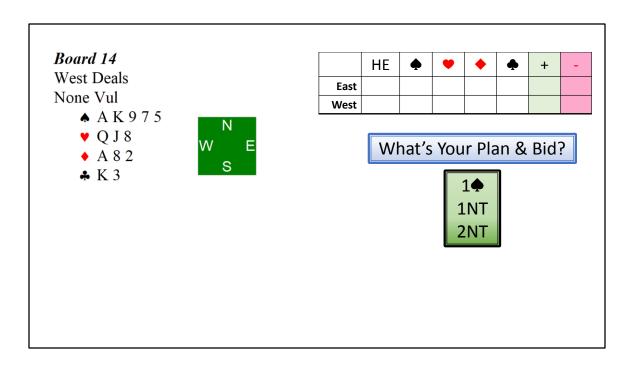


May 17, 2018 Lesson:



What's the best bidding plan for this type of hand: 5-card major & 18 HE?

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Board 14West Deals None Vul

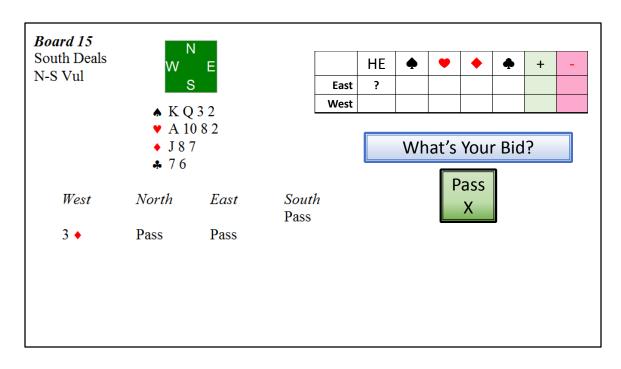
- **↑** AK975
- ♥ QJ8
- A 8 2
- ♣ K 3



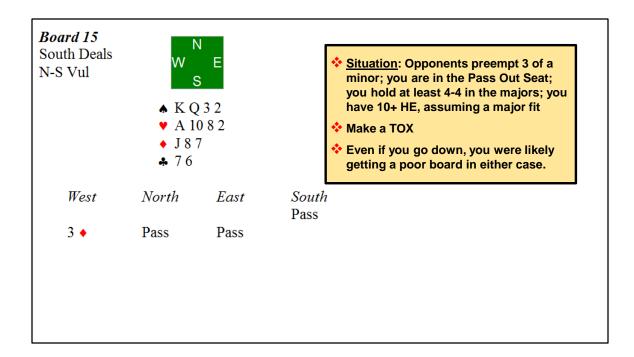
- With 18 HE, 5332 and a 5-card major, open 1 of the major and rebid 2NT
- * "Rule of 15 & 17"¹
 15-17 HCP, 5332 hands & 2/1:
 - ➤ 15: Open 1 of major; rebid 3-card minor after 1NT! or 1NT.
 - > 16: Open 1NT.
 - > 17: Open 1 of major; rebid 2NT.

Rule of 15 & 17 (HCP): With either of these, open the Major; treat the 15 (16 HE) as a "good 14"; treat the 17 (HE 18) as a 18 and rebid 2NT. R180508A

¹ Concept provided by Jim Slinger



Do you remember I told you, "... letting them play in 3 of a minor preempt when you (in Pass-Out Seat) are 4-4 in the majors with a 10+HE, assuming a fit, was not winning bridge?
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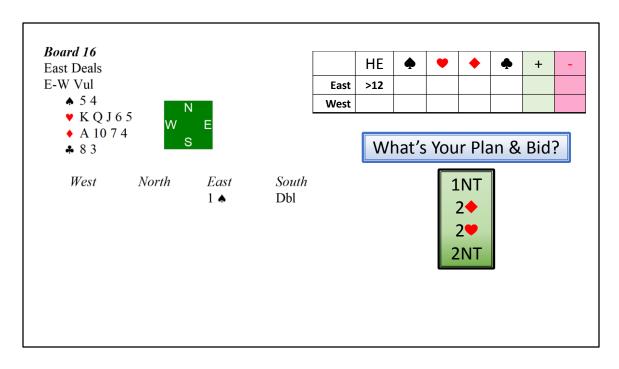


A TOX is best here; by far. R180508A

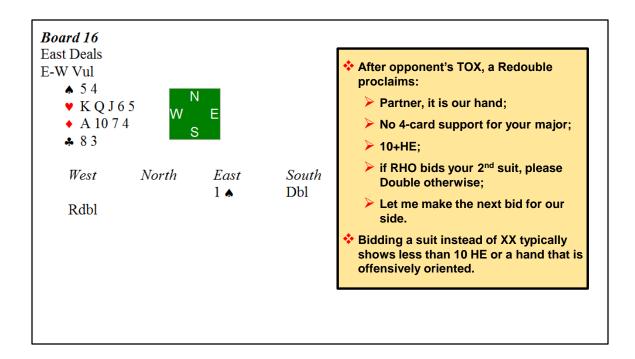
Board 15 South Deals	♠ 10 9 ♥ 7 6						
N-S Vul	◆ A ★ K Q 9 8 W E S		N-		N-S	E-W	Contract
			73		7.38	0.63	3 ∳ * N
			73		7.38	0.63	3 ≜ * N
			5	0	4.56	3.44	3♦ W -1
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			5	0	4.56	3.44	3♦ W -1
				110	1.75	6.25	3 ♦ ₩
				110	1.75	6.25	3 ♦ ₩
	▼ A 10 8 2			130	0.06	7.94	3♦ W +1
	◆ J87 ♣ 76						
West	North	East	South Pass				
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	1 455				

NS was doubled to protect the 3D bid making versus 3S going down 1. This is <u>also</u> good MP bridge. EW was getting a poor board once South entered the auction and found the 9-card Spade fit. What about the vulnerability? If you are going down 1 and they were making 3, unless they double, you are going to show a profit. That's why two EW pairs doubled; unfortunately the defense was difficult and although perfect defense would beat 3S, they didn't find it. Note that the double didn't matter in this case.

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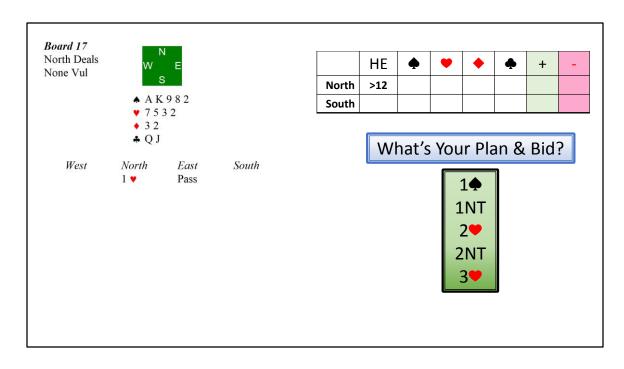


If you are using 2/1 <u>and</u> the next hand Passed, you were forced to bid 1NT; now that restriction is off and you can bid freely; nonetheless your best start is XX. This tells your partner "It is our hand" R180508A#18



What if your XX gets Passed Out? 1SX & XX = game!

You must discuss the meaning of a 2-level bid by responder. E.g. Offensively oriented hand example: xx A QJT9xxx xxx Now you want Partner to realize you have a good hand but one which is only good on offense. R180508A#18



Don't introduce another suit when you have found a 9-card major fit. This is a clear LR in Hearts, however you show that. (Last board shown on 5/ R180507A#18