

♠ AKQJ10  
♥ KJ109  
♦ 874  
♣ 2

E

♠ 3  
♥ AQ72  
♦ AK1092  
♣ J85

| W   | N       | E  | S    |
|-----|---------|----|------|
| 1♠  | pass    | 2♦ | 3♣   |
| 3♦  | pass    | 3♥ | pass |
| 4♣  | pass    | 4♦ | pass |
| 4NT | pass    | 5♠ | pass |
| 6♥  | pass... |    |      |

4♣ = shortage

4♦ = I like it

Note that, using classic methods, responder has no sensible bid after opener's 3♥.

### 5) Both vulnerable

W

♠ A 8 6 5 2

♥ A J 2

♦ 5 4 2

♣ K Q

E

♠ K 7

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ 3

♣ A J 10 8 4 2

| W    | N       | E   | S    |
|------|---------|-----|------|
| 1 ♠  | pass    | 2 ♣ | 3 ♦  |
| pass | pass    | 3 ♥ | pass |
| 4 ♣  | pass    | 4 ♦ | pass |
| 4 ♥  | pass    | 4 ♠ | pass |
| 4NT  | pass    | 5 ♦ | pass |
| 6 ♣  | pass... |     |      |

3♥ = natural 4♥+5♣, very often 4♥+6♣ (with 2♠ 4♥ 2♦ 5♣ or 1♠ 4♥ 3♦ 5♣ East may double 3♦. Especially when holding 3♦)  
 5♦ = 1KC

### 6) None vulnerable

W

♠ A K J 10 9 7 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 2

♣ 9 7

E

♠ Q 2

♥ A 7

♦ J 10 7 5

♣ A K 10 4 2

| W   | N    | E   | S       |
|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣ | 3 ♦     |
| 3 ♥ | pass | 3 ♠ | pass    |
| 4 ♦ | pass | 4 ♥ | pass    |
| 5 ♥ | pass | 6 ♠ | pass... |

3♥ = +6♠

3♠ = what about a slam in ♠?

4♦ = shortage (3NT would be slam invitational without a shortage)

4♥ = I like it

5♥ = I'm too good to bid 4♠ but, at the same time, I'm not good enough to bid Blackwood

## 7) E-W vulnerable

W

♠ A Q J 10 9 8 2

♥ A 9 8

♦ —

♣ 9 4 3

E

♠ K 5

♥ Q 10 7 4

♦ J 8 3

♣ A K Q J

| W   | N    | E   | S       |
|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣ | 3 ♦     |
| 3 ♥ | pass | 3 ♠ | pass    |
| 4 ♦ | pass | 5 ♣ | pass    |
| 5 ♦ | pass | 5NT | pass    |
| 6 ♠ | pass | 7 ♣ | pass... |

3 ♥ = +6 ♠

4 ♦ = shortage

5 ♦ = void

5NT = Blackwood

6 ♠ = 2KC+ ♠ Q

7 ♣ = conclusion

## 8) E-W vulnerable

W

♠ J 4 3

♥ A Q J 10 9 4 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ —

E

♠ K Q 2

♥ K 8

♦ K Q J 3 2

♣ 9 8 4

| W   | N       | E   | S    |
|-----|---------|-----|------|
| 1 ♥ | pass    | 2 ♦ | 3 ♣  |
| 3 ♦ | pass    | 3 ♥ | pass |
| 4 ♣ | pass    | 4 ♦ | pass |
| 5 ♣ | pass    | 5 ♦ | pass |
| 6 ♦ | pass... |     |      |

3 ♦ = +6 ♥

3 ♥ = what about a slam in ♥?

4 ♣ = shortage

4 ♦ = cue-bid, I like your shortage.

5 ♣ = void

5 ♦ = Difficult to explain For sure – good ♦

I can't bid 5NT Blackwood because 6 ♠ = 2KC+ ♥ Q takes us past our making contract.

I don't want to bid 6 ♥ because 3KC+ ♥ Q gives us a grand.

I can't bid 5 ♠; grand slam try. Of course I shouldn't bid 5 ♥, as that would be a negative.

6 ♦ = conclusion. With ♠ A more West can bid 5 ♠ – grand slam try.

If partner has only ♠ K x x, the contract must be played by EAST to protect against an opening spade lead.

### 9) N-S vulnerable

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| W        | E        |
| ♠ KJ7642 | ♠ AQ     |
| ♥ —      | ♥ Q75    |
| ♦ AK4    | ♦ Q92    |
| ♣ Q762   | ♣ KJ1084 |

| W   | N    | E       | S       |
|-----|------|---------|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣     | 3 ♥     |
| X   | pass | 3 ♠     | pass    |
| 4 ♥ | pass | 5 ♣     | pass    |
| 5 ♥ | pass | 6 ♠ (♣) | pass... |

- X = +6 ♠
- 3 ♠ = agrees ♠
- 4 ♥ = shortage
- 5 ♣ = OK
- 5 ♥ = void

Perhaps EW should play in 6 ♣, but it wouldn't be clear if 6 ♣ is a suggestion of the final contract or giving the information that East holds the ♣ A instead of the two red-suit Queens, e.g.:

♠ AQ  
 ♥ 1075  
 ♦ 962  
 ♣ AKJ108

### 10) E-W vulnerable

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| W        | E         |
| ♠ AQJ2   | ♠ K1093   |
| ♥ AQJ108 | ♥ K       |
| ♦ 1073   | ♦ A2      |
| ♣ 3      | ♣ A109542 |

| W   | N    | E   | S    |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| 1 ♥ | pass | 2 ♣ | 2 ♦  |
| 2 ♥ | pass | 2 ♠ | pass |
| 2NT | pass | 3 ♣ | pass |
| 3 ♠ | pass | 4 ♣ | pass |
| 4 ♥ | pass | 4NT | pass |
| 5 ♠ | pass | ?   |      |

- 2 ♥ = 4 ♠, not a minimum
- 2 ♠ = ♠ agree
- 2NT = in context of not being minimum – I have a minimum
- 3 ♣ = I need more information.
- 3 ♠ = bad fragment = 4 ♠ 5 ♥ 3 ♦ 1 ♣
- 4 ♣, ♥ = cue
- 5 ♠ = 2KC+ ♠ Q, no kings
- ? = grand slam is a miracle. West needs to have all of ♠ J ♥ A Q J 10 x

### 11) N-S vulnerable

E

♠ K 9 7 5 2  
♥ A K 10 8 3  
♦ —  
♣ K 5 2

W

♠ A 3  
♥ Q 5 2  
♦ Q 10 9  
♣ A Q J 10 3

| E   | S       | W   | N    |
|-----|---------|-----|------|
| 1 ♠ | pass    | 2 ♣ | 2 ♦  |
| X   | pass    | 2NT | pass |
| 3 ♦ | pass    | 3 ♥ | pass |
| 3NT | pass    | 4 ♣ | pass |
| 4 ♦ | pass    | 4NT | pass |
| 5 ♥ | pass    | 5 ♠ | pass |
| 5NT | pass    | 6 ♣ | pass |
| 7 ♣ | pass... |     |      |

X = +4 ♥

3 ♦ = Extra Length = 5 ♠ + 5 ♥, but limited by the failure to bid 3 ♦ on the previous round

3 ♥ = ♥ agreement

3NT = 10-cards model; I have a void. 4 ♣ = where? 4 ♦ = void in ♦

5 ♠ = asking for kings

? = 2 kings, This is regardless of general methods or showing of specific kings

5NT = ♠ K

6 ♣ = what about ♣ K?

7 ♣ = I have

### 12) None vulnerable

E

♠ A 9 8 4 2  
♥ J 8 3  
♦ K 2  
♣ A Q 3

W

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

| E    | S    | W   | N       |
|------|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠  | pass | 2 ♦ | 2 ♥     |
| pass | pass | X   | pass... |

X = I don't have any other natural and easy bid

### 13) N-S vulnerable

E

♠ AK843  
♥ A10842  
♦ K84  
♣ —

W

♠ Q7  
♥ KQJ  
♦ A106  
♣ J9872

| E   | S    | W   | N       |
|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣ | 2 ♦     |
| X   | pass | 2NT | pass    |
| 3 ♦ | pass | 3 ♥ | pass    |
| 3NT | pass | 4 ♣ | pass    |
| 4 ♥ | pass | 4NT | pass    |
| 5 ♥ | pass | 6 ♥ | pass... |

3 ♦ = +5 ♠ +5 ♥, but limited by the failure to bid 3 ♦ on the previous round

3 ♥ = ♥ agreement

3NT = I have a void. 4 ♣ = where? 4 ♥ = in ♣

6 ♥ = E-W need too much for a grand slam

### 14) None vulnerable

E

♠ AKJ954  
♥ AJ82  
♦ 2  
♣ 93

W

♠ Q8  
♥ KQ3  
♦ 8743  
♣ AK65

| E   | S    | W   | N    |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣ | 3 ♦  |
| X   | pass | 3 ♠ | pass |
| 4 ♦ | pass | 4 ♥ | pass |
| ?   |      |     |      |

X = +4 ♥

Here some uncertainty creeps in when it comes to the interpretation of 3 ♠.

Was it a full fit or only a waiting bid?

Now it's time to remove these doubts:

5 ♠ pass 6 ♠ pass...

5 ♠ = I have 6 good spades but no ♣ control

### 15) Both vulnerable

E

♠ AK109653

♥ —

♦ 983

♣ A86

W

♠ Q

♥ J103

♦ AKQJ4

♣ K742

| E   | S    | W   | N       |
|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♦ | 3 ♥     |
| X   | pass | 3 ♠ | pass    |
| 4 ♥ | pass | 5 ♣ | pass    |
| 5 ♥ | pass | 5NT | pass    |
| 6 ♣ | pass | 7 ♦ | pass... |

X = +6 ♠

3 ♠ = perhaps the Queen will be enough? Slam try in ♠

4 ♥ = shortage

5 ♣ = cue-bid

5 ♥ = void

5NT = Blackwood

6 ♣ = 0-3 KC

7 ♦ = conclusion

### 16) E-W vulnerable

E

♠ A10432

♥ AQ98

♦ 4

♣ K83

W

♠ J

♥ KJ65

♦ A65

♣ AQJ72

| E   | S    | W   | N       |
|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣ | 3 ♦     |
| X   | pass | 3 ♥ | pass    |
| 4 ♦ | pass | 4NT | pass    |
| 6 ♣ | pass | 7 ♣ | pass... |

X = +4 ♥

3 ♥ = agrees hearts. 9 cards model

4 ♦ = shortage

6 ♣ = 2KC + ♥Q + ♣K

It's easier to ruff 2 diamonds in dummy playing 7 ♣, than 2 spades to make 7 ♥



### 17) None vulnerable

E

♠ AK872  
♥ AKQ43  
♦ —  
♣ 542

W

♠ J3  
♥ J87  
♦ 1052  
♣ AKQJ8

| E   | S    | W   | N       |
|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 ♠ | pass | 2 ♣ | 2 ♦     |
| 3 ♦ | pass | 3 ♥ | pass    |
| 3NT | pass | 4 ♣ | pass    |
| 4 ♦ | pass | 4NT | pass    |
| 5 ♣ | pass | 5 ♦ | pass    |
| 5 ♠ | pass | 7 ♣ | pass... |

3 ♦ = +5 ♠ +5 ♥ good hand

3 ♥ = agrees hearts

3NT = I have a void. 4 ♣ = where? 4 ♦ = void in ♦

5 ♣ = 0-3 KC

5 ♠ = ♥Q + ♠K

### 18) None vulnerable

E

♠ AK1093  
♥ 3  
♦ AK1095  
♣ 62

W

♠ Q  
♥ Q109  
♦ QJ42  
♣ AK875

| E   | S       | W   | N    |
|-----|---------|-----|------|
| 1 ♠ | pass    | 2 ♣ | 2 ♥  |
| 3 ♣ | pass    | 3 ♦ | pass |
| 3 ♥ | pass    | 4 ♣ | pass |
| 4NT | pass    | 5 ♦ | pass |
| 6 ♦ | pass... |     |      |

3 ♣ = +4 ♦, not a minimum

3 ♦ = agrees diamonds

3 ♥ = shortage

4 ♣ = cue-bid, treading lightly

4NT = partner must have at least the ♦Q and the ♣AK to justify his bidding

## 19) None vulnerable

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

| E   | S       | W   | N    |
|-----|---------|-----|------|
| 1 ♥ | pass    | 2 ♣ | 2 ♠  |
| X   | pass    | 2NT | pass |
| 3 ♣ | pass    | 3 ♦ | pass |
| 3 ♥ | pass    | 3 ♠ | pass |
| 4 ♣ | pass    | 4NT | pass |
| 5 ♣ | pass    | 5NT | pass |
| 6 ♣ | pass... |     |      |

X = +5 ♥ +4 ♣, not a minimum

2NT = I need more information

3 ♣ = +5 ♥ +5 ♣

3 ♦ = ♣ agreement

3 ♥ = ♦ shortage

3 ♠ = cue

4 ♣ = good ♣ (3NT = minimum)

5 ♣ (♦) = 0-3 KC

5NT = general grand slam try. For Seven, EW need ♠ K or ♥ Q

## 20) E-W vulnerable

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

| E   | S       | W   | N    |
|-----|---------|-----|------|
| 1 ♥ | pass    | 2 ♣ | 2 ♠  |
| 3 ♣ | pass    | 3 ♦ | pass |
| 4 ♣ | pass    | 4 ♥ | pass |
| 4NT | pass    | 5NT | pass |
| 7 ♦ | pass... |     |      |

3 ♣ = +4 ♦

3 ♦ = Waiting, very often agreeing ♦

4 ♣ = shortage in ♣ - a very positive bid (3 ♥ would not be so clear)

4 ♥ = cue-bid

5NT = 2KC+ ♦ Q+ ♥ K, no ♠ K (5 ♠ = 2KC+ ♦ Q+ ♠ K. 6 ♣ = 2KC+ ♦ Q only ♣ K, 6 ♦ = 2KC+ ♦ Q, no kings)

I never show void after Blackwood. Good system should detect a void before going to Blackwood.