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*Themes*

**Forcing Bids  
Hand Evaluation (HE)  
Positive Boards**

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**Board 14**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 5

♥ Q J 8

♦ A 8 2

♣ K 3



	HE	♠	♥	♦	♣	+	-
East							
West							

What's Your Plan & Bid?



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

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**Board 14**

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None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 5

♥ Q J 8

♦ 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”<sup>1</sup>

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.

<sup>1</sup> Concept provided by Jim Slinger

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.

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**Board 15**  
 South Deals  
 N-S Vul



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

	HE	♠	♥	♦	♣	+	-
East	?						
West							

What's Your Bid?

Pass  
 X

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

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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**Board 15**  
South Deals  
N-S Vul



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

- ❖ **Situation:** Opponents preempt 3 of a minor; you are in the Pass Out Seat; you hold at least 4-4 in the majors; you have 10+ HE, assuming a major fit
- ❖ **Make a TOX**
- ❖ **Even if you go down, you were likely getting a poor board in either case.**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

A TOX is best here; by far.  
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**Board 15**

South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 8 7 6

♥ 7 6 4

♦ A

♣ K Q 9 8



♠ K Q 3 2

♥ A 10 8 2

♦ J 8 7

♣ 7 6

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract
730		7.38	0.63	3♠* N
730		7.38	0.63	3♠* N
50		4.56	3.44	3♦ W -1
50		4.56	3.44	3♦ W -1
50		4.56	3.44	3♦ W -1
	110	1.75	6.25	3♦ W
	110	1.75	6.25	3♦ W
	130	0.06	7.94	3♦ W +1

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

NS was doubled to protect the 3D bid making versus 3S going down 1. This is also 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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**Board 16**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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



*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♠

Dbl

	HE	♠	♥	♦	♣	+	-
East	>12						
West							

What's Your Plan & Bid?

- 1NT
- 2♦
- 2♥
- 2NT

If you are using 2/1 and 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"

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**Board 16**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	
Rdbl			Dbl

- ❖ After opponent's TOX, a Redouble proclaims:
  - Partner, it is our hand;
  - No 4-card support for your major;
  - 10+HE;
  - if RHO bids your 2<sup>nd</sup> suit, please Double otherwise;
  - Let me make the next bid for our side.
- ❖ Bidding a suit instead of XX typically shows less than 10 HE or a hand that is offensively oriented.

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.

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**Board 17**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul



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

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
 1 ♥                      Pass

	HE	♠	♥	♦	♣	+	-
<b>North</b>	>12						
<b>South</b>							

What's Your Plan & Bid?

- 1 ♠
- 1NT
- 2 ♥
- 2NT
- 3 ♥

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/  
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