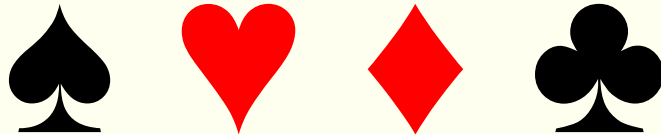


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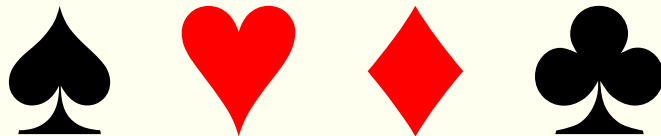
Week 6

Both Sides Are Bidding



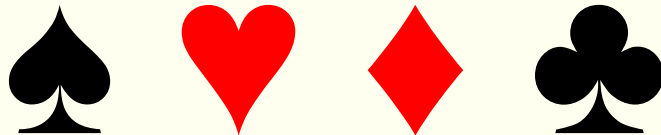
THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

- The number of Total Tricks in a hand is approximately equal to the total number of trumps held by both sides, each in its respective suit. (Jean-René Verne, 1969)
- Thus, if N-S hold 9 spades and E-W have 9 hearts, the total number of trumps is 18. If you add the tricks made by N-S in ♠ to those by E-W in ♥, the total should also be 18.



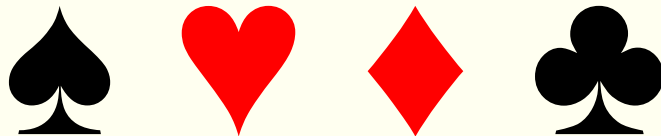
THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

- The law means that perhaps both sides can make 9 tricks or perhaps one side 10 and the other 8. Or one side 11 and the other 7 if there is disparity between HCP in 2 hands.
- This isn't really a law. It is just a theory believed by the original author to be true 50% of the time and accurate within one trick 90% of the time.



THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

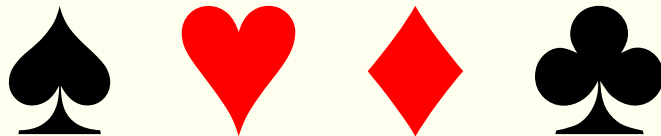
- If we have an 8 trump fit, we should be happy to go to the 2 level.
- If we have an 9 trump fit, we should be happy to go to the 3 level.
- If we have an 10 trump fit, we should be happy to go to the 4 level.
- Avoid being pushed to the 4 level without a 10 card trump fit or 25+ TP.



THE BATTLE FOR THE PART SCORE

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	?	

- Both sides have 8 trumps (maybe more) so there should be 16 tricks available.
- If NS can make 8 tricks, EW will be one down in 3♥ (-50 or -100 instead of -110).
- Don't sell out at 2 level if total trumps = 16



THE BATTLE FOR THE PART SCORE

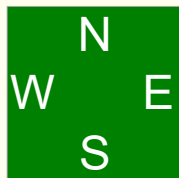
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♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 2
♣ A 7 5

	NT			
	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	7	8	4	6
S	7	8	4	6
E	6	5	9	7
W	6	5	9	7

♠ A Q 10 7 4
♥ Q 6 5
♦ A J
♣ 7 5 2

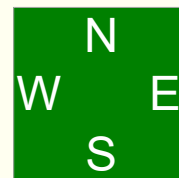
	NT			
	♠	♥	♦	♣
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S	5	7	4	6
E	8	5	8	7
W	8	6	8	7

♠ 8 6
♥ A J 10 3 2
♦ K Q 8
♣ Q 8 6



♠ 5 3 2
♥ 9 8 7
♦ A 9 5 4
♣ K J 9

♠ 8 6
♥ A J 10 3 2
♦ K Q 8
♣ Q 8 6

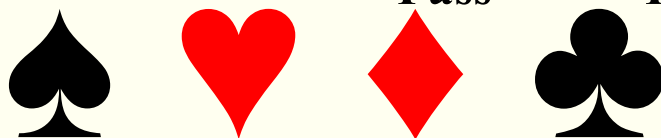


♠ K J 3
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ A 9 3

♠ K J 9
♥ K 4
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ 10 4 3 2

♠ 9 5 2
♥ K 4
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ K J 10 4

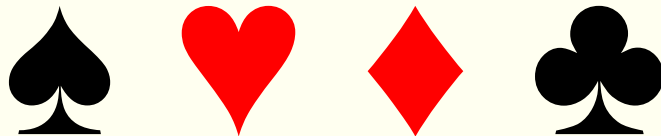
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1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	?		Pass	Pass	?	



THE BATTLE FOR THE PART SCORE

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 	Pass	1 	Pass
2 	Pass	Pass	?

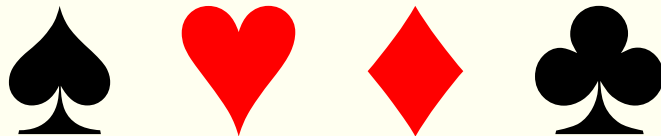
- They have a trump fit and usually so will you.
- Then, total trumps = 16 and high cards are nearly evenly divided since they stopped.
- Bid a 5+ card suit or double with short spades to try to push them to the 3 level.



THE BATTLE FOR THE PART SCORE

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
Pass	?		

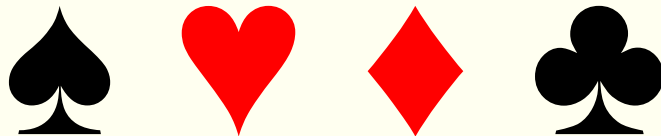
- This is the balancing situation from last week.
- If we have a fit, total trumps = 16 and high cards are nearly evenly divided since they stopped.
- Bid a 5+ card suit or double with short hearts to try to push them to the 3 level.



THE BATTLE FOR THE PART SCORE

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	Pass	?

- They may or may not have a fit.
- We can't estimate total trumps so law of total tricks tells us nothing. Usually pass.
- They may have stopped because of a misfit, not through lack of high cards.



GAME TRY DOUBLE

♠ A J 10 7 5
♥ A 6
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 7 5



♠ K Q 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 9 8 6 3

West

1 ♠

?

North

2 ♥

East

2 ♠

South

3 ♥

♠ A J 10 7 5 4
♥ A 6
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 7 5



♠ K Q 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 9 8 6 3

West

1 ♠

?

North

2 ♥

East

2 ♠

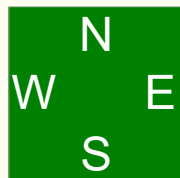
South

3 ♥



GAME TRY DOUBLE

♠ A J 10 7 5
♥ A 6
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 7 5



♠ K Q 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 9 8 6 3

West
1 ♠
Dbl

North
2 ♥
Pass

East
2 ♠
4 ♠

South
3 ♥
All pass

♠ A J 10 7 5 4
♥ A 6
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 7 5



♠ K Q 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 9 8 6 3

West
1 ♠
3 ♠

North
2 ♥
All pass

East
2 ♠

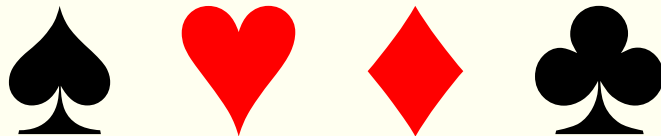
South
3 ♥



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

What May Help You Decide to Bid or Not

- How good is our fit?
- Who has more HCP?
- Do we have a second suit that may be a source of tricks? Do we have high cards in that suit?
- Do we have length and strength in their suit? If you are short in their suit, let your partner decide.



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠	9
♥	A 10 8 7 5
♦	7 5 4
♣	K Q 9 6



West

North

East

South

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠	10 3 2
♥	Q J 6
♦	J 9 8 6
♣	A 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

West
Pass

North
?

East

South



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals
E-W Vul



♠	K 8 6
♥	9 4 2
♦	A K Q 2
♣	J 8 5

West
Pass

North
Pass

East
?

South



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals
E-W Vul



♠	A Q J 7 5 4
♥	K 3
♦	10 3
♣	10 7 4

West
Pass

North
Pass

East
1 ♦

South
?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠	9
♥	A 10 8 7 5
♦	7 5 4
♣	K Q 9 6



West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

1 ♠

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠ 10 3 2
♥ Q J 6
♦ J 9 8 6
♣ A 3 2

N
W E
S

West
Pass
2 ♥

North
Pass
?

East
1 ♦

South
1 ♠



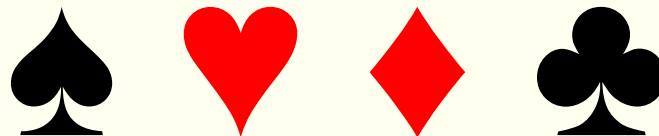
THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals
E-W Vul



♠	K 8 6
♥	9 4 2
♦	A K Q 2
♣	J 8 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	?	



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals
E-W Vul



♠ A Q J 7 5 4
♥ K 3
♦ 10 3
♣ 10 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥	?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠	9
♥	A 10 8 7 5
♦	7 5 4
♣	K Q 9 6



West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

1 ♠

2 ♥

2 ♠

3 ♥

3 ♠

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠ 10 3 2
♥ Q J 6
♦ J 9 8 6
♣ A 3 2

N
W E
S

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	?		



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals
E-W Vul



♠	K 8 6
♥	9 4 2
♦	A K Q 2
♣	J 8 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	?	



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 3 2

♥ Q J 6

♦ J 9 8 6

♣ A 3 2

♠ 9

♥ A 10 8 7 5

♦ 7 5 4

♣ K Q 9 6



♠ K 8 6

♥ 9 4 2

♦ A K Q 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ A Q J 7 5 4

♥ K 3

♦ 10 3

♣ 10 7 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

1 ♠

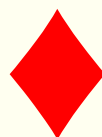
2 ♥

2 ♠

3 ♥

3 ♠

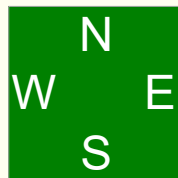
All pass



	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	7	8	4	5	5
S	7	8	4	5	5
E	4	4	9	7	8
W	4	4	9	7	8

THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

South Deals
None Vul



♠ A 4
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ K 4
♣ K Q J 6 4

West

North

East

South
?

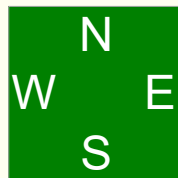


THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

South Deals

None Vul

♠	K Q J 9 8 6
♥	6
♦	J 10 8 7
♣	7 3



West

North

East

South

1 ♣

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠ 3 2
♥ K J 8 4
♦ A Q 6 5 2
♣ 10 8



West

North

East

South

2 ♠

?

1 ♣



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

South Deals
None Vul



♠	10 7 5
♥	Q 7 3 2
♦	9 3
♣	A 9 5 2

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Dbl

?

1 ♣



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

South Deals
None Vul



♠ A 4
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ K 4
♣ K Q J 6 4

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Dbl

3 ♠

1 ♣

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

South Deals

None Vul

♠	K Q J 9 8 6
♥	6
♦	J 10 8 7
♣	7 3



West

North

East

South

2 ♠
?

Dbl

3 ♠

1 ♣
4 ♥



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠ 3 2
♥ K J 8 4
♦ A Q 6 5 2
♣ 10 8

N
W E
S

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Dbl

3 ♠

1 ♣

Pass

?

4 ♥



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

South Deals
None Vul



♠	10 7 5
♥	Q 7 3 2
♦	9 3
♣	A 9 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
2 ♠	Dbl	3 ♠	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	?	



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 3 2
♥ K J 8 4
♦ A Q 6 5 2
♣ 10 8

♠ K Q J 9 8 6
♥ 6
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ 7 3



♠ 10 7 5
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 9 3
♣ A 9 5 2

♠ A 4
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ K 4
♣ K Q J 6 4

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Dbl

3 ♠

1 ♣

4 ♥

All pass



	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	8	5	11	10	11
S	8	5	11	10	11
E	1	7	1	2	1
W	1	7	1	2	1

THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

East Deals
None Vul



♠	K 6 3
♥	A
♦	A J 8 5 2
♣	K Q 9 6

West

North

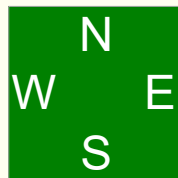
East
?

South



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

East Deals
None Vul



♠ J 8
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ Q 3
♣ A J 7 5 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

?

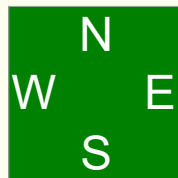


THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

East Deals

None Vul

♠	Q 10 5 4
♥	9 6 5 2
♦	10 9 6
♣	10 8



West

North

East

South

?

1 ♦

2 ♣



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠	A 9 7 2
♥	J 8 4 3
♦	K 7 4
♣	4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

West

North

East

South

Pass

?

1 ♦

2 ♣



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

East Deals
None Vul



♠	K 6 3
♥	A
♦	A J 8 5 2
♣	K Q 9 6

West

Pass

North

Pass

East
1 ♦
?

South
2 ♣



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7 2

♥ J 8 4 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ 4 3

♠ Q 10 5 4

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ 10 8



♠ K 6 3

♥ A

♦ A J 8 5 2

♣ K Q 9 6

♠ J 8

♥ K Q 10 7

♦ Q 3

♣ A J 7 5 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

2 ♣

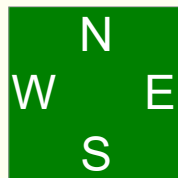
All pass



	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	6	6	9	4	7
S	6	6	9	4	7
E	6	7	4	8	5
W	6	7	4	8	5

THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠	8 6 5 3
♥	A K 7 6 3 2
♦	A 7
♣	4



West

North

East

South

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

North Deals
None Vul



♠	A 10 4
♥	Q
♦	K J 6
♣	10 7 6 5 3 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

North Deals
None Vul



♠	9
♥	J 10 9 8 4
♦	10 9 5 3
♣	Q J 9

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

North Deals

None Vul

♠	K Q J 7 2
♥	5
♦	Q 8 4 2
♣	A K 8



West

North

East

South

?

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A K 7 6 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ 4

N
W E
S

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

?



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

North Deals
None Vul



♠	A 10 4
♥	Q
♦	K J 6
♣	10 7 6 5 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	?	



THE BATTLE FOR THE CONTRACT

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 5 3

♥ A K 7 6 3 2

♦ A 7

♣ 4

♠ K Q J 7 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 8 4 2

♣ A K 8



♠ A 10 4

♥ Q

♦ K J 6

♣ 10 7 6 5 3 2

♠ 9

♥ J 10 9 8 4

♦ 10 9 5 3

♣ Q J 9

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All pass



	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	6	3	10	3	3
S	6	3	10	3	3
E	6	10	3	8	10
W	6	10	3	8	10