

2025 NABC 0-3K LM Pairs Qualifying

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

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

12
8 11
9

♠ K Q 9
♥ 8 6 5 3 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K J

E 2♠; NS 1N; W 1♠; NS 1♥; EW 1♦;
Par -110

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

JACKSON SEZ: "My fighting for the contract ended up paying off on this instance, as we stole it at a low level. South led ♣K and I won the A, continuing another club in an attempt to ruff the fourth round, and North made the understandable error of winning the ♣Q, smothering the ♣J. Another club was ruffed by South, who returned a heart to North's king. A fourth round of clubs was ruffed by the ♠Q as I threw a diamond. South returned a diamond, and I won the king, following it with a diamond to the J and [my] A.

At this point, the hands are almost fully countable - North has three hearts (with four, they likely would have said 2♥ at some point), four clubs (countable) and most likely three diamonds, as most open 1♦ with four (and the ♦J seems to be from Q-J-x). This places the spades as 3-3, and South almost certainly has the ♠K for his 1NT bid (North also would have a 15 count and a 1NT opener with the

♠K). The rest is then simple: ♠A dropping the ♠K, ruff a diamond, draw the trump, claim the rest.

+140 was [an] 84% [board]"

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Board 20 ♠ 9 8 4 3 2

West Deals ♥ 3 2

Both Vul ♦ 10 7

♣ K Q 6 4

♠ A Q 10 6

♥ J 7 5

♦ A J 9 6 4

♣ J



♠ K

♥ A Q 10 9 4

♦ K 5 3

♣ A 10 5 3

5
13 16
6

♠ J 7 5

♥ K 8 6

♦ Q 8 2

♣ 9 8 7 2

EW 6♥; EW 6♦; EW 5N; EW 4♠; EW 3♣;

Par -1430

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>OPP</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>OPP</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass
2♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All pass

1. Artificial, 4th Suit Forcing

JACKSON SEZ: "This is the technically cleanest board we played all day.

In our agreements, Sarah's 1♠ rebid shows 5-4 in diamonds and spades, and once she shows 3 hearts with her 2♥ bid, I can place her with no more than one club.

Holding ♣A-x-x-x, I can almost count 12 tricks! Once RKCB confirms two keycards, the slam must be excellent. The opening lead was a club and I was easily able to ruff two clubs, discard a club and a diamond on the spades, and draw trump for +1430 and 95%."

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Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

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

12
8 10
10

NS 2N; EW 2♠; NS 2♦; NS 1♥; EW 1♣;

Par +100: EW 3♠x-1

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>OPP</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>OPP</i>
		2♦ ¹	Pass
2♠	3♣	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Artificial, Mini-Roman, showing a three-suited hand and 11-15 HCPs

JACKSON SEZ: "Just a silly board for some fun. 2♦ is Mini-Roman, and Sarah and I have agreed that the 2♦ bidder shouldn't bid again (unless to correct suits) when partner makes a minimum response (as is the case here), but I just couldn't resist the pull of the shiny red double card and I know she'll take it out if she's got nothing in her hand. I led a heart and Sarah won the singleton king, and now it was diamond ruff, ♠A, spade to the king, diamond ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff (declarer throwing a heart) and I still had to win my ♣A. +800 for 100%."