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While waiting for 10am – Week 12

What do you open as North? (Vulnerability = None)

{N} {E} {S} {W}
?

♠ J8754

♥ J

♦ A632

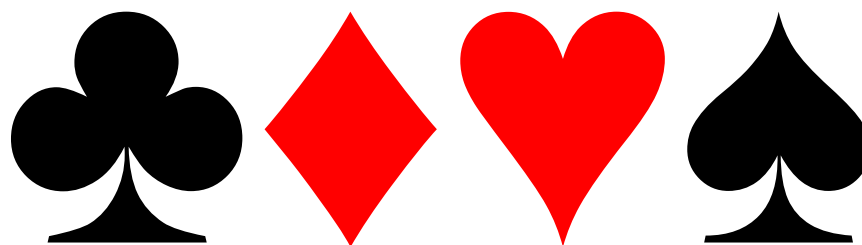
♣ KQ4



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Week 12 Welcome



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{N} {E} {S} {W}
?

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Describe and evaluate the hand.

5431 11hcp $-\frac{1}{2}$ for L1JH +0 for S:Jxxxx (Too weak to add extra)
10½Pts

Rule of 20 suggests $11 + 5 + 4 = 20$ but Pts are less than hcp.

The recommendation here is **Pass**.



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Week 12 Responding

O is Opener. **R** is Responder.

OSuit is short for Opener's suit, **RSuit** for Responder's different suit, and **JPts** for Joint Points.

Generally this applies to OSuit being a Major since, with a Minor, a No Trump contract is preferred.

Do not forget to re-evaluate your hands to include shortage points etc as soon as a fit is known.

Responder will know before, and Opener will know after, the supporting bid.



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Week 12 Responding

There are three categories of responder's bid after an opening 1:OSuit

- a) Support for Opener - mostly L4+OSuit
- b) A different suit - mostly L3-OSuit and L4+RSuit
- c) No Trumps - balanced hands or L5+Minors (*previously dealt with and summarised next*)

So there is consideration of various suits. Major being "better". Almost always "longest first". *It gets interesting with two equal length suits.*

And point count ~ resulting in Pass, Raise, Jump or Game as appropriate.

Some of those are forcing ~ for one round or to Game. Some are Invitations ~ to Game or Slam.

There are many bids that assist in bidding (or not) a slam. I am leaving those bids to another week.



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Week 12 Bids in No Trumps Summary

O	R	Details	Note
1:OSuit		12..19Pts, L4+OSuit.	
	Pass	0..5Pts, any shape. Includes balanced	
	1NT	6..9Pts, any shape. Can't bid at 2:level	
	2NT	10..12Pts, balanced.	Will change
	3NT	13..15Pts, balanced.	May change

No Trump bids later in the auction tend to be when a Major suit fit cannot be found. Depending upon the specifics of each hand, it is common to want to play a Minor suit fit in NT as the score for "n" tricks is much better in NT than ♣ or ♦. With enough points for Game, 3NT is frequently easier than 5Minor.

No Trumps can also happen if Opener has a balanced hand & 15+Pts.

O	R	O	Details
1:OSuit	1R:Suit	1NT	O has 15..17Pts and a balanced hand
1:OSuit	1R:Suit	#2NT	O has 18..19Pts and a balanced hand
1:OSuit	2R:Suit	2NT	O has 15..19Pts and a balanced hand



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Week 12 Raising Opener's Suit (and more)

Support for Opener's 1:OSuit.

Each of the following bids needs some form of support, that is 'some' length in OSuit. A fit has been found.

R: 0..5Pts,
L4+OSuit

Pass. A fit has been found, the hand **has been re-evaluated** to account for shortages, and there are **still too few** points to respond.



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Week 12 Raising Opener's Suit (and more)

R: 6..9Pts, **2:OSuit** *Support Opener with L4+OSuit.*
L4+OSuit

With 6..9 Pts, support your partner who opened.

○ won't bid on unless he is strong, 16+Pts.

With 6..9Pts, **R**'s hand is not strong enough to bid at the 2:level.

When the only alternative bid is the rubbish bin bid (**1NT**), **R can** use **2:OSuit with only L3OSuit**. This will cause some confusion but is generally better than 1NT.

The above is summarised on the next slide as...

R: 6..9Pts, **2:OSuit** But if the only alternative bid is the rubbish bin
L4+OSuit bid, **1NT**, can use **2:OSuit** with only L3OSuit.



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Week 12 Raising Opener's Suit (and more)

R: 6..9Pts,
L4+OSuit

If O has:

2:OSuit But if the only alternative bid is the rubbish bin bid, 1NT, can use 2:OSuit with only L3OSuit.

19Pts, (Joint $19 + 6..9 = 25..28$). Game is on.
O rebids 4:OSuit.

16..18Pts, (Joint $16..18 + 6..9 = 22..27$).

Game may be on. O can invite with 3:OSuit.

R rebids 4:OSuit with "good_8"..9 (24..27JPts).

Otherwise R bids Pass.

15-Pts, (Joint $15- + 6..9 = 21-..24-$). No Game, Pass.

TSuit is the
Trial Suit.

16..18Pts, **L5+OSuit** & a weak suit with 3+losers in it,
O can use a **Major Suit Trial Bid** and bid the suit he is worried about. (*A 9+ card fit in OSuit.*)

R bids Game 4:OSuit with 0 or 1 TSuit losers,
or with 2 TSuit losers and 8..9Pts.

R signs off in 3:OSuit with 3 TSuit losers,
or with 2 TSuit losers and 6..7Pts.



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Major Suit Trial bid example {W} is opener, {E} is responder.

{W}	{E}	{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
♠ AQJ72	♠ K963	1S	P	2S	P
♥ 74	♥ A85	3C	P	3S	P
♦ AJ	♦ 7	P[1]			
♣ A854	♣ 9763				

1S 12..19Pts, L4+S (16hcp, 17Pts (+1 L5S))

2S 6..9Pts, L4+S

3C {W} knows 9*S, he has 17Pts so needs {E} to hold 8..9Pts for 25JPts. He could bid 3S as a standard invite but prefers to say: "I have problem with my C suit, can you help?"

3S {E} has 7Pts and FOUR losers in C, so cannot help with C. Therefore signoff in at the lowest level in the agreed suit (S)

P[1] *The first Pass being commented upon.*

{W} sees {E}'s sign-off, so passes.

Swap {E} ♣ & ♦ round and with only one club loser, {E} would bid 4S.



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Week 12 Raising Opener's Suit (and more)

R: 10..12Pts, **3:OSuit** This invites Game if Opener strong enough.
L4+OSuit

If O has: 18..19Pts, (Joint $18..19 + 10..12 = 28..31$). Game is on
and a SLAM may be. Investigate a slam (*another week*).
For now treat just like 15..17Pts.

15..17Pts, (Joint $15..17 + 10..12 = 25..29$). Game is on.
Slam is unlikely. O rebids **4:OSuit**.

Invite impossible?

12..14Pts, (Joint $12..14 + 10..12 = 22..26$).
O bids **Pass**.



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There are two types of 13+Pts response.

One where there are few **hcp** but the hand is **shapely**.

The other where the hand is distributed more **evenly** with 'many' **hcp**.

In both cases Responder has enough for game.

In the first case that is the limit of R's aspirations.

But in the second case, a Slam may be possible.

First case:

R: 0..9hcp, 13+Pts, **4:OSuit** (or 12+Pts if L6+OSuit)
L4+OSuit

Use when R has a weak (hcp), shapely hand (good Pts).

Then Responder can just bid Game, knowing he is not interested in a slam. This bid is pre-emptive.



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Week 12 Raising Opener's Suit (and more)

Second case:

R: 10+hcp, 13+Pts,
L4+OSuit

Use a **Delayed Game Raise**.

R bids another suit (*Rarely, this may be L3NewSuit.*)
then raises to Game on his rebid.

The Delayed Game Raise promises L4+OSuit, (*not the first RSuit*).
A delayed raise to some other level is just showing preference.
Often Opener's response will also have promised L5+OSuit.

Compare these two {E} hands responding to {W}'s opening 1H, which obviously has 12..19Pts and L4+H.

		♠ T96				♠ 85		
	(7hcp)	♥ AKT763			(13hcp)	♥ A963		
		♦ 6				♦ AQ7		
		♣ 953				♣ K964		
{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}	{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}	
1H	P	#4H		1H	P	2C	P	
				2D	P	#4H		



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Week 12 Raising Opener's Suit Summary

O	R	O	R	Details	Note
1:OSuit				12..19Pts, L4+OSuit.	Open
	Pass			0..5Pts, any shape. Includes L4+OSuit	
	2:OSuit			6..9Pts, L4+OSuit. Rarely L3OSuit	
		Pass		15-Pts	No Game
		3:OSuit		16..18Pts	Invitational
			Pass	6..poor_8	No Game
			4:OSuit	good_8..9	Game
		2/3:NewSuit		16..18Pts, L5+OSuit, weak suit, 'help'	
			3:OSuit	3 losers in NewSuit or 2 & weak suit	
			4:OSuit	0,1 losers in NewSuit or 2 & strong	
		4:OSuit		19Pts	Game
	3:OSuit			10..12Pts, L4+OSuit	
		Pass		12..14Pts	Unlikely Game
		4:OSuit		15..17(..19)Pts	Game (Slam?)
	4:OSuit			9-hcp, 13+Pts	Pre-emptive
	Delayed Game Raise			10+hcp, 13+Pts	Game, Slam?



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Week 12 Play

Play

Play as if "Duplicate Pairs".

{NS} have the pair number of their table, {N} has his back to the stage.
{EW} have the pair number of their table plus 8.

Play boards in sequence. Have an incoming pile and an outgoing pile.
Pass outgoing to next lower numbered table – Table 1 to highest table.

Some boards have instructions on card. **The appropriate people should read each card at the time it says and follow its instructions.**

If you play a board twice, record the second play on the traveller using your pair numbers PLUS TEN (eg 1 v 9 becomes 11 v 19)

*If you wish to fill in a personal results card, they are available here.
They are commonly used at duplicate clubs.*

Don't forget to describe partner's bids and plays to the table.

Any questions?

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (25p)

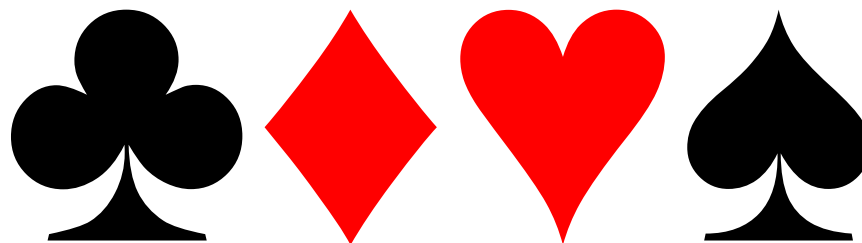
PLAY



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Week 12



The end

Week 12 set hand
references follow.



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Week 12 Set hands

Set hand sources and abbreviations

PPBH:Ch6	Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand
AR:CMHAT	Andrew Robson: Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them
Dlr	Dealer (NESW).
Vul	Vulnerability (None NS EW All).
Rotn	Rotation Defined by one card, usually A♠. Mostly different to source publication.
Dcl	Declarer (NESW)
OL	Opening Lead
Trk	Tricks (0..13)
NS# EW#	Score for NS or EW
NS% EW%	Percentage of NS and EW
Ref	Reference result (Sometimes there may be more than one)

Blue results as played.

Red results are reference results.



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Week 12 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn
8	W	None	AR:CMHAT#14	A♠={W}

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	3H=	E	4S	9	-	140	50	50
Ref	3H=	W	7D	9	-	140	50	50

The expected auction was 1S (-) 2C (-) / 2H (-) 3H (-) / - (-)
 The actual auction was 1S (-) 2H (-) / 3H (-) - (-)



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Week 12 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source						Rotn	
9	N	EW	PPBH:Ch6#A+Deal						A♠={N}	

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	4S-1	N	KH	9	-	50	0	100
Ref	4S=	N	KH	10	420	-	100	0

The key to this hand was in the planning at trick 1.

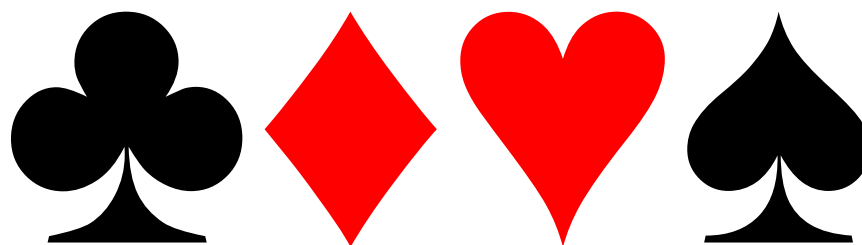
It was obvious that there were too many losers, and the plan needed to include a way of getting rid of one. Discarding it on a master Diamond was the answer, but that required playing Diamonds immediately and delaying drawing trumps (since the trump finesse failed) until after that.



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Week 12



The very end