

**Board 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 2  
♥ 7 6 3  
♦ Q 9 8 7  
♣ J

♠ A Q 4  
♥ 5 4  
♦ A K J 10  
♣ A K 5 3



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

EW 4♦; EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 3♣; Par -130

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

**Giving Count**

When the declarer leads a suit, a defender should try and tell partner how many cards he has, in the suit led. This is of most value when the declarer has no other apparent entries for a long/or strong suit (most often in dummy). This simple concept is just as important, if not more so, as a more complex bridge concept.

When the declarer West decides to play on hearts, South must take the heart ace on exactly the 2nd play of hearts otherwise the declarer will make 3 NT.

North can indicate that he has 3 hearts by playing low on the first heart lead.

plays a low card and then a higher one.

With an even number of cards then the defender plays first a high card then a lower card. Sometimes you might not be able to afford to play a high card but that would be unusual.

With an odd number of cards the defender

Lead: ♠ J