Bid Bold



But Behave!

You are Dealer, Vulnerable against non-Vul. What do you open with this hand?

- **4** 87
- **Y** K 5
- **6** 2
- **K** 1075432

If you opted for Pass, then would you do the same if you were non-vulnerable against Vulnerable?

If you still Pass, what if you weren't Dealer but were in third position after two Passes?

Vulnerability & Position

- With a debateable pre-emptive opener you should particularly be aware of the vulnerability and position in the bidding.
- Vulnerable (especially vulnerable v non-vul) be very cautious.
- Non-Vul v Vul is your greatest friend for pre-empts.
- And third position in the bidding gives you flexibility because you know partner doesn't have opening points. Plus your left hand opponent is likely to have an opening hand.
- All that said probably still best to pass with the hand on the previous slide. But if the Club suit were Spades then opening at favourable vulnerability would be more tempting....

Third in Hand

NORTH

- A 5
- **♥** KQJ753
- **8**
- **4** 10953

N E S W
- Pass Pass
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You are Non-vul and E-W are Vulnerable

In third position you can take some liberties. Partner has Passed so your pre-empts can be on a little more than your normal range. And with kind vulnerability opening at the three level with a good six card suit is reasonably safe. If behind in a match I'd even be tempted to open 4 with this hand!

Losing Trick Count - Overview

Count the losers

$$2 + 2 + 1 + 2 = 7 loser hand$$

- Use with distributional hands
- When a fit has been found.
- Each suit has a maximum of three losers
- A, K or Q then deduct from three.
- Eg AQxxx has one loser
- Eg A K Q x has no losers

Typically a minimum opening hand has 7 losers.

With our hand above you have 7 losers but lack the points for an opener.

But if partner were to open (say) 1.

You say 1 Responding in the higher of two five card suits

Now if partner should raise you to 2♠ Then you have found a fit and apply the value of 7 losers to your hand – raise to 4♠

North

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8 loser hand$$

N	Ε	S	W
-	-	1C	Pass
1 S	Pass	2S	Pass
3S			

Here you have an 8 loser hand (one less than a 7 loser minimum opening hand – so raise one level less – i.e. an invitational raise to $3 \spadesuit$

Or alternatively trial bid in one of the red suits....

A Deal from Real Life!

Hand below from Kyle Bridge Club – 10th March this year. North deals and Passes – what do you say?

East

- J932
- AJ98653
- **1**0
- **,**

Nobody Vulnerable

Every pair at Kyle opened 3 \to Or a weak 2 \to

See the next slide for the full deal....

NORTH

- ♠ 1064
- K 4
- ◆ QJ976
- **972**

EAST

- AJ98653
- **1**0
- 📥 J

The bidding could go ..

N E S W

Pass Pass Pass 1C

Pass 1H Pass 2S

Pass 4S (or higher!)

, AK4

WEST

A K 7 5

♣ AQ863

SOUTH

- **♠** Q8
- Q 10 2
- **♦** 8532
- KT54

East Passes because she holds a four card Major. Now East-West find their Spade fit. 12 tricks are available in Spades – 11 in Hearts

How many losers does East have?

You are non-vul playing against vulnerable opponents. Partner opens 34 and right hand opponent passes. Do you speak?

- 9632
- A 10 6 3
- **4** 3
- **4** Q986

A pre-emptive raise to 5. Would give your left hand opponent something to think about.

If you want to be sneaky, how about muddying the water and saying 3NT!

The Power of Six with a fit

NORTH

- ♠ KJ9653
- **108**
- A J 9
- ♣ KJ

If you open 1 of a major holding a six card suit and partner raises to 2 – then you should consider raising to 4 whether you are maximum or minimum!

Six with a fit

KJ9653

NORTH

- 108
- A J 9
- ΚJ

EAST

- 108
- KJ5
- Q 4
- AQ10732

WEST

- AQ9642
- K 10 8 7
- 95

Declarer SOUTH

- ♠ AQ42
- 73
- 6532
- **4** 864

W Pass 2S 2H

As an example, here South is minimum for the raise to 2 • and East-West can make 11 tricks in Hearts.

Six with a fit

NORTH

- ♠ KJ9653
- **•** 10 8
- A J 9
- ♣ KJ

EAST

- Q8
- **♥** J75
- Q4
- A 10 9 7 3 2

WEST

- **•** 7
- ▼ KQ9642
- ♦ K 10 8 7
- **Q** 5

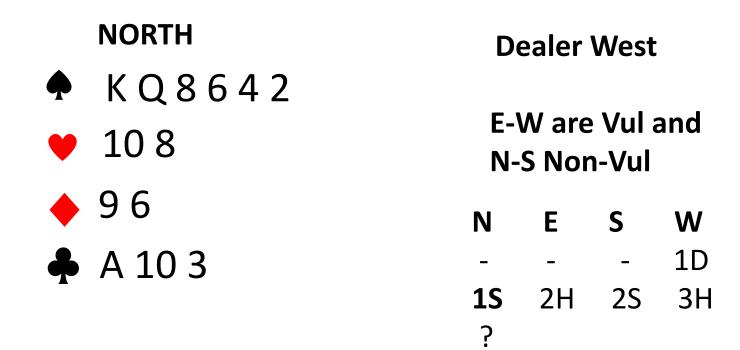
Declarer SOUTH

- ♠ A 10 4 2
- A 3
- 6532
- **\$** 864

N E S W 1S Pass 2S 2H ?

Here South is maximum for the raise to 2♠ And 10 tricks can be made. How do you play the ♦ suit?

Six with a fit - Overcall ...



I suggest you bid a confident 4♠ at this point!

Suppose you compete to just 3♠ then the opponents are likely to go to 4♥ and what do you do then? Bid 4♠!

By bidding to 4 directly the opponents are unsure if you're bidding to make 4 or as an advance sacrifice.

How high

NORTH

- ♠ Q7532
- **7** 5
- **♦** K Q 10 3
- **4** 4 2

Dealer South

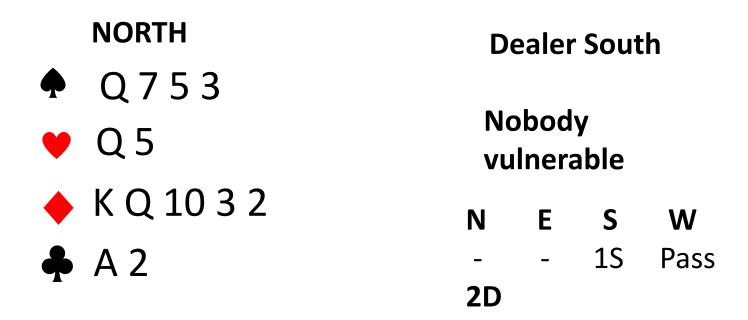
Nobody vulnerable

N E S W
- - 1S Pass
?

You may see a theme here! Bid 4 • directly

So.... How do you bid with a hand in the range of 13-15 points?

Delayed Game Raise



With a hand where you are good enough for a direct raise to 4 of a major – then start by bidding another suit, planning to say 4♠ on the next round. This way you can differentiate between a value raise and a raise based on shape with few points. This is termed a "Delayed game raise".



Any other questions that occur to you later please email me through the ABU contact.