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While waiting for 10am – Week 11

How do you win 5 tricks in this suit in a NT contract?

{W}

{N}

{E}

{S}

♥ KQT65

♥ A982

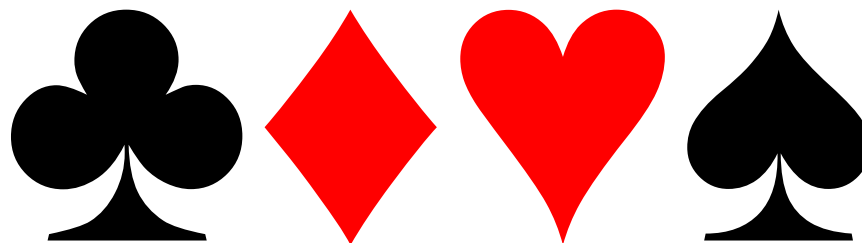
There are no outside entries for cross-overs.



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Week 11 Welcome



Steve Bailey



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How do you win 5 tricks in this suit in a NT contract?

{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
♥ KQT65		♥ A982	

There are no outside entries for cross-overs.

{EW} are only missing H:J743.

There is **no problem** if the missing cards split **2:2** or **3:1**. The **H:KAQ** will draw them and H:T6 will remain as master. So win the first trick in the hand with **two** masters to see if/where a 4:0 split exists.

W}	{N}	{E}	{S}	<i>Four trick 1s:</i>
♥ KQT65	♥ J74	♥ A982	♥ 3	<i>No problem.</i>
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♥ KQT65	♥ J743	♥ A982	discard	
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First consider {N} having L4H.



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When {N} has L4H.

{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}
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Win first trick in the hand with two masters ({W} H:KQ) to check split.
Lead KS or 2S>KS. Assume {N} plays his lowest H. {S} discards.

♥ KQT65	♥ J743	♥ A982	discard
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Run 10H unless {N} plays JH when win KH.

♥ _QT65	♥ J74_	♥ A98_	- Run 10H
♥ _Q_65	♥ J7__	♥ A9__	- Low to AH
♥ _Q_6_	♥ J___	♥ _9__	- 9H to QH beats JH
♥ ___6_	♥ _____	♥ _____	- Finally win 6H

Or if {N} plays JH at trick 2.

♥ _QT65	♥ J74_	♥ A98_	- AH beats JH
♥ _Q_65	♥ _74_	♥ _98_	- Win 9H
♥ _Q_6_	♥ _7__	♥ ___8_	- 8H to QH
♥ ___6_	♥ _____	♥ _____	- Finally win 6H

Next consider {S} having L4H.



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And when {S} has L4H.

{W}	{N}	{E}	{S}	
Win first trick in the hand with two masters ({W} H:KQ) to check split.				
Lead KS or 2S>KS. Assume {N} plays his lowest H. {S} discards.				

♥ KQT65	discard	♥ A982	♥ J743	
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Cross to {E} using AH.

♥ _QT65	-	♥ A98_	♥ J74_	
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Then run 8H unless JH played when win with QH.

♥ _QT6_	-	♥ _98_	♥ J7_	Run 8H
♥ _QT_	-	♥ _9_	♥ J_	QH beats JH
♥ _T_	-	♥ _____	♥ _____	Win 10H

Or if {S} plays JH at trick 3.

♥ _QT6_	-	♥ _98_	♥ J7_	QH beats JH
♥ _T6_	-	♥ _9_	♥ _7_	Win 10H
♥ ___6_	-	♥ _____	♥ _____	Win 6H

So all possible situations can be managed.



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Week 10 Slams

For a Small No Trump slam, **6NT**, you want **33+hcp**.

Nominally that is "all 40 hcp except for an AK".

As long as the missing Ace and King are in different suits, you can reasonably hope to lose to the missing Ace but to beat the missing King with your Ace.

For a grand No Trump slam, **7NT**, you want **37+hcp**.

Nominally that is "all 40 hcp except for a K".

You can reasonably hope to beat the missing King with your Ace.

Just determine your **Joint Pointcount** and bid appropriately.

If the JPt range **may** meet the threshold **ask**.

Ask using the next "spare" NT bid up.

If the JPt range meets the next threshold, just **bid** it.



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Week 11 NT Thresholds

The three thresholds are

25Pts for a Game

Ask with 2NT. Respond Pass or 3NT.

Bid 3NT.

33Pts for a Small slam

Ask with 4NT. Respond Pass or 6NT.

Bid 6NT.

37Pts for a Grand slam

Ask with 5NT. Respond 6NT or 7NT.

Bid 7NT.



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Week 11 Making a Plan in No Trumps

Bernard Magee has a freely available series of YouTube videos on this topic:

- Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8I7zNt4Rbs>
- Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41VP-Yaykq4>
- Part 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5vqTybfKUo>
- Part 4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdgYXm0voWk>
- Part 5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r661tTy6PRo>

Last year we watched Parts 1 & 2.

I suggest that you try watching all 5 parts at home.

Each seminar lasts about 20 minutes starts a couple of minutes in.

This presentation provides a summary.



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- A** Aim Decide what you want to achieve - it will not always be "the contract".
- TT** Top Tricks Count TT: A or AK or AKQ or AKQJ etc.
- IT** Increase Tricks (*I use **XT** eXtra Tricks.*) Work out how and what may get XT.
- WD** Worry about Defence What can go wrong.
- E** Entries/Execution How to go about making your XT.

Then put it all together, before playing the first trick from dummy, as a plan for 13 tricks.



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In **Duplicate Teams** bridge it will be "make the contract" with little interest in overtricks - especially not any that could go wrong.

In **Duplicate Pairs** bridge, it will be "get the highest score". Overtricks are worth taking risks for. Sometimes a sacrificial bid will get a better score for you ~ Eg your 3Dx-1 = -100 compared to their 2H✓ = -110 (or if they bid on to 3H-1 = +50) ~ all as seen from your POV.



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(5332)	(4432)		
♠ K98	♠ AQ72	3	S:AKQ
♥ KQT65	♥ A982	3	H:AKQ or (5 AKQ_T9) (The pre-10am hands)
♦ KJ8	♦ Q7	0	D: No Ace
♣ KQ	♣ AJ7	3	C:AKQ (JC is wasted)
		9 TT	(11 TT)



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♠ K84

♠ AQJ732

6 S:AKQJxx

(Only 4 missing covered by AKQJ so 73 become masters.)

But this assumes that you draw all the missing cards before playing your small cards. *You have to play the cards in the right order.*



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IT Increase Tricks (*I use **XT** eXtra Tricks.*) Work out how and what may get XT.

Typically you can get eXtra Tricks using some of:

Force / High Cards

♦ KJ8 ♦ Q7 Lose QD→AD, Win D:KJ [2][-1]

Length

♣ KQ6432 ♣ J7 Lose JC→AC, [-1]

Win C:KQ as high cards, [2]

if split was 3:2, C:AT985 are drawn and

C:643 are length winners [3]

Technique

Finesse, Deep finesse, Squeeze, Endplay etc.

♠ AQ32 ♠ 84 Finesse QS, 50% unless "info" [1/2][-1/2]



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WD Worry about Defence What can go wrong.

Can the Defenders "hold up" playing their high card by ducking and cut your hands off from each other?

What if the Defenders have an unbalanced split?

Eg not 3:2 but 4:1 or even 5:0?

Will that adversely affect your length tricks?

And more...



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E Entries/Execution How to go about making your XT.

To establish tricks in a long suit, you often have to lose tricks (or in a suited contract, ruff in the other hand).

You need an entry for each loss and one more entry to take the winners.

More another day:



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We also studied an example deal.



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Week 11 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)

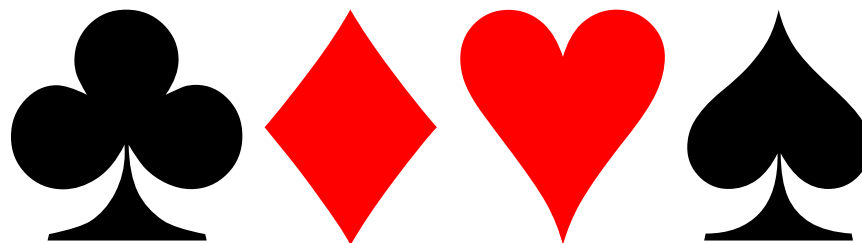
PLAY



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Week 11



The end

Week 11 set hand
references follow.



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Week 11 Set hands

Set hand sources

AR:BL~DNC	Andrew Robson: Bridge Lessons ~ Declaring NT Contracts
BM:PQ	Bernard Magee: Play Quiz
BSAnnn	Bernard Magee: Big Seminar n
PCB	EBU: Practice Continuing Bridge
PM:RWPB	Paul Mendelson: Right Way to Play Bridge



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Week 11 Set hands

Set hand abbreviations

Bd	Board	Number of the board. Rarely may include a colour! Eg 5red or 5blue.
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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BdDir	Vul	Source	Rotn
1 N	None	(PCB~set5#1)(major var)	A♠=N

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	7NT-1	S	6S	12	-	50	0%	100%
4 12	7NT=	N	4D	13	1520	-	75%	25%
Ref	7NT=	N	10D	13	1520	-	75%	25%



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BdDir Vul **Source** **Rotn**
 2 E NS AR:BL~DNC#40b(var) A♠=E

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	3NT+2	E	4C	11	-	460	25%	75%
4 12	6NT-1	E	4C	11	50	-	100%	0%
Ref	4NT+1	E	4S	11	-	460	25%	75%



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BdDir	Vul	Source	Rotn
3 S	EW	BSA001~sh#2 (var)	A♠=S

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2 10	6NT-2	S	10D	10	-	100	17%	83%
3 11	6NT-2	S	QD	10	-	100	17%	83%
4 12	3NT+1	S	JD	10	430	-	83%	17%
Ref	3NT+1	S	QD	10	430	-	83%	17%



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BdDir	Vul	Source							Rotn
4 W	All	BM:PQ#178							A♠=E
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%	
2 10	6NT-1	W	KS	11	100	-	100%	0%	
3 11	4NT+2	W	KS	12	-	690	50%	50%	
Ref	6NT=	W	KS	2	-	1440	0%	100%	



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BdDir	Vul	Source	Rotn
5 N	NS	PM:RWPBpg81+Deal	A♠=N

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2 10	7NT-1	S	7D	12	-	100		
3 11	4S+3	N	KC	13	710	-		
Ref	7NT=	S	3C	13	2220	-		



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BdDir	Vul	Source	Rotn
6 E	EW	BSA001~sh#7(var)	A♠=E

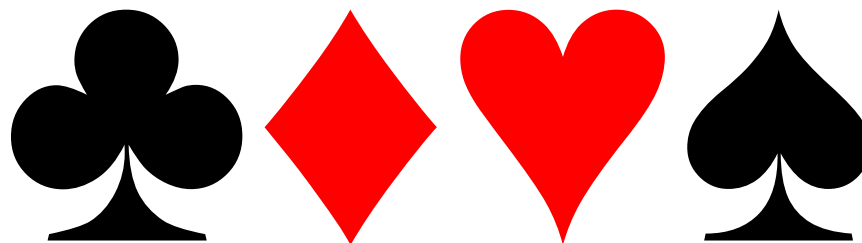
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1 9	6NT=	W JS	12 -	1440	50%	50%		
Ref	6NT=	W JD	12 -	1440	50%	50%		



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The very end