

Andrew McIntosh, an international bridge expert, personally chose these hands for training purposes. He played many of them at the European Winter Games, providing you with a unique opportunity to compare your performance against some of the world's top players.

Board 1 WTC SW7-1

North Deals ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 4
 None Vul ♥ 9
 ♠ J 10 9 5 3

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

♠ J 2
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ A K J 10 8 6 4 3
 ♣ 2

EW 5♥; EW 2♠; EW 3♣; NS 2♦;
 Par -450: EW 4♥+1

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
	Pass	1♥	4♦

5♥ All pass
 5♥ by East
 Lead: ♦ A
 Made 5 — EW +450

Worth noting the level of Andrew's pre-empt and Versace's 5♥ asking for a diamond stop.

WTC R16-4-21

Board 2 ♠ K Q J 5 4 3
 East Deals ♥ K 6 5
 N-S Vul ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ 8

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


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

EW 3N; EW 4♦; NS 2♠; NS 2♥; EW 3♣;
 Par -400: EW 3N=

West	North	East	South
<i>KLUKOWSKI</i>	<i>GOOR</i>	<i>KALITA</i>	<i>FRIESEN</i>
		1 NT	Pass

3 NT All pass
 3 NT by East
 Lead: ♥ 9
 Made 4 — EW +430

Board 3 WTC SW7-2
 South Deals ♠ 9
 E-W Vul ♥ K 10 2
 ♦ A Q 10 7 6
 ♣ K 5 3 2


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

♠ Q J 10 7 3 2
 ♥ A J 8 5
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A

NS 4♠; NS 4♥; NS 3N; NS 4♦; NS 2♣;
 Par +420: NS 4♥=; NS 4♠=
 West North East South
McIntosh Versace Fredin Sementa
 1 ♠
 Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥
 Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♣!
 Pass 3 ♦! Pass 3 ♠
 Pass 3 NT All pass
 3 NT by North
 Lead: ♣ 10
 Down 2 — NS -100

In the Italian style 3 ♣ probably showed shortage.

Board 4 WTC SW12-20
 West Deals ♠ 9 5
 Both Vul ♥ A K Q 6 3
 ♦ —
 ♣ A K Q 10 3 2

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

♠ K 10 3
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ J 8 6 5 4

NS 6♣; EW 4♠; NS 4♥; EW 5♦;
 Par +200: EW 6♦×-1
 West North East South
KLUKOWSKI O RIMSTEDT KALITA M RIMSTEDT
 5 ♦ 5 NT Pass 6 ♣
 Pass Pass 6 ♦ Dbl
 All pass
 6♦× by West
 Lead: ♥ K
 Down 1 — EW -200

A wild hand, but did you open 5 ♦ too?

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Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8
♥ J 8 7 4 3
♦ —
♣ A Q 3

♠ A 5
♥ 2
♦ A Q J 8 4 3 2
♣ 8 5 2



♠ Q 4 3
♥ K 6 5
♦ K 10 9 6
♣ J 10 4

♠ 7 6 2
♥ A Q 10 9
♦ 7 5
♣ K 9 7 6

NS 5♠; NS 5♥; NS 4♣; EW 2♦;
Par +650: NS 5♥=; NS 5♠=

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Osborne</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠ ¹
3 ♦	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♦ ²
Dbl	4 ♥	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

- 1. Constructive
 - 2. Good heart raise
- 5 ♦× by West
Lead: ♠ J
Down 2 — EW -300

Although NS can make 5 ♠, at imps it is often better to take the sure plus score.

Unfortunately the spade lead gave away a trick.

WTC SW7-6

Board 6

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K 9
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 10 8 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ K 6 4
♣ 9 2



♠ A 7 6
♥ J 9 7
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ K J 5

♠ J 4 3 2
♥ A 10
♦ J 10 3
♣ A Q 6 4

E 1N; E 1♠; E 1♦; NS 1♣; Par -90: E 1N=

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
		1 NT	All pass

1 NT by East
Lead: ♠ 3
Made 1 — EW +90

WTC SW12-23

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 5
♥ 10 9 5 3 2
♦ K 10 5
♣ 9 4



♠ A K Q 7 6 4 2
♥ 8
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 6 3

♠ J
♥ A K J 6 4
♦ J
♣ A K J 10 7 5

♠ 8 3
♥ Q 7
♦ A Q 9 8 7 3
♣ Q 8 2

EW 5♥; EW 4♣; NS 2♠; NS 2♦;

Par -650: EW 5♥=

West	North	East	South
<i>KLUKOWSKI</i>	<i>Ola R</i>	<i>KALITA</i>	<i>Mikael R</i>
Pass	2♦! ²	4♣ ³	2♣! ¹
4♥! ⁴	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♦	5♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dbl	All pass

1. Weak 2♦ or any game forcing hand
2. To play opposite a weak 2♦
3. ♣ + M
4. p/c

5♠× by North

Lead: ♣ A

Down 2 — NS -500

WTC SW7-9

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ A 10 6 4 3 2
♦ 8
♣ Q 9 5 4 2



♠ A 10 8 7 3
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 9 7 4 3
♣ 10

♠ K J 9 6 5
♥ Q J 7
♦ 5 2
♣ K 7 6

♠ Q 2
♥ K 9
♦ A K J 10 6
♣ A J 8 3

NS 4♦; EW 2♥; NS 1N; EW 2♣; NS 1♠;


Par +130: NS 4♦=

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Versace</i>
2♥	Pass	3♥	3NT
4♥	Dbl	All pass	
4♥× by West			
Lead: ♣ 10			
Down 2 — EW -300			

It is worth noting East's raise of the weak 2♥ opening bid, to make life difficult for the opponents.


Also Versace's brave 3NT bid.

Board 9 WTC R16-3-9
 North Deals ♠ 10 9 7 3
 E-W Vul ♥ J 6 4
 ♦ K Q 10 6 5
 ♣ 2

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

♠ Q J 8 6 4 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A
 ♣ K Q 7 3

Board 10 WTC SW7-10
 East Deals ♠ K 9 8 2
 Both Vul ♥ A J 4
 ♦ Q
 ♣ 9 8 6 5 2

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

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

EW 3♥; EW 2N; NS 2♠; EW 3♣; EW 1♦;
 Par -100: NS 3♠×-1

West	North	East	South
<i>FRIESEN</i>	<i>DRIJVER</i>	<i>GOOR</i>	<i>BRINK</i>
	2♦!	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥!	Dbl! ¹	3♠

All pass
 1. alerted by E
 3♠ by South
 Lead: ♥ 8
 Down 1 — NS -50

NS 5♠; NS 3♦; NS 1N; EW 1♥; EW 1♣;
 Par +650: NS 4♠+1

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣! ¹
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣ ²
Pass	5♠	All pass	

1. splinter
 2. 1 key card
 5♠ by North
 Lead: ♥ 2
 Down 1 — NS -100

A Twenty20 hand but this did not stop NS bidding a very thin slam.

Ash 1

Board 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 6
 ♥ A J 10 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K J 10 9 8

♠ K Q 8 5 3
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ J 6 5 2
 ♣ 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 9
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ K Q 9
 ♣ A Q 7 5 4 3

NS 6♥; NS 6♣; NS 5N; NS 1♠; NS 1♦;
 Par +980: NS 6♥=

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
1 ♠	2 ♠	4 ♠	5 ♣
Pass	6 ♣	All pass	
6 ♣ by South			
Made 6 — NS +920			

2 ♠ showed a good club raise.

WTC SW9-12

Board 12
 West Deals
 N-S Vul

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

♠ J 3
 ♥ 9 8 6 4
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A Q J 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6
 ♥ 10 7 5 3 2
 ♦ J 8 4 3
 ♣ 8 5 4

♠ K Q 8 2
 ♥ K J
 ♦ K 6 5
 ♣ K 7 6 3

NS 5♠; NS 4N; NS 4♦; EW 1♥; EW 1♣;
 Par +650: NS 4♠+1

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
<i>BERNARD</i>	<i>DRIJVER</i>	<i>LHUISSIER</i>	<i>BRINK</i>	
1 NT!	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	
All pass				
4 ♠ by North				
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. E	♣ 4	3	J	10
Made 5 — NS +650				

WTC R16-2-26

Board 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 9 4 3
♥ J 8
♦ K 9 8 7 4
♣ 9 5

♠ 10 7
♥ K 7 6
♦ Q 2
♣ A K J 4 3 2



♠ A Q 6
♥ Q 10 5 4
♦ A 6 5
♣ Q 8 6

♠ K 8 5 2
♥ A 9 3 2
♦ J 10 3
♣ 10 7

NS 1N; NS 2♣; EW 1♠; NS 1♥; EW 1♦;
Par +90: NS 1N=; NS 2♣=

West	North	East	South
<i>FREDIN</i>	<i>ABRAGI</i>	<i>McINTOSH</i>	<i>KOLESNIK</i>
	1 ♣	Dbl	1 ♥
1 ♠	Dbl ¹	Pass	1 NT
2 ♦	3 ♣	All pass	

1. alert
3 ♣ by North
Lead: ♠ Q
Down 1 — NS -100

EOT S1-8

Board 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ J 7 4 3 2
♣ K 5 4

♠ Q J 8 6 2
♥ A K 10 9 4
♦ K 8 6
♣ —



♠ A 3
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 7 6 3 2

♠ K 10 9
♥ J 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ A Q J 9 8

NS 6♠; NS 5N; NS 5♥; NS 3♦; NS 3♣;
Par +980: NS 6♠=

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarah Bell</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	5 ♣ ¹	Pass	5 ♠ ²
Pass	6 ♠	All pass	

1. Exclusion Blackwood
2. 2 key cards
6 ♠ by South
Lead: ♦ 2
Made 6 — NS +980

WTC R16-4-15

Board 15
 South Deals ♠ 5
 N-S Vul ♥ A 9 8 7
 ♠ K Q J 8 4 2
 ♣ K J 10 9 8 4
 ♥ K 5 3
 ♦ K J
 ♣ A 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A 3
 ♥ Q J 6 4 2
 ♦ A Q 10 9 4 3
 ♣ —

NS 6♥; NS 5♦; EW 3♠; NS 3♣; NS 1N;
 Par +500: EW 6♠×-3

West	North	East	South
<i>GOOR</i>	<i>KALITA</i>	<i>FRIESEN</i>	<i>KLUKOWSKI</i>
			1♦
1♠	Dbl	3♠	4♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
Dbl	All pass		

6♥× by South
 Lead: ♣ A
 Made 6 — NS +1660

WTC SW12-22

Board 16
 West Deals ♠ K J 9 5 2
 E-W Vul ♥ 6 5 4
 ♠ 6 4
 ♥ K 10 7 3 2
 ♦ A Q J 7 6 2
 ♣ —

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8
 ♥ J 9 8
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ A 10 9 7 6

♠ Q 10 7 3
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ K Q J 8 4

EW 6♥; EW 6♦; EW 2N; S 2♠; N 1♠;
 EW 1♣; Par -800: S 6♠×-4

West	North	East	South
<i>KALITA</i>	<i>M RIMSTEDT</i>	<i>KLUKOWSKI</i>	<i>O RIMSTEDT</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dbl
3♦	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass

4♠× by North
 Lead: ♦ 5
 Down 2 — NS -300

Board 17 WTC SW11-1
 North Deals ♠ J 8 7 6 4 3
 None Vul ♥ A 9
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♣ 7 5

♠ Q 10 9 2 ♥ Q 8 5 ♦ J 10 ♣ K J 9 2		♠ — ♥ K J 4 3 ♦ K 9 8 7 3 ♣ A Q 8 6	♠ A K 5 ♥ 10 7 6 2 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ 10 4 3
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EW 5♣; EW 3♥; E 4♦; W 3♦; NS 1♠;
 Par -400: EW 5♣=

West	North	East	South
<i>VERSACE</i>	<i>DRIJVER</i>	<i>SEMENTA</i>	<i>BRINK</i>
	2 ♠	Dbl	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3 NT	All pass		
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♠ 3			
Down 3 — EW -150			

Board 18 EOC S2-19
 East Deals ♠ A K 4 2
 N-S Vul ♥ A Q
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ J 10 8 7

♠ — ♥ K J 10 6 2 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ A K 9 6 3		♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 4 ♦ Q J 10 9 6 2 ♣ Q 5 2	♠ J 10 9 7 6 5 ♥ 9 8 7 5 3 ♦ A ♣ 4
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NS 4♠; EW 5♦; NS 2♥; EW 3♣;
 Par -200: NS 5♠×-1

West	North	East	South
<i>Cope</i>	<i>Atisen</i>	<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
4 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
All pass		Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			
Lead: ♣ A			
Made 4 — NS +620			

WTC R16-4-28

Board 19

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q 10 6
♥ A Q 5
♦ J 2
♣ A Q J 7 6

♠ A J 7 3
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 3 2



♠ 9
♥ J 10 7
♦ A K Q 9 4 3
♣ 10 9 8

♠ K 8 5 4 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K 5 4

NS 2♠; EW 3♦; NS 3♣; EW 1♥;
Par -100: NS 3♠×-1; NS 4♣×-1

West	North	East	South
<i>KALITA</i>	<i>FRIESEN</i>	<i>KLUKOWSKI</i>	<i>GOOR</i>
			2♠
Pass	2 NT!	3♦	Pass
3 NT	All pass		
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♣ Q			
Down 2 — EW -200			

WTC SW12-16

Board 20

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 8
♣ A 10 9 4

♠ K
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 10 6 4 3
♣ K J 6 3 2



♠ J 10 3
♥ A K Q 7 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ 8 5

♠ A 7 5 4 2
♥ J 8
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ Q 7

EW 4♥; EW 2N; NS 2♠; NS 1♦; EW 1♣;
Par -500: NS 4♠×-2

West	North	East	South
<i>KLUKOWSKI</i>	<i>O RIMSTEDT</i>	<i>KALITA</i>	<i>M RIMSTEDT</i>
Pass	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All pass		
3 NT by East			
Lead: ♠ 4			
Down 1 — EW -100			

WTC SW12-21

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ 5	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A J 10 7 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 2		♥ K J 8 7 3
♦ A J 8 6 3		♦ 5
♣ 3		♣ K

♠ Q 9 8 6 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ J 9 5 2

EW 6♥; EW 3♠; NS 3♣;

Par -980: EW 6♥=

West	North	East	South
<i>KLUKOWSKI</i>	<i>O RIMSTEDT</i>	<i>KALITA</i>	<i>M RIMSTEDT</i>
	1 ♣!	2 ♦! ¹	Pass
2 NT!	Pass	3 ♣!	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	All pass		

1. ♥+♠

6 ♥ by West

Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th
1. N	♣ A	K	5	3

Made 6 — EW +980