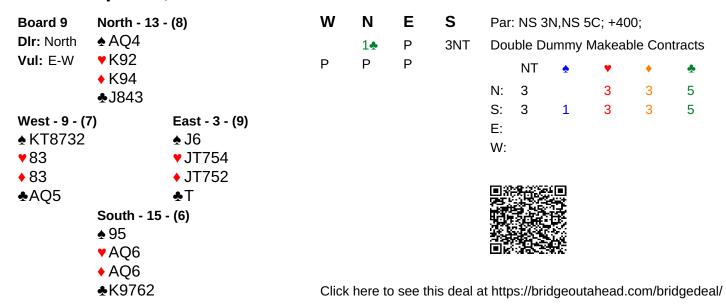
1 Club Opener, Game Contract



Opener has no 5-card major. Clubs are longer than diamonds, so they open 1C.

Responder adds their 16 total points to opener's minimum of 12 points and comes up with a minimum of 28 points.

Responder knows that opener has at least 3 clubs, so they have at least 8 clubs between them. They could play in 5C, making a game score.

However, 3NT scores equally well, and only requires making 9 tricks instead of the 11 tricks that 5C requires.

When responding to a minor suit opening bid, it is a good idea to bid NT at the level indicated by your high card points (HCP). Here, with 15 HCP and stoppers in 3 suits, responder should go straight to game in 3NT.