

3rd Hand High ? Not Always

**Board 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

♠ A K 10 8 4	<table border="1" style="border: 2px solid green; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ 6 2
N					
W      E					
S					
♥ K		♥ 6 5 4			
♦ Q 8 4 2		♦ K J 6 3			
♣ A Q 8		♣ K 6 3 2			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠	
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	
All pass				
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♣ 9	4	-	-

**Board 2**  
 West Deals  
 N-S Vul

3rd Hand High, At'l never fly

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 N	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass
Lead: ♠ 9			

**Board 3**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul


2nd hand Low? High ?

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
Pass	3 N	All pass	1 N	
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♥ 6	<u>K</u>	7	4
2. N	♦ Q	-	-	-

**Board 4**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul


An honourable sacrifice

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
	Pass	Pass	2 N	
Pass	3 N	All pass		
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♠ 3	4	J	<u>A</u>
2. S	♦ 7	-	-	-

How to get partner to make the killing shift

**Board 5**  
West Deals  
Both Vul

<p>♠ 10 9 7 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ A K 7 3</p>		<p>♠ K Q 5 ♥ K J 2 ♦ A K Q J 4 ♣ J 5</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ A Q 10 7 5 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ Q 10 9 8</p>
<p>♠ A J 8 4 3 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 6 4 2</p>			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 N	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

**Board 6**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

Blocking their suit

♠ K 7 3 2		♠ A 9 4
♥ K J 8 4		♥ A Q 7
♦ 10 7		♦ Q 9 6 5
♣ 10 7 4		♣ A 6 5
♠ Q J 10 6 5	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">           N            W     E            S         </div>	♠ 8
♥ 9 6 5		♥ 10 3 2
♦ A 4 2		♦ K J 8 3
♣ Q 8		♣ K J 9 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
		1 N	Pass	
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	
3 N	All pass			
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. S	♣ 3	Q	4	6
2. W	♠ Q	-	-	-