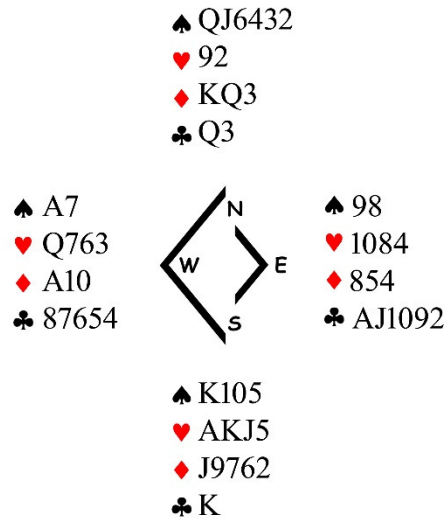


# 285. Double Flaw Situations

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E	S	W	N
P	1NT	P	4♥
P	4♠	All Pass	

--None Vulnerable--

Kit Woolsey, in his book, "Matchpoints," states certain bids can be made with hands that do not fit the bid as long as there is not a second flaw. Examples of bids with one flaw are No Trump with a stiff, No Trump with a five-card major, One No Trump with 14 points and a five-card suit, playing 3NT with a four-four major fit, a light opener, a dubious two-level overcall and a three-level pre-empt with a six-bagger. If the hand has a second flaw then the flawed bid should not be made.

**The Bidding:**

South has fifteen points, but the opening bid of One No Trump has a flaw. He has a singleton Club. However, there is not a second flaw. The singleton is a King or Ace and the singleton is not a major. Furthermore, if he opens a Diamond and partner responds One Spade, he does not have a rebid. He cannot rebid One No Trump because that shows 12 to 14 points and he cannot rebid such a poor five-card minor. Therefore, South opens One No Trump.

North makes a Texas transfer with six Spades and just enough for game and not too much extra. Had South had the singleton Spade King, North and South would be in the wrong contract. Fortunately South's singleton was a minor.

**Opening Lead:**

West leads the Diamond Ace followed by the Ten. This lead is done far too often, but here it is okay because West has trump control and East could have an entry (just barely).

**The play:**

Under the Diamond Ace, East plays the four which says he does not have a Diamond honour. When partner continues with the ten, East realizes partner wants a ruff and plays the Diamond five asking for a Club. East's not doubling Four Hearts for a Heart lead does not deny a Heart entry, it just shows that he thinks partner, with the stronger hand, should make the decision of the opening lead based on his own hand. The Diamond eight would show a Heart entry.

Declarer wins the Diamond and plays trump. West wins the Ace and plays a Club and gets his Diamond ruff.

**The Result:**

Four Spades down one for -50 because West found the correct defense.