

## USING DUPLICATE BRIDGE HAND RECORDS

Many clubs now use pre-dealt boards. The advantage of this is that the hand records are available at the end of the session, either in printed format or on a website results page. This document provides some information about 1) interpreting the ‘makeable contracts’ table and 2) how to replay the hands online if your club uses a Bridgewebs website (if your club doesn’t use a Bridgewebs site then this option is not available).

### 1. The ‘makeable contracts’ table.

The analysis table shows how many tricks are available to each side played in the four possible trumps suits and No Trumps.

The analysis assumes that **all four hands are visible** (called ‘double dummy’ analysis) and shows the maximum number of tricks available for each player as declarer.

**In clubs**, North or South can make 9 tricks.

**In diamonds**, North can make 9 tricks but only 8 tricks are possible if played by South.

**In hearts**, North can make 8 tricks.

**In spades**, East or West can make 8 tricks.

**In No Trumps**, North can make 9 tricks but only 8 tricks are possible if played by South.

Two things to bear in mind when looking at the double dummy analysis:

1. It doesn’t necessarily mean that the contracts are biddable. In this example, N/S clearly wouldn’t arrive in a heart contract!
2. Of course in actual play you can’t see all 52 cards, so sometimes the maximum number of tricks shown may only be possible by an ‘illogical’ play.

Nevertheless, the makeable contracts table is a useful guide to how many tricks are available for each side.

### 2. Replaying the hands

Below the hand records you will see a ‘Play it again’ button.

Dir: North  
Vul: E/W

♠ A 9  
♥ A 10 3  
♦ Q 9 4  
♣ A J 10 7 4

♠ J 10 3  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ J 10 8 6  
♣ Q 8 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
9

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

♠ Q 8  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K 5 3 2  
♣ K 9 6 5

	♠	♥	♦	♣	N
N	3	3	2	-	3
S	3	2	-	-	2
E	-	-	-	2	-
W	-	-	-	2	-

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Board No 9 EW Vul Dealer North								
Deal: Hayling								
NS	EW	Bid	By	Tks	-Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	7	3♣	N	9	110		11	3
2	1	3♣	N	9	110		11	3
3	3	3♣	E	10		170		14
4	5	2♣	E	8		110	4	10
5	8	3♣	N	8		50	7	7
6	2	3♣	E	9		140	2	12
7	4	4♣	N	9		50	7	7
8	6	4♣	E	8	200			14

If it asks you which 'player' you want to use, select 'BS Online' (Bridge Solver Online).

To start playing, click on an entry in the makeable contracts table (including entries shown as '-' or '\*')

A button highlighted bright yellow in the makeable contracts table shows the contract actually played.

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John Goacher  
Double Dummy Solver Module:  
Bo Haglund

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♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K 5 3 2  
♣ K 9 6 5

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

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	3	2	-	3
S	3	2	-	-	2
E	-	-	-	2	-
W	-	-	-	2	-

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At any point in the play it shows how many tricks can be made from that point onwards depending on which card you select.

Here we are replaying the contract in 3 clubs by North and East is on lead.

If East leads a top heart, E/W can make four tricks. If East leads anything else E/W will only make three tricks.

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♣ Q 8 2

♠ Q 8  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K 5 3 2  
♣ K 9 6 5

♠ K<sub>3</sub> 7<sub>3</sub> 6<sub>3</sub> 5<sub>3</sub> 4<sub>3</sub> 2<sub>3</sub>  
♥ K<sub>4</sub> Q<sub>4</sub> J<sub>4</sub> 8<sub>2</sub>  
♦ A<sub>3</sub> 7<sub>3</sub>  
♣ 3<sub>3</sub>

Contract: 3♣ by N  
(originally played in 3C)

NS Tricks: 0  
EW Tricks: 0

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	3	2	-	3
S	3	2	-	-	2
E	-	-	-	2	-
W	-	-	-	2	-

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At every point during the play it shows how each player's choice of card will affect the tricks makeable from that point onwards.

LoTT: 17-18 = -1

Contract: 3♣ by N  
(originally played in 3C)

NS Tricks: 2  
EW Tricks: 0

♠ A 9  
♥ A 10 3  
♦ Q 9 4  
♣ A<sub>8</sub> J<sub>9</sub> 10<sub>9</sub> 7<sub>8</sub> 4

♠ J 10 3  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ J 10 8 6  
♣ Q 8 2

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

♠ Q 8  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K 5 3 2  
♣ K 9 6 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	3	2	-	3
S	3	2	-	-	2
E	-	-	-	2	-
W	-	-	-	2	-

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On each page of the replay window there is a handy 'Help' button which gives more help about replaying the hands.

You can even use Bridge Solver Online to input and analyse **any** hand you have played (not just the club hands!).

Use the 'Edit' button, then 'Clear' the current hand and input your own hand.

Have fun!

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