

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 8 7
♥ Q 6 5
♦ 4
♣ A K 10 8 6

♠ 3 2
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ J 4 2

N	E
W	S

♠ 6
♥ A K 10 9 7 2
♦ Q J 9 5 3
♣ 3

♠ A Q J 10 5 4
♥ —
♦ K 10 2
♣ Q 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
4♥	1♣	2NT	3♠
All pass	4♠	5♥	6♠

East's 2NT shows at least 5-5 in the red suits.

South's 3♠ forces to game. When West shows heart support, and East bids to the 5 level, South can anticipate most of their partner's honours are in the black suits.

With their own heart void and club support, 6♠ is a reasonable bid from South. 6♠ should make comfortably.

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ —
♥ A K 10 7 6 5
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ K 7 2

♠ K Q 10 8 6 4 3 2
♥ 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 10 4

N	E
W	S

♠ A J 9 7
♥ 9 4
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ A 8 3

♠ 5
♥ Q J 8 3
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
4♠	1♥	Dbl	2♥
5♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
	Dbl	All pass	

South's heart raise convinces North to bid on to 5♥.

West has extreme shape. Therefore, they bid on to 5♠, a good sacrifice against the making 5♥ contract.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A 8 7 6
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 5 2

♠ 5
♥ 10 2
♦ K Q J 10 2
♣ A J 10 7 3

N	E
W	S

♠ A 8 6 2
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ Q 9 8 6

♠ J 10 7 4
♥ K Q J 9 4 3
♦ A
♣ K 4

West	North	East	South
2NT	3♥	Pass	1♥
All pass		5♣	5♥

West's 2NT shows both minors, Michaels style. East can anticipate that South is about to bid 4♥ and that 5 of a minor will be a good sacrifice. Hence, East jumps to 5♣ giving South a very difficult decision. The winning action, as long as they start with ♦A is to pass or double 5♣, down one only on that lead. South is more likely to bid 5♥, a contract which should always be one down.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 7 3
♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ A 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 2
♥ A Q J 9 5
♦ Q J 9 6 3
♣ 9

N	E
W	S

♠ A Q 8 5 4
♥ K 10 6
♦ K 5 2
♣ 6 3

♠ 10 9 6
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A K 10 8 5 4

West	North	East	South
3♥	5♣	1♠	3♣
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
			All pass

At favourable vulnerability, North should jump straight to game after their partner's weak jump overcall.

East has no clear action over 5♣ but West will bid their other 5-card suit, with the making heart game being reached.

5♣X will only score 500 against 650 for game by EW.

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K 10 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ 7 6

♠ J
♥ A K 9 2
♦ 9 3
♣ A K Q 5 4 3

N	E
W	S

♠ Q 5
♥ J 10 6 5
♦ K J 5 2
♣ J 9 8

♠ A 9 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 10 6
♣ 10 2

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Dbl	Pass
5♥	All pass		

North will compete to 4♠ after West's jump to game in the hope of a sacrifice as South has shown at least 5 spades with their 1♠ bid. With values in diamonds, East doubles.

West has values and shape, which is more suitable for playing the hand. Thanks to a successful heart finesse, West is correct. 4♠x has 6 losers, only +500 against 650 for making 5♥.

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q J 10
♥ 9
♦ J 6
♣ A 10 9 8 6 2

♠ 6 4
♥ K Q 8 7 6
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q J 7

N	E
W	S

♠ 2
♥ A J 10 4 3 2
♦ A K 9
♣ K 5 3

♠ A 9 8 7 5 3
♥ 5
♦ 10 8 7 4 3
♣ 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	All pass

West knows their side has at least 10 hearts so uses a "Law Raise" to the 4 level.

North can then compete to 4♠ but should not bid any more if East bids 5♥ with the hope of making 11 tricks.

A club ruff beats 5♥ and shows why "the 5 level belongs to the opposition". NS have done well to push their opponents to the 5 level. 5♠ has three losers.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ A Q 9 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ Q J 10 2

♠ K 5
♥ K Q J 8 7 6
♦ A 10 8
♣ K 5

N	E
W	S

♠ 3 2
♥ A 10 5 2
♦ K Q 6 5
♣ 7 4 3

♠ J 10 8 4
♥ 9
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ A 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All pass		

South's jump to 3♠ is a pre-emptive bid. West's 4♥ may end the auction as North has limited values. However, North bids 4♠ which West should double. Note:

East leaves the decision over 4♠ to their partner, the player in their partnership who bid game. West's hand is too balanced to bid to the 5-level. East-West can make 4♥ while North-South should be just one down doubled in 4♠.

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 10 7 6 5
♥ J
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ 8
♥ A Q 4 2
♦ K Q J 9 3 2
♣ J 2

N	E
W	S

♠ Q 2
♥ K 10 9 8 5 3
♦ 8 7
♣ A Q 5

♠ K 9 4 3
♥ 7 6
♦ A 10 4
♣ K 8 7 6

West	North	East	South
1♦	2♠	3♥	4♠
5♥	All pass		

With a known 10-card fit, South should jump to the spade game but should defend at the 5 level, after West judges to compete to 5♥, a very reasonable, but wrong action on the hand.

North will take no further action as they described their hand with their 2♠ jump. 5♥ should be defeated with a club switch after a spade lead.