

The optimal result is normally the value of the overall highest contract, that still makes when declarer and defence play at their best. If the defence can find a higher (losing and doubled) contract that costs less than the above value, then this becomes the optimal result.

Here four Clubs by East or West is the overall highest contract. But the defence can play in 4 Hearts doubled by South to lose only 100 (1 down not vulnerable) This is less than 130 and therefore is the optimal result

Board Number is 3

Dealer South / Vulnerable East-West

#3
S/EW

Opt.res. -100

♠ -
♥ 86
♦ AQT63
♣ AKJT63

♠ K832
♥ AKQ532
♦ 4
♣ 92

♠ QT976
♥ JT9
♦ 98
♣ Q74

♠ AJ54
♥ 74
♦ KJ752
♣ 85

N S	
N	4 4
S	8 8
H	8 9
D	4 5
C	3 3
140	

E W	
N	4 4
S	4 4
H	4 4
D	7 7
C	10 10
130	

12
14 5
9

Honor points for North is 12

If North plays the hand in Hearts he can make 8 tricks
If South plays the hand in Hearts he can make 9 tricks

The highest contract that North-South can make is: Three Hearts made by South (140 points)

The number of tricks East-West can make

- N: Notrump
- S: Spades
- H: Hearts
- D: Diamonds
- C: Clubs