LESSONS FROM MONTEREY

Suit Slam Ingredients

- Tricks (Singletons are splendid. 4333 is bad.)
- Trumps (Be optimistic with good trumps.)
- conTrols (Aces and Kings)

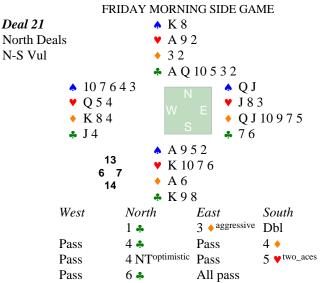
After you find a trump fit, you might want to play in notrump (despite the trump fit).

Notrump Game or Slam Ingredients

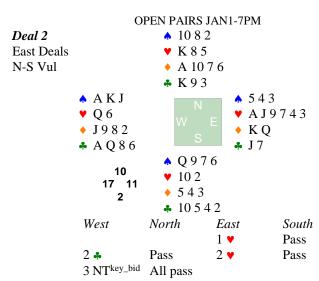
Trick SourceHigh cards - or-Long suit



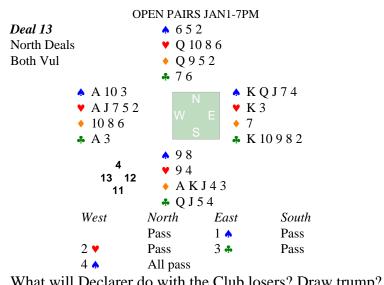
- Stoppers
If you have positional stoppers (AQ or KJx), bid notrump before Partner does.



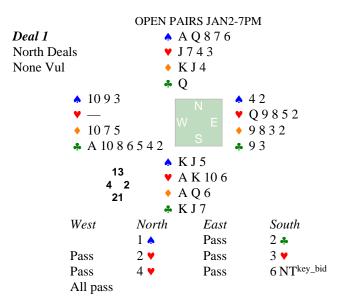
South's control-bid shows a good raise to 5. How might Declarer avoid a Heart loser?



Does West expect to ruff anything? Positional stoppers? Do EW have enough high-card power to play notrump?



What will Declarer do with the Club losers? Draw trump?



Does South expect to ruff anything? Positional stoppers?

