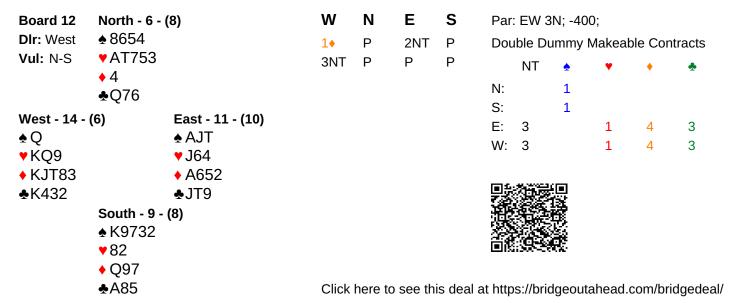
1 Diamond Opener, Game Contract



Opener has no 5-card major. Diamonds are longer than clubs, so open 1D.

Responder has 11 high card points (HCP) and good support for diamonds. The 1D opener will usually have at least 4 diamonds, so responder knows they have an 8-card fit.

However, for scoring purposes you should prefer a NT or major contract, playing in the minor only if there is no other choice.

Responder does not have a 4-card major to bid.

With 11-12 HCP, it is good to respond 2NT to a minor suit opening bid.

Opener now knows that they have 25+ HCP between them, and raises to a 3NT game contract.

Note that if they kept bidding diamonds and made a 4D contract, they would score only 130 points, while 3NT scores 400.