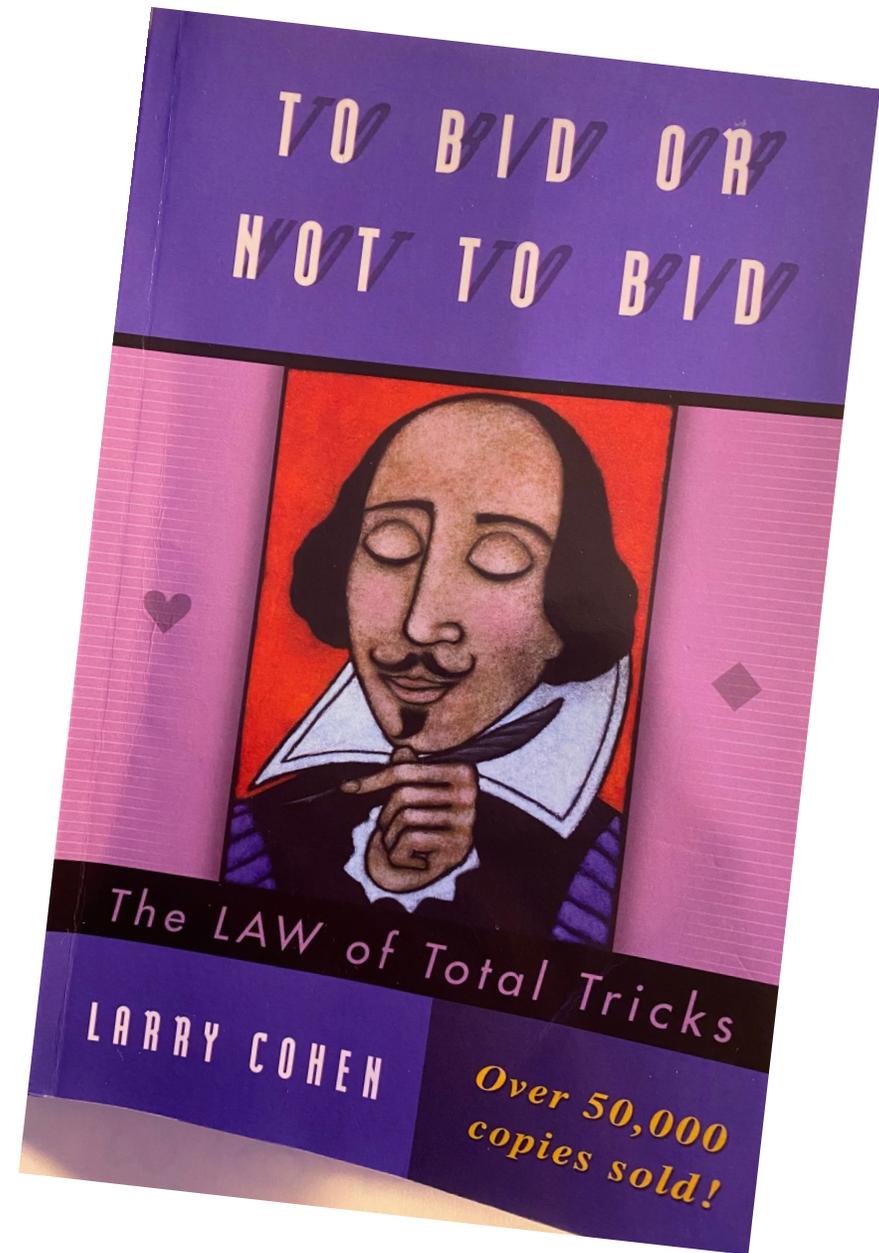
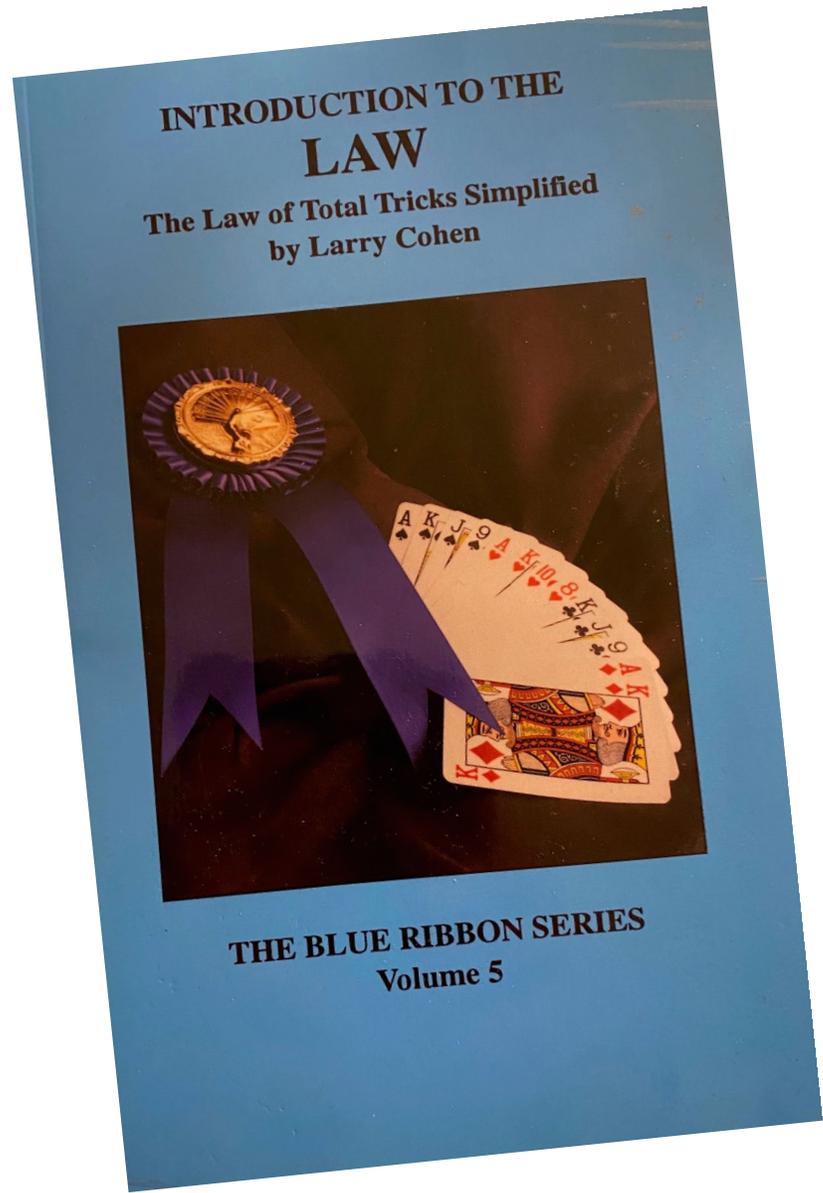


The Law of Total Tricks



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NS can make 8 tricks for 2H; EW can make 8 tricks for 2C

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Let's move the KH to West. Now the KH is on side, and NS can make 9 tricks, but EW can only make 7 tricks.

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- They bid 1S 2S, they have an 8 card fit, maybe 9.
- We have 26 cards, including at most 5 spades.
- So, at least 21 cards in the other three suits.
- Unless we are very unlucky, and they are 7-7-7, we have a fit.

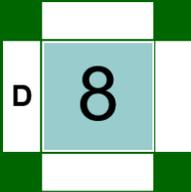
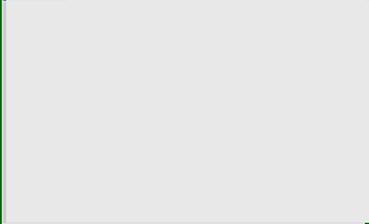
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Corollary: it is usually not good let the opponents play in their level of LOTT.

From Larry Cohen's weekly game, 11/26/25
 You are South, NV, do you balance?

		N North		W	N	E	S
				P	P	1♥	P
W West				E East		2♥	P
W West		S South					

[Larry Cohen Weekly Game](#)
[Intobridge followup – Zoom 112625](#)

Now you are west, NV, do you compete to 3H?

		N North				
D	8		W	N	E	S
			P	P	1♥	P
			2♥	P	P	X
			P	3♦	P	P
			?			
W West			E East			
♠ K763						
♥ J82						
♦ KJ7						
♣ J52						
		S South				

	NS	EW
2H EW	14%	86%
3D NS-1	52%	48%
3H EW-1	78%	22%

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with the following details:

- Top Left:** A bidding box showing a bid of 8.
- Top Right:** A score table for the current hand:

	N	S	W	E
NT	1	1	2	2

 The '2' scores for West and East are circled in red.
- Middle Left:** Hand for 'Lla' (North):
 - ♠ K763
 - ♥ J82
 - ♦ KJ7
 - ♣ J52
- Middle Right:** Bidding sequence:
 - W: P
 - N: P
 - E: 1♥
 - S: P
 - W: 2♥
 - N: P
 - E: P
 - S: 2♠
 - W: P
 - N: P
 - E: P
 - S: P
- Bottom Left:** Hand for 'Tigers2016' (South):
 - ♠ AJ98
 - ♥ AK3
 - ♦ 1084
 - ♣ 876
- Bottom Right:** Hand for 'nw01947' (West):
 - ♠ 1042
 - ♥ Q9765
 - ♦ A2
 - ♣ KQ4
- Bottom Center:** A 'Minimax' score of -100.

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***FACT: – 200 is worse than
any part score the opponents can make***

16 Trumps

NS play 2S			EW play 3H		
NS tricks	NS score vul	NS score NV	EW tricks	EW score EW vul	EW score EW NV
9	140	140	7	-200	-100
8	110	110	8	-100	-50
7	-100	-50	9	140	140

A few examples...
all non-vulnerable

♠ A8742

♥ QJ3

♦ KJ6

♣ K7

You

1 ♠

??

LHO

Double

Partner

2 ♠

RHO

3 ♥

♠ A8742 ♥ QJ3 ♦ KJ6 ♣ K7

You

LHO

Partner

RHO

1 ♠

Double

2 ♠

3 ♥

??

Pass. Looks like you have 8 trumps. They might not even have a heart fit. No reason to bid 3 over 3. If partner has four spades, they can bid 3.

♠ J853

♥ 10

♦ Q542

♣ K873

You

LHO

Partner

RHO

Pass

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♥

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

??

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You	LHO	Partner	RHO
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥
2 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
??			

Bid 3 ♠. You have nine trumps. The Law will protect you, especially non vulnerable.

♠ KJ5

♥ J42

♦ AJ865

♣ 93

You

LHO

Partner

RHO

Pass

1 ♥

2 ♠ (weak)

3 ♥

??

♠ KJ5 ♥ J42 ♦ AJ865 ♣ 93

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
Pass	1 ♥	2 ♠ (weak)	3 ♥
??			

Bid 3 ♠. Partner promised 6 spades. Again, The Law will protect you. If you are down, they are making 3.

Now let's see The Law in some real hands.

You are West. None vulnerable

The image shows a digital bridge hand interface. At the top left is a 'D' button. The interface is divided into four quadrants for North, West, East, and South. West's hand is shown in the middle-left quadrant: ♠Q82, ♥KQ106, ♦93, ♣QJ102. The bidding sequence is shown in the center: North passes, West passes, East passes, South passes, North passes, West passes, East passes, South passes, North passes, West passes, East passes, South passes. The bidding sequence is: Pass Pass 1♠, Pass 2♠ Pass Pass, ??.

W	N	E	S
♠Q82	Pass	Pass	1♠
♥KQ106	Pass	2♠	Pass
♦93	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣QJ102	??		

Do you balance? What do you do? Why?

Newtown Open game

Now you are South. None vulnerable

The image shows a digital bridge interface with a green background. At the top left is a 'Deal' button with a 'D' icon. At the top right is a blue menu button with three horizontal lines. The interface is divided into four quadrants for North, West, East, and South. The center area shows the bidding history:

W	N	E	S
	Pass	Pass	1♠
	Pass	2♠	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass
	Dbl	Pass	3♥
			??

South's hand is displayed in the bottom quadrant:

- ♠ J10654
- ♥ 4
- ♦ QJ8
- ♣ AK98

Do you bid 3S?

♠A97
♥AJ52
♦T42
♣764

Dir: N
Vul: None

♠Q82
♥KQT6
♦93
♣QJT2

♠K3
♥9873
♦AK765
♣53

♠JT654
♥4
♦QJ8
♣AK98

9 Double Dummy Makes

10 10 NS: 2♠ / 2♥ / 1♦ / 1♣ / 1N

11 EW: / 2♠ / 2♥ / 1♦ / 1♣ / 1N

LoTT:

Par: -100

C

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	
140		10.00	0.00	2♠ S +1	
110		8.50	1.50	2♠ S	← 15%
110		8.50	1.50	2♠ S	
100		7.00	3.00	4♥ E -2	
50		6.00	4.00	3♥ W -1	← 40%
		4.50	5.50	PASS	
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	50	2.00	8.00	3♠ S -1	
	50	2.00	8.00	3♠ S -1	← 80%
	50	2.00	8.00	2♠ S -1	
100		0.00	10.00	4♠ S -2	

None vulnerable

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East passed after North bid 2S, but should East consider bidding 3D or doubling?

♠A97
 ♥AJ52
 ♦T42
 ♣764

Dir: N
 Vul: None

♠Q82
 ♥KQT6
 ♦93
 ♣QJT2

♠K3
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50		6.00	4.00	3♥ W -1
		4.50	5.50	PASS
		4.50	5.50	PASS
	50	2.00	8.00	3♠ S -1
	50	2.00	8.00	3♠ S -1
	50	2.00	8.00	2♠ S -1
	100	0.00	10.00	4♠ S -2

 15%
 30%
 80%

9 Double Dummy Makes
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 11 EW: / 2♠ 2♥ 1♦ / 1♣ / 1N
 LoTT:
 Par: -100 C

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- When Opponents Bid And Raise, consider “OBAR” bids in the direct seat. Take your partner off the hook and “pre-balance” when you are short in opps suit.

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			X	??		2♠
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			4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0			

Newtown, open game on BBO.

11 ♠JT832 Dir: S
 ♥T9632 Vul: None
 ♦3
 ♣Q8

♠A ♠5
 ♥AKQJ54 ♥7
 ♦6 ♦KQJT95
 ♣A9762 ♣KJ543
 ♠KQ9764
 ♥8
 ♦A8742
 ♣T

3 Double Dummy Makes
 18 10 NS 4♠;
 9 EW 6♦; EW 6♣; EW 5♥; EW 4N;

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Imp
590		12.00	0.00	4♣X S	
420		10.50	1.50	4♣ S	
420		10.50	1.50	4♣ S	
200		9.00	3.00	5N W -4	
	100	7.50	4.50	5♣X S -1	
	100	7.50	4.50	4♣X S -1	
	420	6.00	6.00	5♣ W +1	
	450	4.50	7.50	4♥ W +1	
	450	4.50	7.50	4♥ W +1	
	650	2.50	9.50	5♥X W	
	650	2.50	9.50	5♥X W	
	920	0.50	11.50	6♣ E	
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21 trumps; 22 tricks

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You are West. EW Vulnerable

The image shows a bridge hand interface on a green background. In the top left, a diamond card with the number 9 is shown. The bidding area in the center contains the following text:

W	N	E	S
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	??

Below the bidding area, the South player's hand is displayed:

- ♠
- ♥AJ10974
- ♦Q107
- ♣K1073

Other elements include a 'D' button with a menu icon in the top right, and 'W West' and 'E East' buttons on the left and right sides respectively.

Do you compete to 5H?

You are West. EW Vulnerable

The image shows a bridge hand interface on a green background. In the top left, a card box labeled 'D' contains the number '9'. The bidding sequence is shown in a central box:

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	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
??			

West's hand is shown in a box on the left:

- ♠ KQJ1054
- ♥ 5
- ♦ A5
- ♣ Q542

North and South have empty bidding boxes. East has an empty bidding box. A blue menu button is in the top right.

Do you compete to 5S?

9

♠986
♥K82
♦KJ92
♣J86

Dir: N
Vul: E-
W

♠KQJT54
♥5
♦A5
♣Q542

♠A732
♥Q63
♦8643
♣A9

♠-

♥AJT974
♦QT7
♣KT73

Double Dummy

Makes

8
12 10
10

NS: /4♠ 4♥ 3♦ 1♣
/1N
EW: 4♠ /4♥ /3♦ /1♣
1N

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Lead
200		11.00	0.00	4♠* W -1	♠J
100		9.50	1.50	4♠ W -1	♥2
100		9.50	1.50	5♠ W -1	♥2
	50	8.00	3.00	4♥ S -1	♠K
	300	6.00	5.00	5♥* S -2	♠K
	300	6.00	5.00	5♥* S -2	♦A
	300	6.00	5.00	5♥* S -2	♠K
	620	2.50	8.50	4♠ W	♠9
	620	2.50	8.50	4♠ W	♥2
	620	2.50	8.50	4♠ W	♥K
	620	2.50	8.50	4♠ W	♥K
	650	0.00	11.00	4♠ W +1	♥K



14% EW

55% NS

77% EW

4H makes 4S makes
9 hearts, 10 spades
Newtown, Open Game

David Loeb Hand Analysis

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All pass		

The Auction: After South opens 1♥ in 3rd seat, West overcalls 1♠. North's raise to 2♥ shows 3+ hearts and 6-10 Support Points. North's 3♥ cue bid shows an invitational spade raise. South's 12 Length Points advise against inviting game. South's **Losing Trick Count** of 6 suggests inviting. South's low Losing Trick Count is based on their spade void. Ruffs in the long hand don't typically provide extra tricks. Passing seems best.

West, with a Losing Trick Count of 5½ and 14 Length Points has an easy 4♠ bid. South's heart length decreases the likelihood that 2 heart tricks will be available on defense. Spades are breaking badly, but South expects 4♠ to make. At favorable vulnerability, South sacrifices at 5♥. East-West follow Grant Baze's advice that **"The 5-level belongs to the opponents"**. An East-West double ends the auction.

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Wolpert Weekly Game, 1/6/26

You are South. Do you let them buy it for 2D?

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Now you are East. Do you let them buy it for 2H?

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	♠ J74 ♥ QJ63 ♦ 73 ♣ 10832	P	P	1♦	1♠
W West		2♦	P	P	2♥
♠ 106 ♥ A72 ♦ J952 ♣ KJ75		P	P	3♦	P
		P	?		
	E East				
	♠ 932 ♥ K5 ♦ KQ86 ♣ AQ96				
	S South				
	♠ AKQ85 ♥ 10984 ♦ A104 ♣ 4				

EW can make 3D (4 unless South gets a club ruff)

NS can make 3H or 2S

There are 16 trumps but 18 tricks: why??

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Both sides have a double fit

If we have a double fit, they have a double fit

So, how good is The Law?

Statistical analysis by Jean-René Vernés:

1. Exactly right 57.5% of the time
2. Within one trick 80% of the time

Continuing advancement...

- LOTT isn't always right, but seeing the exceptions takes judgment, and that comes from experience.
- When you have a split deck hand, a LOTT hand, and get a bad board, go back and study – what went wrong?
 - “Unforced error”?
 - Bad luck?
 - Was LOTT wrong?
 - If LOTT was wrong, how might you have known that?

Continuing advancement...

- LOTT isn't always right, but seeing the exceptions takes judgment, and that comes from experience.
- When you have a LOTT hand and get a bad board, go back and study – what went wrong?
 - “Unforced error”?
 - Bad luck?
 - Was LOTT wrong?
 - If LOTT was wrong, how might you have known that?
 - Extra shape
 - Double fits
 - Trump quality
 - Wasted values
 - Vulnerability

Recap

The Law: The total number of tricks available is *approximately* equal to the total number of trumps.

The Golden Rule

Therefore, you are *usually* safe to bid to the level of the number of trumps your side holds.

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Links

To create hands to play on BBO:

- <https://www.bridgebase.com/tools/handviewer.html?editor=y>
- www.bridgebase.com/tools/handviewer.html?pc=n&s=st94hj972da765c53&w=saq32h63dk42cj987&n=skj5haqt8dqjtck42&e=s876hk54d983caqt6&d=n&v=0&b=1&a=2hppp

To sign up for Larry Cohen's newsletter:

- <https://larryco.com/newsletter>

Wolpert game 12/30/25:

- <https://wolpertbridge.com/article/12302025-game>

Larry Cohen Weekly Game 11/26/25:

- [Larry Cohen Weekly Game Intobridge followup – Zoom](#)

BONUS HANDS

You are west, NS vulnerable

D 5	N North	W N E S 1♠ 3♣ 4♠ ?
W West ♠ 62 ♥ 985 ♦ K985 ♣ AK86		E East
	S South	

Do you bid? Why or why not?

Now you are South, vulnerable

D		N North	W	N	E	S
5				1♠	3♣	4♠
				5♣	P	P
						?
W West			E East			
		S South				
		♠ J75				
		♥ AK1043				
		♦ QJ103				
		♣ 5				

What do you do? Why?

D	N North	W	N	E	S
5	♠ AKQ1094 ♥ J762 ♦ 76 ♣ 9		1♠	3♣	4♠
			5♣	P	P
W West		E East			
♠ 62 ♥ 985 ♦ K985 ♣ AK86		♠ 83 ♥ Q ♦ A42 ♣ QJ107432			
	S South				
	♠ J75 ♥ AK1043 ♦ QJ103 ♣ 5				
			5♣ E	NS: 0	EW: 0
New	Shuffle	Rewind	Previous	Next	GIB
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Marcello Branco, South

1978 World Pairs Olympiad

New Orleans

None Vulnerable

11 D	N North	W N E S
		2♥ 2♠ 4♥ ?
W West		E East
	S South	
	♠ AKQ86	
	♥ 10763	
	♦ J8	
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Mike Passel, American Expert, West
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 1979 Bermuda Bowl, Rio de Janeiro
 NS Vulnerable

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			2♥	3♣	P
			?	P	P
W West		E East			
♠ J93					
♥ Q86					
♦ A743					
♣ A53					
	S South				

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D 5	N North ♠ A2 ♥ 105 ♦ QJ86 ♣ KQ972	W N E S 1♦ 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 3♣ P P ?
W West ♠ J93 ♥ Q86 ♦ A743 ♣ A53		E East ♠ Q106 ♥ KJ932 ♦ K9 ♣ J86
	S South ♠ K8754 ♥ A74 ♦ 1052 ♣ 104	

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Valkenberg, World Team Olympiad, 1980

		N North	W	N	E	S
	2 ^D				P	1♠
			2♣	2♥	3♣	3♦
			??			
W West				E East		
♠ J984						
♥ 3						
♦ Q109						
♣ AK543						
		S South				

Valkenberg, World Team Olympiad, 1980

Brazilian star Gabino Cintra, South

		N North		W	N	E	S
				2♣	2♥	P	1♠
				4♣	4♠	3♣	3♦
						5♣	?
W West				E East			
		S South					
		♠ AQ762					
		♥ A					
		♦ A763					
		♣ 1096					

Valkenberg, World Team Olympiad, 1980

	N North ♠ K105 ♥ KQ9874 ♦ K54 ♣ 8	W N E S P 1♠ 2♣ 2♥ 3♣ 3♦ 4♣ 4♠ 5♣ ?
	W West ♠ J984 ♥ 3 ♦ Q109 ♣ AK543	E East ♠ 3 ♥ J10652 ♦ J82 ♣ QJ72
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South bid 5S. DD makes 5S, but South naturally went down 1.

EW: 9 clubs, 7 tricks
 NS: 8 spades, 11 tricks

NS scores:

- 5C-4: 200
- 5CX-4: 800
- 5S: 650
- **5S-1: -100**

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	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
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S	6	10	9	11	8
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