

# Summer Instant Matchpoint Game

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<p><b>Board: 1</b></p> <p>Dealer: N</p> <p>Vul: None</p> <p>♠ 10 7 2</p> <p>♥ Q 8 5 3 2</p> <p>♦ Q J 2</p> <p>♣ 10 6</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 5 3</p> <p>♥ 10</p> <p>♦ A K 8 4</p> <p>♣ 9 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K 8</p> <p>♥ A K J 6</p> <p>♦ 6 5</p> <p>♣ A J 8 5 3</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1♠ 1NT 2♠</p> <p>All Pass</p> <p>2♠ by North</p>	<p><b>Results of Board 1</b></p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Scores</th> <th>MPS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>.....</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>300</td><td>99</td></tr> <tr><td>170</td><td>96</td></tr> <tr><td>140</td><td>90</td></tr> <tr><td>110</td><td>85</td></tr> <tr><td>100</td><td>77</td></tr> <tr><td>50</td><td>57</td></tr> <tr><td>-50</td><td>37</td></tr> <tr><td>-90</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>-100</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>-140</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>-170</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>-300</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>.....</td><td>0</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Scores	MPS	.....	100	300	99	170	96	140	90	110	85	100	77	50	57	-50	37	-90	28	-100	24	-140	14	-170	5	-300	2	.....	0
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for a takeout double, so 1NT it is. If South chooses to raise to 2♠ (a good idea when not vulnerable), the auction will end there. If South chooses to pass, E/W will find their nine-card heart fit after West transfers to that suit. N/S may still compete after this action, but the immediate 2♠ raise would stop the bidding competition right there.

<p><b>Board: 2</b></p> <p>Dealer: E</p> <p>Vul: N-S</p> <p>♠ 9 7 3</p> <p>♥ A 9 6 4 2</p> <p>♦ 10</p> <p>♣ A K 5 4</p>	<p>♠ K Q J 8</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ K J 8 4 3 2</p> <p>♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♠ A 6 5 4 2</p> <p>♥ Q 10 8 5</p> <p>♦ Q 9 5</p> <p>♣ 2</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1♥ Pass Pass</p> <p>3♥ 2♦ 3♦ Dbl</p> <p>3♥ by West</p>	<p><b>Results of Board 2</b></p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Scores</th> <th>MPS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>.....</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>800</td><td>99</td></tr> <tr><td>670</td><td>97</td></tr> <tr><td>600</td><td>96</td></tr> <tr><td>500</td><td>94</td></tr> <tr><td>300</td><td>92</td></tr> <tr><td>150</td><td>87</td></tr> <tr><td>130</td><td>84</td></tr> <tr><td>100</td><td>72</td></tr> <tr><td>50</td><td>50</td></tr> <tr><td>-100</td><td>37</td></tr> <tr><td>-110</td><td>35</td></tr> <tr><td>-140</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>-200</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>-300</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>-420</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>-500</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>-530</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>-800</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>.....</td><td>0</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Scores	MPS	.....	100	800	99	670	97	600	96	500	94	300	92	150	87	130	84	100	72	50	50	-100	37	-110	35	-140	29	-200	21	-300	18	-420	16	-500	12	-530	6	-800	3	.....	0
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after partner's opening of 1♥. The singleton club, along with four-card heart support, provides trick-taking potential beyond our high card points. East should add 3 "dummy points" for their singleton when supporting partner's suit. This 3♦ bid shows 10+ total points and at least an eight-card fit for partner's suit. South's double of 3♦ shows support for diamonds without proceeding to the four level. West has their minimum so will sign off in 3♥. 3♥ will likely fail when declarer starts the trump suit by cashing the ♥A.

**Board: 3**

Dealer: S  
Vul: E-W

♠ K Q 10 9 7 6 4  
♥ 8 6  
♦ 10  
♣ 10 8 5

♠ 8 3  
♥ Q 9 5 4 2  
♦ J 7 5 4  
♣ Q J



♠ A  
♥ J  
♦ A K Q 9 8 6 3  
♣ A K 3 2  
  
♠ J 5 2  
♥ A K 10 7 3  
♦ 2  
♣ 9 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠	6♦	Pass
			All Pass

6♦ by East

What a hand! After North makes the normal 3♠ opening, we were torn between two options. This blast to 6♦ seemed best but 3NT was our clear second choice. The preempt deprives us of the room we need to investigate. What can we bid over 3♠ to discover whether partner has the ♥A or club help? We are in a spot where we just have

to guess the final contract. If you are settling for game, 3NT is your best gamble. Yes, you might be off the entire heart suit, but partner is likely to have heart length and all we need to do is get in once and we have enough tricks to make it. If you bid 3NT, you did well but 6♦ is the winner. Besides, how often do you get to dip into your bidding box on your first call and bid a slam? If they do jump to 6♦, South could consider doubling with the ♥A K on lead but if the opponents jumped to slam on their first bid, they usually have the goods!

**Results of Board 3**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
200	99
100	97
-150	96
-170	95
-500	94
-620	88
-690	82
-800	73
-950	65
-1370	38
-1400	11
-1540	5
.....	0

**Board: 4**

Dealer: W  
Vul: Both

♠ K 10 9 6 2  
♥ 10 6 5  
♦ 7 2  
♣ 7 6 5

♠ J 7 5 4 3  
♥ A Q 7  
♦ J 9 5 3  
♣ 9



♠ Q  
♥ K 8 4 3  
♦ K 10 8 4  
♣ K J 4 3  
  
♠ A 8  
♥ J 9 2  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ A Q 10 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	1NT
2♦	2♠	All Pass	

2♠ by North

The 1NT overcall is automatic here: 15-18 balanced with a stopper in diamonds. Note once again, when there is a good alternative, we should resist the overcall of 2♣ with only a five-card suit. After these first two bids, we could see a number of different choices. The 2♦ raise is a great option for West and this is where the auction may end at many tables.

The Norths who compete will earn the best result for their side. North knows they have around 18-20 points within their partnership and that the opponents have a diamond fit. Playing matchpoints means making these marginal competitive decisions. It's almost never right to let the opponents play in two of a suit they have an eight-card-fit. 2♠ shows five or more cards in the suit and is a clear signoff. This bid wins the hand. You will either play 2♠ or defeat 3♦ defensively (maybe doubled).

**Results of Board 4**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
710	99
690	98
670	95
500	89
400	86
300	83
200	74
150	68
140	67
110	59
100	44
90	36
-90	34
-100	22
-110	10
-120	9
-180	8
-200	6
-300	4
-380	3
-400	2
-500	1
.....	0

**Board: 5**

Dealer: N  
Vul: N-S

♠ 10 8 3  
♥ J 9 5 3  
♦ K Q J 6 2  
♣ 10

♠ A Q 7  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 10 9 8 5 4 3  
♣ J



♠ J 9 6 5  
♥ Q 10 8 7  
♦ A 7  
♣ Q 9 2

♠ K 4 2  
♥ K 2  
♦ —  
♣ A K 8 7 6 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♣
All Pass			

3♣ by South

South has a very strong trick-taking hand and starts with 1♣. If North responds 1♦ South plans to rebid 3NT ("I can take nine tricks"). West will beat North to the 1♦ bid at most tables. North's best choice is to pass the 1♦ overcall. North's hope is that partner will reopen the auction with a double which they

intend to pass and play 1♦ doubled. East advances partner's overcall at the one level with a 1♥ bid and South shows their strong single-suited club hand with the jump rebid. North has a tough decision after this call, but we felt pass was likely the best choice in the long run. It would be hard to blame you for bidding 3NT.

**Results of Board 5**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
300	97
200	96
150	95
130	94
110	92
100	88
90	86
50	85
-100	71
-120	57
-180	56
-200	44
-280	33
-300	24
-400	15
-470	13
-500	9
-600	5
-800	3
-1400	1
.....	0

**Board: 6**

Dealer: E  
Vul: E-W

♠ A 10 7 6 2  
♥ 9 5  
♦ 6 5 3 2  
♣ A 6

♠ K J 8 3  
♥ J 7 6 2  
♦ K J 7  
♣ Q 7



♠ Q 9 5 4  
♥ K 10 8  
♦ Q 8  
♣ K 9 8 3

♠ —  
♥ A Q 4 3  
♦ A 10 9 4  
♣ J 10 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

2♦ by South

South can see a problem coming on this hand. With their spade void, they can expect to see a 1♠ response to their opening bid quite frequently. So, before making your opening bid choice, ask yourself what will you do after you open 1♣ and partner responds 1♠? It's impossible to make a good bid. A

2♦ or 2♥ rebid would be a reverse (17+ HCP) and a 2♣ rebid would show six cards. To avoid this likely problematic rebid, we can choose to open 1♦. When we do this we are still distorting the shape of our hand, but we gain an easier rebid of 2♣ as a result. The above is the ideal auction. If you opened 1♣ as South, you faced the tough rebid and a choice that will inevitably lead to the wrong contract.

**Results of Board 6**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
470	98
400	97
280	96
200	94
180	91
130	77
120	64
110	49
100	32
90	27
PASS	18
-50	9
-90	5
-100	4
-120	3
-150	2
-300	1
.....	0

**Board: 7**  
 Dealer: S  
 Vul: Both

♠ Q 8 7  
 ♥ 10 6 4 2  
 ♦ 8 2  
 ♣ K 10 7 2

♠ A K 10 9 6 5  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ A K Q 6  
 ♣ 8 6

♠ 3  
 ♥ K 7 5  
 ♦ 10 9 7 5 3  
 ♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J 4 2  
 ♥ A J 9 8 3  
 ♦ J 4  
 ♣ A J 3



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

6♠ by North

**Results of Board 7**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
1470	99
1460	98
1430	76
720	55
710	53
680	48
660	43
650	36
630	30
260	29
-100	15
.....	0

slam. If East makes an aggressive club lead, the declarer will likely fail. After cashing the ♠A K (“Eight ever, nine never”) North will quickly change focus to discarding dummy’s clubs on the diamonds. Unfortunately for declarer West only has two diamonds and can ruff the third diamond and take the ♣K before declarer has a chance to pitch the last club. On a passive diamond lead, the defense cannot stop the declarer from making by discarding clubs.

After South’s 1NT rebid North can use new minor forcing (your bid may be different depending on the version you use) to find out about the nine-card spade fit. North has a good enough hand to drive to

**Board: 8**  
 Dealer: W  
 Vul: None

♠ 7 6 3  
 ♥ K J 9 3  
 ♦ 6 4 3 2  
 ♣ 6 2

♠ 5 2  
 ♥ 10 7 6 5  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ Q J 9 4 3

♠ K 10 8 4  
 ♥ A Q 4  
 ♦ K Q J 7  
 ♣ K 10

♠ A Q J 9  
 ♥ 8 2  
 ♦ A 9 5  
 ♣ A 8 7 5



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

2♦ by East

**Results of Board 8**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
480	99
380	98
200	97
150	95
130	87
120	79
110	76
100	72
90	66
50	59
-50	51
-90	38
-100	27
-110	23
-120	16
-150	6
.....	0

than half the points (4 + 18 = 22). 1NT is likely failing, so pass is the best choice. Now it’s North to the rescue with a better choice of contracts in 2♣. West competes to 2♦ and now it all comes down to South’s choice. Do they bid 3♣ (assuming a nine-card club fit?) or do they pass? This decision will determine who wins the board.

Many may just play 1NT by South on this hand. Other tables may play 1NT doubled. East’s double should show this 18-19 type of hand and be penalty in nature. West would pull the double with their weakest hands but with 4 HCP their side has more

**Board: 9**  
 Dealer: N  
 Vul: E-W

♠ —  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A J 8 7 4  
 ♣ K J 10 8 6 5 3

♠ A K 9 7 6 4  
 ♥ K 9 5  
 ♦ K 5 3  
 ♣ 7

♠ J 3 2  
 ♥ Q 6 4  
 ♦ Q 10 6 2  
 ♣ A Q 4

♠ Q 10 8 5  
 ♥ A J 10 8 3 2  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ 9 2



West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	4♠
4NT	5♠	All Pass	

5♠ by North

**Results of Board 9**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
750	99
700	98
650	97
500	96
480	92
450	82
420	69
200	54
100	43
-50	32
-100	21
-150	19
-200	18
-300	17
-600	15
-750	7
.....	0

stronger than you think, upon finding this nine-card spade fit. Big two-suited hands that catch nine-card fits take far more tricks than their high cards suggest.

What a crazy hand this is. Our suggested auction above is one of a seemingly unlimited number of ways this hand can be handled. Consider it a placeholder until we can expand further in our videos. Depending on your system you may have made a number of different choices with the South hand. The one thing you need to understand, as South, is that you are

West has 12 cards in two suits and bids 4NT to show this two-suited hand. North may compete to 5♠ or may pass. East will take a diamond preference if given the opportunity but if N/S compete to 5♠ it will be tough for E/W to sacrifice with E/W vulnerable and N/S nonvulnerable.

**Board: 10**

Dealer: E  
Vul: Both

♠ J 6 5  
♥ 10 8 7 4  
♦ K 10  
♣ A K 8 7

♠ Q 10 8 3  
♥ J 5  
♦ Q 8 7 5 2  
♣ J 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 2  
♥ 9 2  
♦ A 6 4 3  
♣ Q 10 9 5

♠ A 7 4  
♥ A K Q 6 3  
♦ J 9  
♣ 6 4 2

West North East South  
1NT All Pass

1NT by East

The East hand has a classic upgrade to a 1NT opening bid. When you are balanced, with 14 HCP and a good quality five-card suit, you should upgrade to a 1NT opening.

South will have two choices of leads here. The fourth-best ♦3 or the ♣10 (top of an interior sequence). The ♣10 is both safer and more effective than leading from A-x-x-x. Either lead will produce

seven tricks for N/S if they are careful about getting their tricks on defense.

**Results of Board 10**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
300	99
200	95
150	91
110	90
100	72
90	54
-80	52
-90	43
-110	23
-120	7
-130	3
-140	1
.....	0

**Board: 11**

Dealer: S  
Vul: None

♠ A J 5  
♥ J 8 5  
♦ A 10 4  
♣ K J 10 9

♠ Q 8 4 3 2  
♥ Q 9 4  
♦ K J 3  
♣ 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 6  
♥ 10 6 2  
♦ Q 9 7 6 5  
♣ A Q 2

♠ K 10 7  
♥ A K 7 3  
♦ 8 2  
♣ 8 5 4 3

West North East South  
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♦

Pass 1NT All Pass

1NT by North

The big question during this auction is what will West choose to do when South responds 1♦. Will they overcall 1♠? We don't love it. West would be overcalling with a bad suit and a bad hand, usually a good time to choose pass instead. West may never have this choice if South decides to respond 1NT

instead of 1♦ on this hand. With no stoppers in the majors South should bid 1♦ to allow partner to declare. East will have to decide whether to lead the ♥A or low. A general rule against notrump: With A-K-x-x, lead the ace; with A-K-x-x-x, lead fourth best.

If E/W can find a spade shift, they can hold declarer to the obvious six tricks: four clubs and two aces. If they do not shift to spades, N/S can build extra diamond tricks by finessing through West.

**Results of Board 11**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
180	99
150	97
130	94
120	87
110	80
100	78
90	71
50	64
-50	47
-100	26
-110	18
-140	11
-150	6
-170	4
-200	3
-470	2
.....	0

**Board: 12**

Dealer: W  
Vul: N-S

♠ K Q 9 8 6 5 4  
♥ 9 3  
♦ K Q  
♣ 9 2

♠ A 7  
♥ K Q J 10 6 2  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ A J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 2  
♥ A 5  
♦ 9 7 6  
♣ K Q 10 8 7 3

♠ 10 3  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ A 10 4 3 2  
♣ 6 5 4

West North East South  
1♥ 3♠ All Pass

3♠ by North

A good example of a vulnerable preemptive bid with the North cards. It is right at the upper range of our bid, but the doubleton ♦K Q are not quite worth their full value. This bid correctly ends the auction. West will be tempted to compete to 4♥ and will be rewarded if they do as N/S will easily make 3♠ and E/W will only go down one in 4♥.

**Results of Board 12**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
620	99
300	97
170	94
150	93
140	81
130	69
110	68
100	65
50	55
-100	40
-140	29
-170	21
-200	14
-420	7
-450	2
.....	0



**Board: 13**

Dealer: N  
Vul: Both

♠ K Q 4  
♥ 10 9 8 7 2  
♦ K 8 7 2  
♣ Q

♠ 7 6  
♥ K Q 5  
♦ Q 9 6 3  
♣ J 9 7 2



♠ J 8 5  
♥ A 6 3  
♦ J 10 4  
♣ K 10 6 5

♠ A 10 9 3 2  
♥ J 4  
♦ A 5  
♣ A 8 4 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

2♠ by East

East's range for their 2♣ rebid is 11-18. West's 8 points are not enough to invite game, but enough to want to keep the auction going. Their only choices are raise to 3♣ or to make a "false preference" back to 2♠. You'd be surprised how often you can take as many tricks in your 5-2 fit and the reality

is you don't need to, because majors pay more. The key to these seven-card fits is to draw trumps quickly and avoid ruffing in your long trump hand. The singleton ♣Q gives declarer the opportunity to lose only one club trick. When the queen falls under the ace, declarer can finesse South for the ♣10. Declarer will lose two spades, one heart, one diamond and one club to make 2♠.

**Results of Board 13**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
200	96
110	92
100	79
PASS	68
-80	67
-90	63
-100	58
-110	35
-120	13
-130	12
-140	9
-150	5
-180	4
-200	3
-380	1
.....	0

**Board: 14**

Dealer: E  
Vul: None

♠ A J 3  
♥ 9 4  
♦ 10 8 5  
♣ 10 9 5 4 3

♠ K 7 6 2  
♥ K 8 5  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ K J 7



♠ Q 10 4  
♥ A J 10 2  
♦ K J  
♣ Q 8 6 2

♠ 9 8 5  
♥ Q 7 6 3  
♦ Q 9 7 4 3  
♣ A

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

2♥ by East

West isn't strong enough for a 1NT overcall, but fits the minimum requirements for a takeout double (opening hand plus three-card support for each unbid suit). East must choose between hearts and diamonds. While diamonds is a sure eight-card fit, major suits pay more and partner will often have four hearts. Even though 2♦ works better for E/W,

we believe 2♥ is the better bid. E/W are destined to go minus on this board unless N/S overcompete. South may be tempted to bid 3♣ with four of them but, their quality heart suit should sway them towards defending.

**Results of Board 14**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
400	98
300	97
200	95
150	86
120	80
110	78
100	67
90	54
80	51
50	43
-50	30
-80	24
-90	22
-100	17
-110	11
-120	8
-140	5
-150	2
-300	1
.....	0

**Board: 15**

Dealer: S

Vul: N-S

♠ 7 5		♠ J 9 3
♥ J 9 8 6 2		♥ A
♦ Q 8 5 4 2		♦ A 10 9 3
♣ K		♣ Q J 9 7 3
	♠ A K 8 6 2	
	♥ Q 7 5 4 3	
	♦ —	
	♣ A 8 5	



West North East South

Pass 2♠ Pass 1♠  
 Pass 4♠ All Pass 3♥

4♠ by South

This is our ideal auction that will lead to 4♠ down one. South's 3♥ is a natural game try. It tells North about South's second suit so North can evaluate the location of their points. With ♥K 10 and a maximum hand, North should accept the game try. The ♦K J turned out to be unfortunate cards opposite South's

void. The 4♠ contract itself is reasonable but fails when hearts break terribly. If the defense leads a diamond that will save N/S a trick, but that still isn't enough to make the game.

**Results of Board 15**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
800	98
620	95
500	85
300	67
250	59
200	58
100	56
-100	44
-110	34
-200	22
-300	7
-400	4
-470	3
-500	2
-510	1
.....	0

**Board: 16**

Dealer: W

Vul: E-W

♠ A 5		♠ Q 7
♥ 7 6 2		♥ K Q 10 3
♦ Q 10 9 8 7 6 4		♦ K
♣ 10		♣ A Q 9 8 4 3
	♠ K 10 9 8	
	♥ A 9 8	
	♦ J 2	
	♣ K J 7 6	



West North East South

2♦ Pass Pass Dbl  
 Pass 2♠ 3♣ Pass  
 3♦ All Pass

We would normally open 3♦ with the West cards but felt that the unfavorable vulnerability warranted a two-level opening instead. Q-10-9-8-7 isn't three of the top five or two of the top three, but the 10-9-8-7 is an excellent complement to our queen. Unfortunately for West, they end up preempting partner a bit. East has a strong hand but it is very important they do not get excited. Whenever you

have a singleton in your partner's preempt suit, your hand is always worse than it looks. After the double in the balancing chair, North prefers spades and East gets a chance to offer up clubs as a playable spot. West can bid 3♦ with their unknown extra card and end up playing it right there. If N/S can find a way to compete to 3♠ they will be rewarded as their down one or two is a better score than the minus 130 they will earn by defending 3♦.

**Results of Board 16**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
400	99
300	95
200	90
140	87
110	86
100	82
-50	75
-90	72
-100	66
-110	53
-130	31
-140	17
-150	13
-200	9
-300	7
-500	4
-600	3
-650	2
-670	1
.....	0

**Board: 17**

Dealer: N  
Vul: None

♠ A K J		♠ 10 8 4 2
♥ 7		♥ J 10 4
♦ A 7 6 3		♦ K 8 4 2
♣ J 10 9 8 3		♣ 6 2
♠ 9 7 5 3		♠ Q 6
♥ A K 8 6 5		♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ Q 5		♦ J 10 9
♣ K 5		♣ A Q 7 4



West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

For the second time this session, the opening bidder must prepare for an awkward rebid by opening 1♦. This opening choice allows for a more comfortable 2♣ rebid after partner's likely 1♥ response. South invites with 3♣ and N/S have a comfortable landing spot for their best plus score. With clubs breaking 2-2, declarer can simply discard a diamond from the South hand on the third round of spades and lose

one heart, one diamond and one club. If the trumps had broken worse, declarer would need to rely on a double diamond finesse.

**Results of Board 17**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
430	98
400	89
210	82
180	80
150	71
130	54
120	33
110	23
100	21
50	20
-50	12
-100	4
-150	3
-470	1
.....	0

**Board: 18**

Dealer: E  
Vul: N-S

♠ Q 3 2		♠ A K J 9
♥ K 10		♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ K 10 3		♦ 8 6 5 4
♣ A J 10 6 4		♣ 2
♠ 10 8 7 5		♠ 6 4
♥ Q J		♥ A 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 9		♦ J 7 2
♣ Q 8 7 3		♣ K 9 5



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

3♣ by North

West could open this hand 1♣ and the auction would proceed differently. This is a style decision. In the end we decided that with ♥Q J doubleton, West would not be unhappy if the hand got passed out.

East is a passed hand with the perfect shape for a stretchy double and now E/W get to find a spade fit. When it gets back to South they can deduce that partner has five clubs - North has at most two hearts (no support double) and likely only three spades; if they were 4-4 in the minors, they would have opened 1♦ - and compete. East would now balance 2♠ (law of total tricks with eight trumps). Alas, South's brilliant deduction on this hand may also lead North to assume a nine-card club fit and compete to the three level. Note that East could win this competitive battle by simply raising partner's 1♠ to 2♠. South would no longer be able to give partner a bump in clubs and therefore E/W would win the auction in 2♠.

**Results of Board 18**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
210	99
200	98
180	97
150	93
130	90
120	87
110	77
100	64
90	55
50	44
PASS	36
-80	35
-100	33
-110	23
-140	8
-170	3
-200	1
.....	0



**Board: 19**

Dealer: S  
Vul: E-W

♠ 8 4 2  
♥ 7 4  
♦ Q 10 7 5 2  
♣ Q 9 8

♠ J 10 9 6  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ K J  
♣ K J 10 4



♠ Q 7 5 3  
♥ K 5  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 7 5 3 2

♠ A K  
♥ Q J 10 9 8 3  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ A 6

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dbl
Pass	1♠	2♥	2♠
All Pass			

2♠ by North

Very standard stuff here. N/S shouldn't worry when the hand record says they can make game in spades. This is the contract you want to play, and you will tie for top when you take 10 tricks here. Declarer just needs to draw trumps as quickly as

possible and play clubs starting in the South hand towards their jack. They will lose two spades and a club.

**Results of Board 19**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
470	99
420	97
300	95
200	93
180	90
170	57
140	19
120	14
110	13
100	11
90	9
-50	8
-100	7
-110	4
-140	1
.....	0

**Board: 20**

Dealer: W  
Vul: Both

♠ 8 6 4  
♥ A 7 4  
♦ A Q 9 4  
♣ Q 4 3

♠ Q J 5 3  
♥ Q J 9 8 5  
♦ 8 2  
♣ A 5



♠ A 10 7 2  
♥ K 6 2  
♦ 7 6 5  
♣ 10 9 8

♠ K 9  
♥ 10 3  
♦ K J 10 3  
♣ K J 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♥	2♣	2♥
3♣	All Pass		

3♣ by East

East must choose between 2♣ (showing 10+ points with clubs) or cuebid raise (2♥, showing a limit or better in diamonds). With only four diamonds it is close. West knows about the eight-card club fit and should raise partner, even with a minimum. It's very important to show partner a fit when we have one. With a minimum hand, East passes 3♣. Note:

N/S would do well on this hand to compete to three because of their double fit in the majors. Unfortunately they did not know about the double fit and both North and South are too balanced to compete to the three level.

**Results of Board 20**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
730	99
670	97
500	94
400	87
300	81
200	76
170	73
140	69
100	63
PASS	53
-100	48
-110	30
-120	13
-130	8
-150	3
-180	1
.....	0

**Board: 21**

Dealer: N

Vul: N-S

♠ AKJ9  
♥ KJ5  
♦ Q9872  
♣ 4

♠ Q

♥ 3

♦ AJ1063

♣ KQJ852



♠ 2

♥ Q10742

♦ 54

♣ A10976

♠ 10876543

♥ A986

♦ K

♣ 3

West North East South

2♣ 1♣ 1♥ 1♠

3♥ 2♦ 2♥ 2♠

All Pass

3♥ by East

North's hand is very strong. When you are 6-5 with almost all of your opening values in your two suits, you should treat this as a strong hand and bid your longer suit first. With lots of extra shape, nonvulnerable, East has enough to enter at the one level. South's 1♠ shows five or more cards in spades

and West now has the opportunity to cuebid raise partner's suit (10+ points, at least an eight-card fit in hearts). North's 2♦ shows extra values and will almost always show six clubs. South tries to sign off in 2♠ (showing a bad hand with at least six spades) but West sees a nice push to 3♥. If West chose to pass 2♠(or double for penalty), they would get a great score as N/S have a complete misfit with everything breaking badly. North has shown their hand already and should wave the white flag after 3♥. If N/S bid any more, they could be in serious trouble.

**Results of Board 21**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
300	98
200	97
140	96
110	95
100	94
50	92
-100	85
-200	70
-300	58
-400	52
-420	51
-500	46
-530	40
-570	39
-800	30
-840	21
-1000	20
-1100	14
-1400	5
-1700	2
-2000	1
.....	0

**Board: 22**

Dealer: E

Vul: E-W

♠ J32  
♥ 754  
♦ AJ8  
♣ QJ62

♠ —

♥ AKJ10932

♦ 96

♣ A543



♠ Q1075

♥ 6

♦ KQ103

♣ K987

♠ AK9864

♥ Q8

♦ 7542

♣ 10

West North East South

Pass 3♥ Pass 2♠

All Pass Pass 4♥

4♥ by North

"New suits are forcing by unpassed responders." This is true even when we open preemptively. Sometimes we are going to preempt before partner can show their strength. We keep our new suits forcing for this reason. After 3♥, South can raise to 4♥ with that nice ♥Q-x and a maximum hand for

the preempt. North will lose just two diamonds in the play. They can trump one club and pitch two on the top spades.

**Results of Board 22**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
650	99
480	96
450	54
420	14
400	13
230	12
200	10
140	9
110	8
-50	5
-100	3
-150	1
.....	0

**Board: 23**

♠ K 3  
 Dealer: S ♥ A K 10 6 5 2  
 Vul: Both ♦ A 7 3  
 ♣ Q 9

♠ 10 9 7 6  
 ♥ 4 3  
 ♦ Q 9 2  
 ♣ 7 5 3 2

♠ A J 5 4  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ K J 6 5  
 ♣ A J 10 6

♠ Q 8 2  
 ♥ Q J 9 8  
 ♦ 10 8 4  
 ♣ K 8 4

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

3♥ by North

**Results of Board 23**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
650	98
630	95
620	86
600	78
180	76
170	74
140	60
100	48
-100	26
-140	3
.....	0

The auction on this hand will depend greatly on the methods available for the N/S pair. If N/S have an agreement for a mixed raise (7-9 HCP with four-card support) after an opponent's double they will definitely choose that route. If not, South should

raise directly and then be prepared to compete to the three level if needed. North makes a natural game try and South is very close on this one. The shape, worst-case holding in diamonds and scattered values make this slightly unattractive to accept game with. East has a terrible choice of opening leads after the 3♦ call. A singleton trump, which is usually a no-no, might be their best option. If East wastes either of their black aces without capturing North's honor, the declarer will find a 10th trick.

**Board: 24**

♠ K J 10  
 Dealer: W ♥ 8 7  
 Vul: None ♦ K 10 9 3  
 ♣ J 10 9 7

♠ Q 9 8 7 6 2  
 ♥ K 10 2  
 ♦ A 6  
 ♣ Q 5

♠ A  
 ♥ Q J 5  
 ♦ Q J 7 5 4 2  
 ♣ 8 3 2

♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ A 9 6 4 3  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ A K 6 4

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♥
2♠	All Pass		

2♠ by West

**Results of Board 24**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
400	99
300	98
250	97
200	96
150	95
140	92
120	91
110	87
100	69
50	36
-50	16
-90	11
-100	7
-120	3
-150	2
-300	1
.....	0

It is important you evaluate the West hand as an opening bid. East's hand dictates a forcing (or semi-forcing) 1NT response with West rebidding their spades after a reasonable 2♥ overcall by South. East was close to inviting game but when West rebids their spades they should choose to pass, thus following the rule: Almost always go low with

a singleton in partner's suit. It is too dangerous for East to introduce diamonds as there is no guarantee they have a better fit and they will be a level higher. This was another seven-card fit where it is very important to draw trumps. In seven-card fits, especially with weak trumps, we want to play trumps as quickly as possible to avoid letting the opponents separate their trumps.

**Board: 25**

♠ J 7  
 Dealer: N ♥ J 9 7  
 Vul: E-W ♦ K 8 6 3  
 ♣ J 10 7 6

♠ 9 3  
 ♥ A Q 10 6 5  
 ♦ A Q 9 4 2  
 ♣ 9

♠ Q 8 4 2  
 ♥ 8 2  
 ♦ J 5  
 ♣ A Q 5 4 2

♠ A K 10 6 5  
 ♥ K 4 3  
 ♦ 10 7  
 ♣ K 8 3

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

3♦ by West

**Results of Board 25**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
400	99
300	93
200	82
110	74
100	61
-50	47
-100	44
-110	30
-120	17
-130	15
-140	11
-150	5
-170	3
-180	2
-500	1
.....	0

The Michaels cuebid shows up for E/W on this hand. The 3♣ response by East should be what's called "pass or correct." If this is West's minor, they can pass, but if not, they will bid 3♦. After this bid, East should confidently pass for a good reason. If partner has a six-card holding in one of their suits, it will be

diamonds. If partner started with a six-card heart suit they would often choose to bid 2♥ rather than use Michaels. So, even though you're likely in a 5-2 fit most of the time, you are more likely to find a 6-2 fit in diamonds.

**Board: 26** ♠ 10 4 3  
 Dealer: E ♥ A 4  
 Vul: Both ♦ A Q 10 3  
 ♣ A K 3 2

♠ K Q 8 6 5  
 ♥ K 9 8 7  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ Q 6



♠ A  
 ♥ Q J 10 3 2  
 ♦ J 7 2  
 ♣ 10 8 7 5

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

3♥ by West

North is tortured by West's opening bid of 1♠ and simply must pass to start. It's important to realize that this is likely not your last chance to bid and you just don't have anything you can bid at this moment. After another 1NT response, West shows their four-card heart suit and now North has the

perfect action: a two-suited takeout double. Alas, this was always a hand for E/W and their nine-card heart fit. We have East only bidding 3♥ on this hand but we wouldn't blame East for getting excited and jumping straight to 4♥. North can never find their way over to partner's hand so the best they can do is get four tricks against 3♥: ♣A K, ♦A and ♥A. At some point they must cash the ♦A or it will go away on the spades.

**Results of Board 26**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
200	95
130	92
110	90
100	83
90	76
-90	74
-100	66
-110	56
-120	54
-140	38
-170	20
-200	13
-300	7
-400	4
-730	3
-800	2
-1100	1
.....	0

**Board: 27** ♠ A 8 6 4  
 Dealer: S ♥ 9 5  
 Vul: None ♦ 5 4 2  
 ♣ K Q 7 6

♠ Q 5 3  
 ♥ A K 10 6 4  
 ♦ 10 8 7  
 ♣ A 3



♠ J 10 9 2  
 ♥ J 3  
 ♦ K J 9 6  
 ♣ 10 5 2

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

1NT by South

This is the ideal auction on this hand. The ♥6 is the correct lead with this heart suit. This is the best way to develop our length into tricks. General rule: With A-K-x-x, lead the ace; with A-K-x-x-x, lead fourth best. We allow them to win the first trick while keeping hearts in our partner's hand for the lead

back. We also avoid crushing short honors in partner's hand. On this hand, surrendering the first heart tricks leads to four total tricks in the suit for west. N/S can make eight tricks on a heart lead: one heart, two spades, three clubs and two diamonds. After knocking out the ♣A, the defense cashes out their heart suit. South discards the ♦3 from their hand. Now if the defense plays a spade, declarer can jump up with the ace and take a safe diamond finesse for the overtrick.

**Results of Board 27**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
200	99
150	98
130	97
120	75
110	50
100	44
90	33
50	19
-50	11
-90	8
-100	6
-110	3
.....	0

**Board: 28** ♠ Q 7 2  
 Dealer: W ♥ J 7 3  
 Vul: N-S ♦ A K 7 5  
 ♣ A 7 6

♠ J 10 6  
 ♥ K Q 6 5  
 ♦ Q 10 8  
 ♣ J 4 2



♠ K 9 8  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ 9 6 3 2  
 ♣ K 10 9 8 5 3

West North East South  
 Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥  
 Pass 1NT Pass 3♥  
 Pass 4♥ All Pass

4♥ by South

East may put some pressure on this auction with a 3♣ overcall. It's a close choice nonvulnerable. The 3♥ call by South is invitational with six or more hearts. North with a maximum plus a heart fit has an easy accept of the invitation. This was not a lucky day for N/S with the hearts breaking badly

and the ♠K offside. Don't despair 4♥ bidders, you should have a lot of good company in this contract.

**Results of Board 28**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
620	98
600	96
500	94
300	93
170	92
140	90
110	87
100	86
50	85
-100	52
-200	12
-300	3
-400	2
-500	1
.....	0

**Board: 29** ♠ A J 9  
 Dealer: N ♥ 7 5 3  
 Vul: Both ♦ J 8  
 ♣ A K 8 6 5

♠ Q 10 4 2  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ A 7 6 3 2  
 ♣ Q J 7

♠ K 8 7 6 3  
 ♥ K J 6 4  
 ♦ K 10 5  
 ♣ 3

♠ 5  
 ♥ A Q 10 8 2  
 ♦ Q 9 4  
 ♣ 10 9 4 2



West North East South  
 2♣ 1♣ 1♠ Dbl  
 Pass 2♠ All Pass

2♠ by East

Another nice competitive auction with a lot of the basics involved. South's choice of double instead of 2♥ is very close. South doesn't quite have the values to bid 2♥ (10+ points 5+ hearts) but their club fit makes it very close to an upgrade. If South bids 2♥ it will change the trajectory of the hand considerably. South's other option is to make a

negative double with five hearts and less than 10 points. West now makes the cuebid raise of partner's suit after adding 3 dummy points for the singleton heart and spade fit. East will show a hand that can't accept a game invite and that may end the auction. South still may choose to compete to 3♣ pushing West to the three level. We're sure there were a lot of different auctions on this hand depending on the choices made in each seat. The double dummy says N/S can make a ton of tricks but it can see a way of playing hearts and clubs for zero losers, both of which are unlikely in practice.

Results of Board 29	
Scores	MPS
.....	100
790	99
600	98
500	94
400	91
300	89
200	81
170	74
150	73
140	70
130	64
120	60
100	46
PASS	32
-100	29
-110	25
-140	19
-150	13
-200	11
-300	9
-500	7
-620	4
-730	2
.....	0

**Board: 30** ♠ A 10 9 7 4  
 Dealer: E ♥ K 5 3  
 Vul: None ♦ K 9  
 ♣ 10 9 4

♠ K 3 2  
 ♥ A 10 8 4  
 ♦ Q 8 2  
 ♣ A K 5

♠ 8  
 ♥ J 9 7  
 ♦ A 10 6  
 ♣ Q J 8 7 3 2

♠ Q J 6 5  
 ♥ Q 6 2  
 ♦ J 7 5 4 3  
 ♣ 6



West North East South  
 1NT Pass 3NT Pass  
 All Pass

3NT by West

Our suggested auction is kind of a placeholder on this hand as so many options are on the table. Many experienced partnerships have methods to discuss minor suit holdings and those would be welcome on this hand. The real issue, for East, is that they need to know if their clubs will provide the tricks needed to make game in notrump. With this six-card suit

and at least one sure entry we are uncomfortable just signing off so we will choose to make a 3NT bid. This may keep the opponents in the dark a little more than a transfer to a minor and some other calls. Expert methods would likely see East transfer to clubs and show spade shortness, ending in 3NT via a different route.

Results of Board 29	
Scores	MPS
.....	100
100	98
50	96
-50	94
-100	93
-110	92
-130	88
-140	85
-150	80
-180	75
-200	74
-240	73
-300	72
-400	57
-420	42
-430	32
-450	21
-460	15
-480	8
-490	6
-520	2
.....	0

**Board: 31**

Dealer: S

Vul: N-S

♠ 10 8 7	♠ 9 4
♥ A K J 6	♥ 10 3
♦ J 6 5 2	♦ A Q 9 4
♣ 8 5	♣ A J 9 6 2

  

♠ K Q 3 2	
♥ Q 9 8 5 4	
♦ 7	
♣ Q 10 3	

N	
W	E
S	

West North East South

Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥  
 Pass 1♠ Pass 3♠  
 All Pass

3♠ by North

North's choice of whether to open with 11 or not is made easier by being third chair. If North does rebid 1♠, South can re-evaluate their hand with their extra shape (3 dummy points for a singleton with a four-card fit) and make an invitational 3♠ bid (11-12

dummy points). North will pass quickly and we will play 3♠. Note, modern methods may produce a 1NT rebid rather than 1♠. In that case N/S may miss their spade fit and play it right there in 1NT. East may choose to overcall an aggressive 2♣ bid over 1♦. We try to have a six-card suit to overcall a minor at the two level, unless you have a very solid opening hand. This East hand is not good enough to overcall at the two level.

**Results of Board 31**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
300	98
200	97
150	96
140	86
110	72
100	64
50	58
PASS	47
-90	40
-100	26
-110	13
-200	7
-300	2
-500	1
.....	0

**Board: 32**

Dealer: W

Vul: E-W

♠ 6 4 2	♠ Q 5
♥ A 9 8 3 2	♥ 5
♦ 8	♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ A Q 10 3	♣ K J 9 7 4 2

  

♠ A 8 3	
♥ K J 10 4	
♦ A Q 6 4	
♣ 6 5	

N	
W	E
S	

West North East South

1♦ 1♥ 2♦ 2♥  
 Pass Pass 3♣ Pass  
 3♦ All Pass

3♦ by West

South has an interesting choice at their first turn to bid. They technically have enough values to make a cuebid raise of partner's hearts but, their 4 points in diamonds are likely bad cards for their side. 2♥ is enough for South initially. East can now offer up their club suit as an option and West will get

back to a known diamond fit. Both North and South will have very difficult choices as to whether or not to bid on. South may even consider a penalty double of 3♦. Lots of action on this one.

**Results of Board 32**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
530	99
500	98
300	97
200	96
170	95
140	91
110	87
100	82
-50	69
-100	47
-110	34
-130	31
-150	23
-200	15
-250	12
-300	8
-500	4
-670	2
.....	0

**Board: 33**

Dealer: N

Vul: None

♠ Q J	♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K Q 9 7 3	♥ 8 6 2
♦ 9 2	♦ K Q 6 4
♣ 7 5 4 3	♣ K 8

  

♠ A 9 2	
♥ A J	
♦ A J 8 3	
♣ Q 9 6 2	

N	
W	E
S	

West North East South

Pass Pass Pass  
 1NT Pass 2♣ Pass  
 2♦ Pass 2NT All Pass

2NT by West

Standard stuff here with the Stayman bid being the only tight choice. With well placed cards (a nice four-card diamond suit) and this shape East is just strong enough for the invitational values this sequence will show. With a longer suit (five cards) and this same 16 points, West would accept the

invite to game. Here it's a pass and 2NT only. On a fourth-best heart lead, West will survive with eight tricks.

**Results of Board 33**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
150	98
110	97
100	91
50	75
-50	64
-90	58
-100	52
-110	47
-120	29
-130	16
-140	15
-150	10
-180	5
-400	2
.....	0



**Board: 34** ♠ 8 5 3  
 Dealer: E ♥ 10 5  
 Vul: N-S ♦ K 9 6 5  
 ♣ A 10 4 3

♠ Q 6 2  
 ♥ K 3  
 ♦ 8 7  
 ♣ J 9 8 7 5 2

♠ A K J 10 9  
 ♥ Q 4  
 ♦ A 10 3 2  
 ♣ Q 6



West North East South  
 Pass 2♠ 1♥ 1♠  
 All Pass 3♥ 3♠  
 3♠ by South

A very tough choice for South after 3♥. This is the "suggested" auction but it's a very tough spot where other actions are very reasonable as well.

**Results of Board 34**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
730	99
620	98
500	97
350	96
300	94
150	92
140	80
110	67
100	61
50	53
-100	36
-140	21
-200	10
-300	1
.....	0

**Board: 35** ♠ 5 2  
 Dealer: S ♥ A 10 8 7 5 4  
 Vul: E-W ♦ 9 5 2  
 ♣ 7 2

♠ K Q 4  
 ♥ Q 9 3  
 ♦ J 6 3  
 ♣ 9 5 4 3

♠ A 9 6 3  
 ♥ K J 2  
 ♦ K 10 7  
 ♣ A J 6

♠ J 10 8 7  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ A Q 8 4  
 ♣ K Q 10 8



West North East South  
 Pass 2♥ 1♦ All Pass  
 2♥ by North

North has a great opportunity to preempt this auction right away. The 2♥ response to partner's opening bid should be preemptive in nature and show a really terrible hand! Weak jump shifts opposite partner's opening bid are typically weaker than a regular weak two-bid. In fact this 2♥ bid should be less than 6 points. This North hand is

almost too good for this action but not quite. With the 2♥ response East is now faced with a way more difficult decision of whether to enter the auction or not. Rule: Seek out ways to preempt your opponents when you can.

**Results of Board 35**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
500	99
470	98
300	95
260	93
200	84
140	74
110	69
100	55
-50	33
-90	19
-100	12
-120	4
-150	2
-300	1
.....	0

**Board: 36** ♠ J 2  
 Dealer: W ♥ A K 9 8 6 2  
 Vul: Both ♦ J 2  
 ♣ K J 3

♠ A K 8 5 4 3  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♦ Q 9 5 4  
 ♣ 10

♠ 9  
 ♥ 10 7 3  
 ♦ A 10 7 6 3  
 ♣ A 9 6 5

♠ Q 10 7 6  
 ♥ Q 5  
 ♦ K 8  
 ♣ Q 8 7 4 2



West North East South  
 1♠ 2♥ Dbl Pass  
 2♠ All Pass  
 2♠ by West

Notice that West opens 1♠ on this hand. This is a classic "rule of 20" calculation. Total points + total number of cards in your two longest suits = if 20+ you open. Some tables may have seen a 2♠ opener but West is a tad too strong for that action. After a 1♠ opening, North has a textbook 2♥ overcall and East can now make an aggressive negative double

(as noted) or pass. West will rebid their spades after either action and that is likely where we will play this contract.

**Results of Board 36**

Scores	MPS
.....	100
950	99
690	91
660	81
630	76
600	74
200	72
140	70
110	69
100	67
-100	61
-110	51
-130	44
-140	37
-150	31
-200	22
-300	9
-500	3
-600	2
-870	1
.....	0