

Opener's Shape Rebids

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

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



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

Lead: ♣ Q. Top of touching honors.

Auction: North opens 1 ♥ showing 5+ hearts and 13-21 total points. East and West pass throughout. South responds 1 ♠ showing 4+ spades and 6+ total points.

North rebids 3 ♥ showing 6+ hearts and 17-18 total points. South does the Math: 18 + 10 ~ including 1 point for the doubleton diamond: 28 and game bonus. South raises to 4 ♥.

Declarer: Counting losers from North's Hand ~ the Master Hand: 2 spades, 1 diamond and 1 club. Declarer may be able to eliminate a spade loser through the Repeat Finesse Technique. However, the most likely loser to eliminate is the diamond loser through the Trumping Technique.

This is an exception to pulling trump hand. Declarer ducks the 1st club and trumps the 2nd round of clubs. Before pulling trump, Declarer must play ♦ A, ♦ K and trump a diamond. Once trump are pulled, Declarer can try for an overtrick by leading spades from North's hand twice, playing for the ♠ KQ to be divided between West and East's hand. Alas, the spade honors are both in West's hand and Declarer who did not trump a diamond loser before pulling trump go down 1.

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Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
		4 ♥	All pass

Lead: ♠ A. Top of touching honors.

Auction: East opens 1 ♦ showing 3+ diamonds and 13-21 total points. South and North pass throughout. West responds 1 ♥ showing 4+ hearts and 6+ total points.

East rebids 2 ♣ showing at least 9 cards in the minor suits. East is describing a 2-suited hand defined as at least one 5-card suit and one 4-card suit. East would rebid 1 NT with 4-4 in the minors.

West jump rebids 3 hearts showing 6+ hearts and 11-12 total points including 2 long-suit points. East does the Math: $12 + 15 \sim$ including 1 short-suit point for the doubleton spade = 27 and game bonus. East raises to 4 ♥.

Declarer: Counting losers from West's Hand ~ the Master Hand: 3 spades, 1 diamond and 1 club ~ 5 losers. Declarer must eliminate 2 losers to make 4 ♥:

1. Declarer can eliminate a diamond loser through the Repeat Finesse.
2. Declarer can eliminate 1 spade loser with the Trumping Technique. This is an exception to drawing trump hand. Declarer must first trump the spade loser with one of East's hearts and then pull trump.

Once trump are drawn, Declarer leads the ♦ J. If North covers, then win the ♦ A. If North plays 2nd hand low, then play low from East's hand and repeat the finesse.