

Board 1
East Deals
None Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 4 3
♥ Q 9 7 5 4
♦ 8 6 5
♣ A Q 10

♠ A K Q
♥ K 8 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 9 8 6 3

♠ J 10 9 8
♥ J
♦ A K Q J 10
♣ K 7 5

♠ 7 6 5 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 3 2
♣ J 4 2

NS 2N; NS 3♦; NS 1♠; NS 1♥; NS 1♣

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

3 NT by North

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦ N

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♣) - 1♦ - (P) - 1♥; (P) - 1♠ - (P) - 2♦ S

After the raptor 1NT, North thinks his clubs are wasted. Switch hearts and clubs in the South hand, and there is no heart game.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 3 2
♥ J 10 8 7 5
♦ 6 4
♣ 7 6 4 3

♠ A 10 9 7
♥ 4
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A K Q 8 2

♠ K 8 6 5
♥ A 3
♦ A Q J 10 8
♣ J 5

♠ Q J 4
♥ K Q 9 6 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ 10 9

EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 3♣; EW 1♥; E 1♦

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

2 ♥ by West

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (X) - P [asks];

(P) - 2♣ [♠] - (P) - 2♦; ... BAD

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♣) - 1♦ - (1♥) - P; (1♠) - P - ...

On the Std auction, the opponents will play either 2NT (average) or 3NT (good). On the Raptor auction, the choices are 2♦ X (bad) or 2NT.

Board 3
East Deals
E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

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

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

NS 5♣; EW 2♠; NS 3♦; EW 1N; NS 1♥

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	2 ♦
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

4 ♠ by East

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (2♠) - 4♣N

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♠) - 2♦ - (2♠) - 3♣; (3♠) - P - (P) - 4♣N

Board 4
East Deals
Both Vul

Raptor Deals

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

♠ 10 4 2		
♥ J 8 6 2		
♦ A K Q J 10		
♣ 6		

NS 2N; NS 3♦; EW 1♠; NS 1♥; EW 1♣

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 NT	2 ♣	3 NT

All pass

3 NT by North

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (P) - 2NT;

3♦ - (P) - 3NTS BAD (better not to bid)

RR: N/A

Std: (1♣) - 1♦ - (1♥) - 2NTN

Board 5
East Deals
N-S Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ A 9 8 5 4
♥ 5
♦ A 8 6 3 2
♣ 9 3

♠ 2
♥ K 9 3
♦ Q J 10 9 7
♣ Q 10 6 5



♠ K 7 6
♥ A Q J 8 4 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ 8

♠ Q J 10 3
♥ 10 7 6
♦ —
♣ A K J 7 4 2

NS 4♠; E 3♥; W 2♥; NS 3♣; EW 1N; EW 2♦

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 ♣
2 ♥	Dbl ¹	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠

All pass

1. Responsive double -- 2- C; 4+ D; 5- H; 4+ S; 6+ total points

4 ♠ by South

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (2♥) - 3♥ [♠]; (4♥) - 4♠S

RR: see Raptor

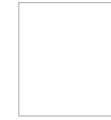
Std: (1♥) - 2♣ - (2♥) - X; (3♥) - 4♠S

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 9 4
♥ A Q 7 6 5 2
♦ 10 9 3
♣ 9 6

♠ K J 7
♥ 10 9 8 4 3
♦ K 2
♣ J 10 5



♠ 10 8 5 3
♥ K J
♦ Q 6 5
♣ A K Q 8

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ —
♦ A J 8 7 4
♣ 7 4 3 2

EW 2N; EW 2♠; EW 2♣; EW 1♥; NS 1♦

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	2 ♠ ¹
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass

1. Cappelletti - spades and a minor -- 3- H; 4+ S; 11+ total points

3 NT by East

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦;

(P) - P - (2♥W) GOOD

RR: (1♣) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦ [P/C];

(P) - P - (2♥W) ~GOOD

Std: (1♣) - 1♦ - (1♥) - P; 1NTE

Pigs wind up on the wrong end of the cleaver: the raptor North should take his top undoubled. However, the RR North could blow up the board by choosing to bid his hearts.

Board 7
East Deals
Both Vul

Raptor Deals

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

EW 2♥; E 3♣; E 1N; NS 2♦; W 2♣; E 1♠

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♥	2♦

2♥ All pass

2♥ by East

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (2♥E)

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♥) - 2♦ - (2♥E)

Board 9
East Deals
E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

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

EW 3♠; NS 2♥; EW 3♣; NS 2♦

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♠	Dbl

2♠ 3♥ 3♠ All pass

3♠ by East

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (2♠) - 3♥; (3♠E)

RR: N/A

Std: (1♠) - P - (2♠) - P; (P) - X - (P) - 3♥; (3♠E)

The standard South plans on equal level conversion, which should apply by a passed hand - might double initially.

Board 10
East Deals
Both Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ K 9 8 5 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ 6 3

♠ A 7 4
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ Q 7 5
♣ J 9 5



♠ 2
♥ Q J 9 4
♦ A K 10 8 6 2
♣ Q 10

♠ Q J 10 6
♥ K 7
♦ 3
♣ A K 8 7 4 2

NS 5♠; EW 2♥; EW 1N; EW 2♦; NS 2♣

West	North	East	South
		1♦	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♦	3♣

All pass

3♣ by South

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦ [ask];

(X) - 2♠ - (3♦) - 3♠; (P) - 4♠S

RR: (1♦) - 1NT - (P) - 3♦ [LR+ask];

(X) - 4♣ [♣, accept] - (P) - 4♠N

Std: (1♥) - 2♦ - (2♥) - (X); (3♥) - 3♠ - (P) - 4♠S

If East bids 3♦ instead of doubling 2♦, the raptor pair may lose the spade suit.

Board 12
East Deals
N-S Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ J 9 8 7 4
♥ A 10 4
♦ K J 4
♣ 10 4

♠ K Q 6 3 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 10 6
♣ Q 9 6



♠ 10 5
♥ J 6 3
♦ A Q 8 3 2
♣ A J 7

♠ A
♥ K Q 9 5
♦ 9 7 5
♣ K 8 5 3 2

NS 3♥; NS 1N; N 2♣; NS 1♠; N 1♦; S 1♣

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♥
1♠	2♥	All pass	

2♥ by South

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦ [ask]; (P) 2♥S

RR: N/A

Std: (1♦) - 1♥ - (1♠) - 2♥S

Board 13
East Deals
Both Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ A 10 6 3
♥ K J
♦ 8 4 2
♣ K 9 8 4

♠ K 2
♥ Q 9 8 7 6 3 2
♦ 10
♣ A Q J

♠ Q 9 7 5
♥ 10
♦ A K Q J 3
♣ 6 5 3

♠ J 8 4
♥ A 5 4
♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ 10 7 2



N 3♠; EW 3♥; S 2♠; N 3♦; NS 1N; S 2♦; NS 2♣

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Dbl
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All pass	

4♠ by North

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (2♥) - 3♥ [♠]; (X) - 3♠S

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♥) - 2♦ - (2♥) - X; (3♥) - P - (P) - X;
(P) - 3♠S

Board 14
East Deals
None Vul

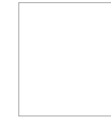
Raptor Deals

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 4
♦ Q J 4
♣ A K Q 8 7 6

♠ J
♥ A Q J 10 8 3 2
♦ K 10 5
♣ 10 5

♠ A K Q 8
♥ K
♦ A 8 7 3 2
♣ 9 4 2

♠ 10 9 7 6 5
♥ 9 7 6 5
♦ 9 6
♣ J 3



NS 5♦; NS 5♣; NS 3♠; EW 2♥

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Dbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣

All pass

6♣ by North

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (3♥) - 5♣N

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♥) - X - (3♥) - 5♣N

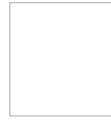
The auctions all differ if West passes, but the result should be equivalent.

Board 15
East Deals
N-S Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ K J 10
♥ 8
♦ J 9 6 5 3
♣ K J 4 2

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ Q J 7 6 5
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 7



♠ Q 7 5 2
♥ A 10 2
♦ A Q 10 2
♣ 10 8

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 4 3
♦ K 7
♣ A 9 6 5 3

NS 3N; NS 5♣; NS 3♦; NS 1♠; NS 1♥
West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT
All pass

2 NT by North

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (P) - 2♣N! GOOD

RR: N/A

Std: (1♦) - 2♣ - (P) - 3♣S

The Std auction could lose a heart fit; South takes a risk with a matchpoint 1-under overcall.

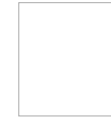
5♣ makes only with four successful finesses, drops or splits. In other words, 3♣ is at a small risk.

Board 16
East Deals
E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A Q J 7 4 3

♠ A K 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 8 6 5 2



♠ Q J 8 6 4
♥ A 10 7 6 5 4
♦ K 3
♣ —

♠ 7 5
♥ K J 9 2
♦ A Q J 10 8
♣ K 10

E 3♠; E 3♥; W 2♠; W 2♥; NS 3♣; NS 1N; NS 2♦
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♦
Pass 1 NT 2♦¹ Dbl
4♠ Dbl All pass

1. Michaels -- 5+ H; 5+ S; 11- HCP; 12 total points; forcing

4♠ x by West

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (2♠) - 3♣; 3♠E

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♠) - 2♦ - (2♠) - 3♣ [FNJ]; 3♠E

A fit-showing non-jump improves the Std auction; 3♦ would get 3♠E, but without a club lead.

Board 17
 East Deals
 None Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ J 7 4 3
 ♥ Q J 10 7 6
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 9 7

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

♠ K 10 8
 ♥ A 8 5 3
 ♦ A J 8 4 2
 ♣ 4

NS 3♥; EW 4♣; EW 2N; EW 1♠; NS 1♦

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♣	Dbl
Rdbl	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	All pass		

5 ♣ by East

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (2♦) [LR+] - P;
 (2♠) - P - (2NT) - P; 3♣E

RR: N/A

Std: (1♣) - X - (2NT) [LR+] - P; 3♣E

Board 19
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 9 6
 ♥ J 10 7 5 2
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ Q 9 7 5

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

♠ 10
 ♥ A 9 8 6
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ A 8 6 4 2

EW 4♠; EW 4♦; NS 2♥; EW 1N; NS 2♣

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

4 ♠ by West

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (2♥) [LR+] - 3♥; 4♠E

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♠) - X - (2NT) [LR+] - P; 4♠E

Board 21
East Deals
N-S Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ A Q 5 4
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 7 4 3 2
♣ J 6

♠ 8 7 6
♥ A Q J 10 4
♦ J 10 6
♣ Q 5



♠ K 9 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ A K Q 5
♣ 8 7 4

♠ J 10 3
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ —
♣ A K 10 9 3 2

NS 2♠; EW 2♥; NS 3♣

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♦	Dbl
Rdbl	1♠	Pass	2♠
All pass			

2♠ by North

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (2♥W) BAD

RR: N/A

Std: (1♦) - 2♣S

The Std auction is more difficult for the opponents. If West tries 2♥, it's forcing, and 3♥, which may be set, will be played. With the standard defense to Raptor, West's 2♥ is non-forcing - just right with the bad ♣Q.

Board 22
East Deals
E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ A 10 4
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ A 8 6 3

♠ K 9 8
♥ A 10 5 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ J 9 4



♠ 7 3 2
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ K Q J 4
♣ 5

♠ Q J 6 5
♥ J 9
♦ A 3
♣ K Q 10 7 2

NS 4♠; NS 4♣; NS 2N; EW 2♥; NS 1♦

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

3♥ by East

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (2♥) - X; (P) - 3♣ - (3♥E)

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♥) - 2♣ - (2♥) - 3♣; (P) - P - (3♥E)

LoTT carries West to 3♥. Swap the pointy kings, and 3♥ makes, so it likely won't be doubled. In any case, the auctions are equivalent.

Board 23
 East Deals
 Both Vul

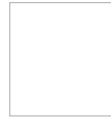
Raptor Deals

♠ A 5 4 3
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ K 8 5 3 2
 ♣ K 5

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

♠ 2
 ♥ K J 7 5
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 4

♠ J 10 8 6
 ♥ A Q 8
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ J 7 3 2



EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♥; NS 2♣; EW 1♦

West	North	East	South
		1♦	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dbf	All pass

2♣ x by South

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦ [ask];
 (P) - 2♥ - (P) - 2NT; (P) - 3♣S

RR: N/A

Std: (1♦) - 2♣ - (P) - 2NT; 3♣S

Board 24
 East Deals
 None Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ A Q J 6 4 2
 ♥ A Q 9 8
 ♦ J
 ♣ 7 5

♠ K 7
 ♥ K J 6 3
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ J 10 9 2

♠ 10 9 5 3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A 10 9 5 3 2
 ♣ A K

♠ 8
 ♥ 10 5 4 2
 ♦ 8 7 6
 ♣ Q 8 6 4 3



NS 6♠; NS 3N; NS 5♦; NS 1♥

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All pass			

6♠ by North

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT! - (P) - 2♣ [ask];
 (P) - 2♠ - (P) - 4♠N ~BAD

RR: (1♣) - 1NT! - (P) - 3♣ [LR+ask];
 (P) - 3♠ [♦, accept] - (P) - 4♥;
 (P) - 4NT - (P) - 5♠ [2 with]; (P) - 6♠S

Std: (1♣) - 1♦ - (P) - 1♠; (P) - 3♠ - (P) - 4♥;
 (P) - 4NT - (P) - 5♠ [2 with]; (P) - 6♠S

The Std and RR auctions are pushy, but quite possible. Raptor, after the artificial inquiry has no agreed way to set trump. Knowing the major from the get-go empowers the RR North.

Board 25
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 9 8 6

♥ J 10 7 6

♦ A 4

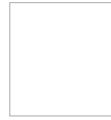
♣ A 8 7 4

♠ Q 5 3 2

♥ Q 9

♦ Q 8 7 5

♣ J 10 3



♠ K 10

♥ A K 8 4 3 2

♦ 10 6

♣ Q 9 5

♠ A J 7 4

♥ 5

♦ K J 9 3 2

♣ K 6 2

NS 3♠; NS 2N; NS 3♦; NS 2♣; EW 1♥

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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		1♥	Dbl
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1NT	2♣	All pass	
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2♣ by North

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NTS

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♥) - X - (P) - 1NTN

Board 26
 East Deals
 Both Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 7 5

♥ 10 7

♦ 9 3 2

♣ Q J 9 6 5 4

♠ Q 2

♥ A K J 8 6

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 7 3 2



♠ A K 10 9 8 6

♥ 9 3

♦ 10 6

♣ A K 8

♠ J 4 3

♥ Q 5 4 2

♦ A K J 5 4

♣ 10

EW 5N; EW 5♠; EW 4♥; EW 2♦; EW 2♣

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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		1♠	2♦
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Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
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3NT	All pass		
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3NT by West

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (X) - 3♣ [weak];

(3♠) - P - (4♠E)

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♠) - 2♦ - (2♥) - P; (3♠) - P - (4♠E)

Board 27
 East Deals
 None Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ J 9 8 7 6 3
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ 9 7 6

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



♠ A
 ♥ A J 5 4
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ A K 10 8 4 3

♠ K Q 2
 ♥ K 9 3 2
 ♦ A J 9 4 2
 ♣ Q

EW 5♣; EW 3♥; EW 2N; NS 2♠

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♣	Dbl
1 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	All pass		

3 NT by West

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦; (3♣) - P (4♣) - P;
 (5♣E)

RR: N/A

Std: (1♣) - X - (P) - 1♠; (3♣) - P - (4♣) - P; (5♣E)

Board 29
 East Deals
 Both Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 2
 ♥ 9 8 7 3 2
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ K Q 7 4 3

♠ A J 10 9 7 5 4
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ 9



♠ Q
 ♥ A K Q J 5
 ♦ A 7 5 2
 ♣ 6 5 2

♠ K 8 6 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q J 10 9 8
 ♣ A J 10 8

EW 3♠; E 3♥; NS 4♣; EW 2N; W 2♥; NS 1♦

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

4 ♥ by East

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (2♥) - 3♣N ~GOOD

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♥) - X - (2♠ [weak]) - 3♣; (P) - P - (3♥E) - 4♣N

It seems better to use a takeout double instead of Raptor 1NT, when appropriate - but not this time.

The Raptor and RR North knows South has a heart void and therefore at least three clubs, once West raises. In each of these cases, the Raptor bid steals West's spade suit, as 2♠ would be artificial.

Board 30
East Deals
None Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 9 3 2

♥ Q J 5

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 10 8 6

♠ A K Q 6
♥ 9 8 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ 5 3 2



♠ J 10
♥ A K 10 7 6 4 3
♦ Q 5
♣ K J

♠ 8 7 5 4

♥ —

♦ A K 3 2

♣ A Q 9 7 4

E 4N; E 4♥; W 3♥; N 2♦; NS 2♣; E 1♠; S 1♦

West *North* *East* *South*

1 ♥ Dbl

2 ♥ All pass

2 ♥ by East

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (X) - P [ask];

(2♥) - P - (3♥E)

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♥) - X - (XX) - 2♦; (2♥) - P - (3♥E)

Board 31
East Deals
N-S Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ Q 5 3

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ Q 9 3

♣ Q 6 5

♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 4 2
♣ K J 9 8



♠ 6
♥ A 8 5 3 2
♦ A K 6
♣ 10 7 4 2

♠ K J 10 7

♥ K 7

♦ J 10 8 7 5

♣ A 3

EW 4♣; EW 2♥; EW 1♠; NS 1♦

West *North* *East* *South*

1 ♥ 1 ♠

2 ♠ Dbl Pass 3 ♦

Pass 3 ♠ Pass Pass

Dbl All pass

3 ♠ x by South

Raptor: (1♥) - 1NT - (X) - P [ask];

(P) - 2♣ [♦] - (X) - 2♦;

(P) - P - (2♠) - P; (3♣E)

RR: see Raptor

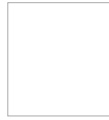
Std: (1♥) - (P) - (1♠) - P; (2♣) - P - (3♣E)

Board 32
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ K 10 9 2
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ 10 8 6

Raptor Deals

♠ Q 9 8 7
♥ J 6
♦ K 7 2
♣ Q J 5 2



♠ A K J 5 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ A Q 6 5 4
♣ —

♠ 10 6
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ J
♣ A K 9 7 4 3

EW 4♦; N 2N; W 2♥; NS 3♣; S 1N; EW 1♠; E 1♥

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	2 ♣

Pass 3 ♣ All pass

3 ♣ by South

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (P) - 2♣; (2♦) - P - (P) - 3♣;
(P) - P - (3♦E)

RR: N/A

Std: (1♠) - 2♣ - (P) - 3♣; 3♦E

Board 34
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 8
♦ 2
♣ K 10 5 3 2

Raptor Deals

♠ A Q 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ K 9 4
♣ J 9



♠ K 3
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ 2
♥ K J 10 3
♦ Q J 10 7 6 3
♣ A 4

EW 3♠; NS 3♥; EW 4♣; NS 3♦; NS 1N

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♣	1 ♦

1 ♠ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ All pass

2 ♠ by West

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (2♠) - X;
(P) - 3♥ - (4♣E)

RR: N/A

Std: (1♣) - 1♦ - (1♠) - 2♣ [LR+];
(P) - 2♥ - (P) - 3♥; (P) - P - (4♣E)

Board 35
East Deals
E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q 7 5 4 ♦ 10 8 7 6 ♣ K J 9 5</p>	<p>♠ Q J 9 4 ♥ 6 2 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ 10 7 6 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>♠ A K 10 7 5 2 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ K ♣ A 8 4</p>	<p>♠ 6 3 ♥ A J 8 3 ♦ A Q J 5 4 ♣ Q 2</p>
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EW 3♠; E 3♥; EW 2N; W 2♥; EW 2♣

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	2 ♦
Pass	Pass	2 ♠	All pass

2 ♠ by East

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (P) - 2♣ [P/C]; (2♠E)

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♠) - 2♦ - (P) - P; (2♠E)

Board 36
East Deals
Both Vul

Raptor Deals

<p>♠ 10 5 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ A Q 10 7 ♣ K Q 7 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 7 6 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ 9 8 4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>♠ A K 8 4 3 ♥ A Q 7 6 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ K J 5 4 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ A J 10 6 2</p>
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E 3♥; EW 2N; EW 2♠; W 2♥; EW 3♦; E 1♣

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2 ♣
Dbl	All pass		

2 ♣ x by South

Raptor: (1♠) - 1NT - (X) - P [ask];

(P) - XX [♣] - (P) - 2♣; (P) - P - (X)

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♠) - X - (XX) - 1NT; (P) - P - (X) - 2♣;
(P) - P - (X)

Board 37
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ 9 8 7 6 4 2

♠ Q J 7 6 5 4
 ♥ K Q 5 3
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ J



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

♠ 9
 ♥ J 8 6 4
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ A K 10 5 3

E 4♠; W 3♠; NS 4♣; EW 2♥; EW 3♦

West	North	East	South
		1♦	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	3♦
4♠	All pass		

4♠ by West

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (2♠) - 4♣N

RR: N/A

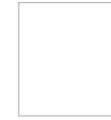
Std: (1♦) - 2♣ - (X) - 4♣N -- Does not say one major will be splitting badly - West may try 4♠.

Board 38
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

Raptor Deals

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

♠ 9 7
 ♥ Q 7 5 4 2
 ♦ A K 4 2
 ♣ 6 2



♠ Q J 5 4
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ J 10 8 6
 ♣ A K 5

♠ A K 6 3
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ Q J 10 7 4

EW 3♦; NS 1N; EW 1♠; EW 1♥; NS 1♣

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Dbl
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All pass		

4♥ by West

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (2♦E) GOOD

RR: see Raptor

Std: (1♦) - 2♣ - 2♦E

Either auction could lose an E-W heart fit. Std is riskier for South, and might lose a spade fit.

Board 39
East Deals
Both Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 9 7
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ K J 10 6 3
♥ K 5 4
♦ J 6 3
♣ 8 2



♠ A Q 8 4
♥ J 7
♦ A K 8 7 5
♣ 7 3

♠ 5 2
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ Q 10
♣ K Q J 9 5

EW 4♠; EW 4♦; NS 2♥; EW 1N; NS 2♣

West	North	East	South
		1♦	2♣
Pass	3♣	All pass	

3♣ by South

Raptor: (1♦) - 1NT - (2♠) - (P); (3♠W) GOOD

RR: N/A

Std: (1♦) - 2♣ - (X) - (2♠E)

4♠ is a bad contract, with at least three losers on top. It makes because the ♥K is well placed, and the ♦Q is doubleton. The Raptor auction pushes E-W to the 3-level and maybe to game.

Board 40
East Deals
None Vul

Raptor Deals

♠ 9 7
♥ Q 4 3
♦ A J 10 6 3
♣ A K 7

♠ 10 5 3
♥ J 10 8 7 6
♦ 9 8
♣ 5 4 2



♠ A J 4 2
♥ K 9 5
♦ 2
♣ Q J 8 6 3

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ A 2
♦ K Q 7 5 4
♣ 10 9

N 6♦; NS 5N; N 4♠; S 5♦; S 3♠; NS 2♥; N 2♣; S 1♣

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦ ¹	Dbl	3♦
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

1. Inverted minor suit raise -- 4+ D; 3- H; 3- S; 10+ HCP; forcing to 2N

3 NT by North

Raptor: (1♣) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦ [ask];

(P) - 2♠ - (P) - 3♣; (P) - 3♥ - (P) - 3NTS

RR: (1♣) - 1NT! - (P) - 2NT [GF]; (P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3NTN

Std: (1♣) - 1♦ - (P) - 2♣; (P) - 2♠ - (P) - 3♣;

(P) - 3♥ - (P) - 3NTN

The Std auction is more comfortable.

Board F5
South Deals
N-S Vul

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

NS 4♥; EW 2♦

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

4♥ by South

Raptor: N/A

RR: (1♦) - 1NT! - (P) 2♦ [C-ask]; (3♦E) - P - (P) - X [takeout];

(P) - 3♥ - (P) - 4♥S

Std: (1♦) - 1♥ - (1♠) - 2♦; (X) - 4♥S

Board F7
South Deals
Both Vul

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

NS 3♠; NS 2♥; EW 3♦; NS 1N; NS 2♣

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All pass			

4♠ by North

Raptor: N/A

RR: (1♦) - 1NT! - (P) - 3♦ [LR+ask];

(P) - 3♥ [♥, refuse] - (P) - 3♠N GOOD

Std: (1♦) - 1♥ - (P) - 2♣; 2NTS

Board F9
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 5 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ K 8 5 3 2 ♣ 10 7 6 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	♠ A Q J 9 8 7 ♥ 10 6 ♦ A 10 4 ♣ 9 4	♠ 2 ♥ A 9 5 4 ♦ Q 7 6 ♣ K Q J 8 5
		♠ K 10 6 4 ♥ K Q J 8 7 ♦ J 9 ♣ A 3	

NS 5♠; NS 5♥; NS 2N; EW 2♦; EW 2♣

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

4♠ by North

Raptor: N/A

RR: (1♣) - 1NT! - (P) - 4♠N

Std: (1♣) - 1♥ - (P) - 1♠; (P) - 3♠ - (P) - 4♠N

Board F17
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 7 6 3 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ K J 9 ♣ 9 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	♠ Q 10 9 ♥ 7 ♦ 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♣ Q 4 3	♠ 4 ♥ A 8 5 4 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A K J 10 7 6
		♠ K 8 5 2 ♥ Q J 9 3 2 ♦ A Q ♣ 8 5	

EW 4N; EW 5♣; EW 3♠; EW 3♥; EW 2♦

	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
				1♥
	1♠	Pass	2♣	All pass
	2♣ by East			

Raptor: N/A

RR: (1♣) - 1NT! - (X) - 2♦ [play]; (2♥) - P - (3NTW)

Std: (1♣) - X - (XX) - 1♦; (2♣) - P - (2NT) - P; (3NTW)

The RR East knows, after North's 2♦, that West has at least five spades.

Board F21
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 10 7 4 ♥ A 10 8 7 ♦ Q 9 8 7 ♣ 7 2	♠ Q 9 2 ♥ 9 ♦ A 6 5 4 ♣ Q 10 8 6 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	♠ A K J ♥ J 6 4 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ K J 9 5 ♠ 8 6 5 3 ♥ K Q 5 3 2 ♦ K 2 ♣ A 4
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EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 2♦; EW 1♠; N 1♣

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

3 ♣ by South

Raptor: N/A

RR: (1♣) - 1NT! - (P) - (2♣) [C-ask];

(P) - 2♥ [♥, not strong] - (P) - 2♠N BAD

Std: (1♣) - 1♥S

If the RR North chooses 2♦ [P/C], the result will still be 2♠N.

Board F31
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J ♥ 10 9 ♦ J 3 ♣ Q J 9 8 6 5 4	♠ 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ K 8 7 6 5 ♣ — <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	♠ A 7 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ A 10 3 2 ♠ Q 10 6 3 ♥ A Q 7 5 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 7
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NS 4♠; NS 3♥; NS 2♦; EW 2♣

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
3 ♣	3 ♥	4 ♣	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	5 ♣	Dbl
All pass			

5 ♣ x by West

Raptor: N/A

RR: (1♦) - 1NT - (3♣) - 3♠; (5♣W) - X GOOD

Std: (1♦) - 1NT - (3♣W)