

Intermediate Lesson 3: Escape over 1 NT X

Board 1 ♠ 9 7
North Deals ♥ 10 7 3 2
None Vul ♦ A K 7 6
♣ 8 5 4

♠ K Q 5
♥ A Q 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ Q J 2

♠ 10 4 3 2
♥ 8 6
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 6

♠ A J 8 6
♥ K J 4
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A 10 3

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

The double shows West has at least 15/16+ HCP and wishes to penalise NS.

North shows 4 ♦ and 4 of a major. Opener now bids 2 ♥ as they know they are at least in a 4-3 fit and hope partner may have spades, which would be even better.

It is not likely North would have 5 diamonds, as they would have redoubled instead

Board 5 ♠ A Q 10 7
North Deals ♥ Q 7 3
N-S Vul ♦ J 7 6
♣ K Q 9

♠ 8 6 5 4
♥ 4 2
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ A J 8

♠ K J 9
♥ K 9 8
♦ A K Q 5
♣ 10 6 5

♠ 3 2
♥ A J 10 6 5
♦ 3 2
♣ 7 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Dbl	Rdbl
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
			All Pass

The double shows East has at least 15/16+ HCP and wishes to penalise NS.

South redoubles to show a single suiter hand. North bids 2 ♣ to allow partner to show their suit.

South bids 2 ♥ to show a 5+ card heart suit

Board 2 ♠ 10 9 8 6
East Deals ♥ 4 2
N-S Vul ♦ A J 4 2
♣ 8 7 5

♠ K 7 4
♥ 10 9 5
♦ 6
♣ Q 9 6 4 3 2

♠ Q J 3
♥ A 8 7 6
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ A K

♠ A 5 2
♥ K Q J 3
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ J 10

West	North	East	South
Rdbl	Pass	1 NT	Dbl
		2 ♣	All pass

The double shows South has at least 15/16 HCP and wishes to penalise EW.

West redoubles to show a weak, single suiter hand and happily passes partner's 2 ♣

If West bids any other suit, that is their long suit and East must pass

Board 6 ♠ 10 9 8 6
East Deals ♥ 9 5 3
E-W Vul ♦ Q 10 5
♣ K 8 6

♠ K 7 2
♥ J 10 8 2
♦ 9 7
♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A J 4 3
♥ A Q 6
♦ J 4 3 2
♣ J 9

♠ Q 5
♥ K 7 4
♦ A K 8 6
♣ A Q 7 2

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

The double shows South has at least 15/16+ HCP and wishes to penalise EW.

West bids 2 ♣ to show 4 ♣ and 4 of a higher suit.

With only 2 clubs, East looks for West's other suit. Eventually, the 4-3 heart fit is found.

Board 3 ♠ 10 7 5 3
South Deals ♥ K Q 7
E-W Vul ♦ A 2
♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A K Q 9
♥ 8 3 2
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ K 10

♠ 8 6 4
♥ 10 9 4
♦ J 9 5
♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ J 2
♥ A J 6 5
♦ Q 8 4 3
♣ A J 5

West	North	East	South
Dbl	All pass		1 NT

The double shows West has at least 15/16+ HCP and wishes to penalise EW

North passes, happy to play 1NTX as they have enough points (8+). East passes with nowhere to go

Board 7 ♠ K Q 10 9 5 2
South Deals ♥ A 10
Both Vul ♦ 9 3 2
♣ 4 3

♠ 8 7 6
♥ K J 9 4
♦ A K 5
♣ A J 8

♠ J 3
♥ 8 5 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 10 7 6 5 2

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7 6 3
♦ J 8 7 6
♣ K Q 9

West	North	East	South
Dbl	2 ♠	All pass	1 NT

The double shows West has at least 15/16 HCP and wishes to penalise NS.

North bids 2 ♠ constructively. This is a better hand than going via redouble.

Were North to redouble and then bid 2 ♠ over 2 ♣, they would show the same shape but with less HCP.

Board 4 ♠ A 9 4
West Deals ♥ J 10 6
Both Vul ♦ K Q 5
♣ A K 10 9

♠ Q 10 6 2
♥ A K 5
♦ J 3
♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ K 7 5 3
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ 9 8 7
♣ J 4

♠ J 8
♥ Q 9 3
♦ A 10 6 4 2
♣ 5 3 2

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

The double shows North has at least 15/16+ HCP and wishes to penalise EW

East bids 2 ♥ to show 4 ♥ and 4 ♠ - it is now easy for West to bid 2 ♠.

Given this is where EW wish to play, South who had shown a weak hand, could now compete in diamonds.

Board 8 ♠ Q 7 5
West Deals ♥ K 7 4
None Vul ♦ K 9 8 6 3
♣ A Q

♠ 9 2
♥ J 10 8 6
♦ A Q 10
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A K J 8 6
♥ A Q 3
♦ J 5
♣ K 8 6

♠ 10 4 3
♥ 9 5 2
♦ 7 4 2
♣ J 9 4 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Dbl	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

The double shows East has at least 15/16+ HCP and wishes to penalise NS

South is in trouble so chooses to bid 2 ♣ and comfortable enough to pass any bid opener makes.

EW bid on to 3 NT and NS are off the hook.