

STRONG 2♣ OPENING AND RESPONSES

NORTH HANDS

Board: 1
Dealer: South

♠ 10 8 5 4
♥ K 9 8 6 3 2
♦ 2
♣ 7 5

Board: 2
Dealer: South

♠ 10 6 2
♥ Q 7
♦ 9 4 3
♣ K J 8 7 4

Board: 3
Dealer: North

♠ A Q J
♥ A 9
♦ A Q 10 3
♣ K Q J 8

Board: 4
Dealer: South **Vul:** All

♠ A J 7 6 5 2
♥ A
♦ 8 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

Board: 5
Dealer: North

♠ K Q J 8
♥ A Q J 9
♦ K J 10
♣ A Q

Board: 6
Dealer: North

♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K J 3
♦ A K 10 2
♣ A Q

Board: 7
Dealer: South

♠ K 8 7 2
♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ 2
♣ 8 6 5 4

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SOUTH HANDS

Board: 1
Dealer: South

♠ A K
♥ 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A K J 10 8 3

Board: 2
Dealer: South

♠ A K Q
♥ A K J 9 6 5
♦ A Q 7
♣ 2

Board: 3
Dealer: North

♠ 8 6 2
♥ J 5 4 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 7 3 2

Board: 4
Dealer: South

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A K J 6
♣ A K J 9

Board: 5
Dealer: North

♠ 9 7
♥ 6 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ K J 8 6 4 3

Board: 6
Dealer: North

♠ 4 2
♥ Q 10 6 2
♦ J 8 7 4 3
♣ 9 5

Board: 7
Dealer: South

♠ A Q 6
♥ A K J 8
♦ K J 5
♣ K Q J

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NORTH HANDS

Board: 8

Dealer: West

♠ K Q J 10 8 3
♥ K 6
♦ A K Q
♣ A K

Board: 9

Dealer: North **Vul:** None

♠ K Q J
♥ K 10 2
♦ A Q J
♣ A Q J 8

Board: 10

Dealer: North

♠ 3
♥ A Q J
♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ A Q 8

Board: 11

Dealer: North

♠ A K J 9 7
♥ A Q 6 5
♦ A K J
♣ J

Board: 12

Dealer: East

♠ 7 6 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ J 8 7 2

Board: 13

Dealer: North

♠ K 6
♥ A K J 10 9 6 5
♦ K Q
♣ A K

Board: 14

Dealer: North

♠ A 6
♥ A K Q 10 9 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 7

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SOUTH HANDS

Board: 8

Dealer: West

♠ A 6 5 4
♥ Q 10 7 3 2
♦ 2
♣ Q 6 4

Board: 9

Dealer: North

♠ 10 7
♥ A 10 7 5 4
♦ K 9 6 3
♣ 6 2

Board: 10

Dealer: North

♠ K J 8 6 5
♥ 9 4 3
♦ 2
♣ 10 7 4 2

Board: 11

Dealer: North

♠ Q 4
♥ 9 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ K 10 8 6 4 3

Board: 12

Dealer: East

♠ A Q J 10 3
♥ A K J
♦ K Q 9 5
♣ A

Board: 13

Dealer: North

♠ 10 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A 9 4 3
♣ J 6 5 2

Board: 14

Dealer: North

♠ Q 10 9 8
♥ 8 6
♦ A 9 4 3
♣ 9 7 6 2

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Board: 1 Dealer: South

West North East South

			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South has a 3 loser hand. With 22 points a 2♣ opening is better than 1♣. After North's negative/waiting response South shows his club suit and North is just strong enough to show his hearts – just 3 points but the 6th heart justifies it. South now closes the auction by bidding 3NT.

Board: 2 Dealer: South

West North East South

			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

With 23 points, South starts with a conventional 2♣ and rebids his suit over the negative/waiting 2♦ response. North's 3♣ shows some values, since he would bid the second negative of 2NT with 0-3 points. South rebids his hearts and North proceeds to game. With a singleton in his partner's suit South doesn't bid any further.

Board: 3 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North opens 2♣ and rebids 2NT to show 23-24 balanced. This sequence isn't forcing, so with only 1 point South just passes.

Board: 4 Dealer: South

West North East South

			2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South opens a strong 2♣ and North makes a positive 2♠ bid. South shows his balanced hand by rebidding 2NT (although a raise to 3♠ would also be acceptable). When North rebids his spades South uses Blackwood and bids the grand slam when North shows two aces. Even with both hands being short in hearts, the chances of making are close to 80%.

Board: 5 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When North shows 23-24 points balanced by rebidding 2NT, South just raises to 3NT.

Board: 6 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North bids 2♣ followed by 2NT to show 23-24 points balanced. South uses Stayman, but settles for 3NT when North denies 4 hearts by bidding 3♠.

Board: 7 Dealer: South

West North East South

			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South bids 2♣ followed by 2NT to show 23-24 points. North uses Stayman and raises to game when South shows 4 hearts.

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Board: 8 Dealer: West

West North East South

Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South has 8 points but the heart suit is not good enough for a 2♥ response so South bids a waiting 2♦. North now shows his spades. South's 3♠ shows a reasonable hand – with a weaker hand South would have bid 4♠ (Principle of Fast Arrival). North now bids Blackwood and settles for 6NT when South has only one ace.

Board: 9 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

North opens a strong 2♣, and rebids 2NT after South's negative/waiting response. South bids 3♥. This shows reasonable values including at least five hearts and is game forcing. North has three hearts so could bid 4♥ but with a flat hand with good cover in all suits and no ruffing potential he rebids 3NT offering a choice of games, 3NT or 4♥. South passes.

Board: 10 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North opens a strong 2♣ and shows his long diamond suit over South's negative/waiting 2♦ response. South can now bid spades to show a reasonable hand and 5+ spades, but passes when North converts to 3NT.

Board: 11 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North starts with the conventional 2♣ opening. South gives a 2♦ negative/waiting response. North now shows his spade suit, and South's 3♣ rebid is game forcing, showing 4+ points (he would give the double negative rebid of 2NT with less). North shows his second suit and South gives preference to spades. This does not promise 3 card support. North suggests 3NT as an alternative contract and South is happy to pass.

Board: 12 Dealer: South

West North East South

		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South opens with a Strong 2♣ and shows his long suit over the 2♦ negative/waiting response. With only 2 points North gives the 'second negative' response on the second round. When South shows his second suit (game forcing) North gives preference to 3♠. South isn't tempted to try for slam.

Board: 13 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When North shows 23-24 points balanced by rebidding 2NT, South just raises to 3NT.

Board: 14 Dealer: North

West North East South

	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass

North has just 20 points but has only 4 losers and a long major (hearts) so opens 2♣ and rebids 2♥ after South's negative/waiting bid. South's 2NT rebid is a 'second negative' showing 0-3 points and saying "partner I am not going to bid again". North decides to sign off in 3♥.