

How good is your hand evaluation?

S	newmoon
♠	KQ1032
♥	K543
♦	QJ
♣	AK

Partner opens 1♦ as dealer, love all. You respond 1♠ then Partner rebids 1NT (12-14).

Your plan?

What happened?

In the one room I ventured 2♣ (nmf) trying to discover a 5-3 spade fit or a heart fit. Partner denied both with 2♦. What now?

In the other room the bidding went
 1♦ - 1♠
 1NT - 4NT (invite)

So... which method above do you prefer, or do you just shoot for slam after 1NT?

D	1	N Robot	W N E S
		♠ J4	1♦ P 1♠
		♥ AJ2	1NT P 2♣
		♦ A1096	2♦ P 6NT
		♣ Q1072	P P P
W Robot		E Robot	
♠ A97		♠ 865	
♥ Q		♥ 109876	
♦ K73		♦ 8542	
♣ J96543		♣ 8	
		S newmoon	
		♠ KQ1032	
		♥ K543	
		♦ QJ	
		♣ AK	
			6NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

6NT made, whilst the other room was in 4NT, making +2.

Swing = 990 - 490 = 500 = 11 IMPs

S	newmoon
♠	A108
♥	QJ1096
♦	Q73
♣	AJ

Love all again and there are 3 passes to you.

What do you open?

What happened?

Room 1: I upped the value of the ♠10 and I counted an extra point for the great heart suit.

D	8	N Robot	W N E S
		♠ 7643	P P P 1NT
		♥ K7	P 2♣ P 2♥
		♦ AK102	P 3NT P P
		♣ 872	P
W Robot		E Robot	
♠ QJ5		♠ K92	
♥ A832	♥ 2	♥ 54	
♦ 964		♦ J85	
♣ K96		♣ Q10543	
		S newmoon	
		♠ A108	
		♥ QJ1096	
		♦ Q73	
		♣ AJ	
			3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0

A club lead beats 3NT but it is very difficult to find. I made 10 tricks without breathing hard.

Room 2:

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	P
P			

a much safer contract! Swing?

430 - 140 = 290 = 7 IMPs.