Game is a much better bet when South declares. Any auction where North responds 1NT turns out poorly.

Only the Tucker auction confirms a spade fit. Fortunately, it also means South declares NT - better on all fronts. So long as N-S are playing some sort of Wolff over a jump 2NT rebid, no system should lose a 5-3 spade fit. Without it, all but Tucker pairs would play 2NT when North is weaker, with five spades.

Transfer: Std

Gazzilli: Std

For natural bidders, this is the "nightmare hand": six of mine and three of yours. The Std auction at least mentions spades, while the Mod, Kaplan, and Flannery auctions do not.

The Tucker auction finds the spade fit and heart shortness, settling into 3NT. This should also be reached if responder tries to sign off in 2♣. This normal contract is not easy.

The Transfer auction shown works, but does not show the sixth heart. If South instead chooses a 2♣ transfer showing a good hand with 6+ hearts, he must then pick one of the two black suits to show.
A "nightmare hand": six of mine and three of yours. Everybody gets to invite in spades, except the Std bidder. The Mod auction is less secure, because North could have a good four card suit.

**Board 7**

South Deals
Both Vul

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4 ♥ by South

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 3♥S =5
Mod: 1♥ - 1♠; 3♠N =6
Tucker: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♠:3] - 2♠; 3♠ - 3♠N =7
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT [♠:5+]; 3♠N =7
Flannery: 1♥ - 1♠ [♠:5+]; 3♠N =7
Transfer: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♦ - 2♥; 2♠N =8
Gazzilli: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠! [upgrade] - 2♥; 2♠N =8
KSU: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♣ - 2♠; 3♠N =7

The Kaplan and Flannery auctions have no chance at a 4-3 spade fit, perhaps a decent spot on some other hand. Flip side, West has no clue about the spades, and may back in!

The Mod South knows North's spades are decent, possibly useful.

**Board 8**

South Deals
None Vul

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All pass

2 ♠ by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NTS =4
Mod: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NTS =4
Tucker: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♠:3] - 2♠N =7
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1♠ [♠:0-4]; 2♠ - 2♠N =6
Flannery: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♠] - 2♠N =6
Transfer: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT - 2♠N =6
Gazzilli: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT - 2♠N =6

Revised: only Kaplan and the Tucker framework have responder's 2♠ natural. In the standard framework, a new minor would be forcing, so these systems languish in 1NT.
For Std bidding, a nightmare come true. The other systems have little trouble bidding the great slam. The Kaplan auction right-sides the diamonds, but it does not matter with 12-13 top tricks. The Transfer and Gazzilli auctions could be off an unlikely two aces.
**Board 13**

South Deals
Both Vul

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All pass

6 ♠ by South

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 3♦ - 4♦; 4♠ - 6♦ N =8

Mod: 1♥ - 1♠; 3♦ - 4♦; 4♠ - 6♦ N =0

Tucker: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♣:3] - 2♣; 3♦ - 4♦; 4♠ - 6♦ N =8

Kaplan: 1♥ - 1♠ [♣:0-4]; 3♦ - 4♦; 4♥ - 4♠; 4NT - 5♥; 6♦ S =8

Flannery: 1♥ - 1NT; 3♦ - 4♦; 4♥ - 4♠; 4NT - 5♥; 6♦ S =7

Transfer: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♣ [♣] - 3♣; 4♠ [Crosswood] - 4♠; 6♦ N =7

Gazzilli: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♣! - 2♣!; 2♣ - 3♣; 5♦ - 6♦ N =6

4♠ on the Std/Mod auction offers a place to play. This enables North to leap to slam, assuming 3=5=4=1.

The Tucker North shows four good spades with 2♠ followed by 4♦, so South can drive to slam. Kaplan and Flannery have space for a couple of key cue bids, so they should also reach slam.

The Transfer auction depends on North upgrading to a 3♠ "raise". The standard auction is better than both this and Gazzilli.

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**Board 14**

South Deals
None Vul

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4 ♠ by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ - 3♠; 4♠ N =6

Mod: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ - 3♠; 4♠ N =7

Tucker: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♣:3] - 3♠; 4♠ N =7

Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT [♣:5+]; 2♠ - 3♠; 4♠ S =7

Flannery: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ - 3♠; 4♠ N =7

Transfer: Std

Gazzilli: Std

KSU: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ - 2♠; 2♠ - 4♠ N =7

The 2♠ bid is more comfortable for the Mod South than for Std, and a super-max for Kaplan and Flannery. Tucker does just fine, too.
North's hand has the worst shape for Tucker, but there appears to be little difference in the value of one major over the other.
**Board 17**

South Deals

None Vul

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- ♣ 6 4 3 2
- ♥ Q 9 8 2
- ♦ J 7 3
- ♠ Q 9

- ♣ J 8 7
- ♥ A K J 7 3
- ♦ K Q
- ♠ A 4 3

NS 4♠; NS 3N; NS 2♥; NS 3♣; EW 1♦

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All pass

4 ♠ by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2NT - 3♠; 4♠ N = 6

Mod: 1♥ - 1♠; 2NT - 3♠; 4♠ N = 6

Tucker: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♠:3] - 2♠; 3NT - 4♠ N = 6

Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT [♠:5]; 4♠ S = 6

Flannery: 1♥ - 1♠; 4♠ N = 6

Transfer: Std

Gazzilli: Std

KSU: Std

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**Board 18**

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

- ♣ J 9 7
- ♥ Q J 8 6 2
- ♦ A K 6
- ♠ 10 9

NS 3♣; NS 2♥; NS 1♦; EW 1♣

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1 NT by East

Std: Pass = 3

Mod: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ N = 7

Tucker: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♠:3] - 2♠ N = 7

Kaplan: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ N = 7

Flannery: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ N = 7

Transfer: Std

Gazzilli: Std

KSU: 3
The Tucker, Kaplan and Flannery auctions work slightly better, because North knows about South's diamonds. However, Tucker achieves this by bidding the strong club fragment.
Tucker

Board 23
South Deals
Both Vul

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

NS 2♠; NS 1N; NS 2♦; N 1♣

West North East South
Pass Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♥ All pass

2 ♥ by East
Std: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 2 ♥ S =4
Mod: 1 ♥ - 1NT; 2 ♥ S =4
Tucker: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♠:3] - 2 ♦ N =8
Kaplan: 1 ♥ - 1♠ [♠:0-4]; 2 ♥ S =4
Flannery: 1 ♥ - 1NT; 2 ♥ S =4
Transfer: Std
Gazzilli: Std

An impressive victory for Tucker! North's 2♦ says: four bad spades, 0-1 hearts, and 5+ diamonds - an easy pass for South.

Tucker

Board 25
South Deals
E-W Vul

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

NS 4♠; NS 3♥; NS 4♣; NS 1N; EW 1♦

West North East South
Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠
Pass
All pass

2 ♠ by North
Std: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 2 ♠ - 2♥; 2 ♠ - 4♠ N =6
Mod: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 2 ♠ - 2♥; 2 ♠ - 4♠ N =6
Tucker: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♣:3] - 2 ♦; 3 ♠ - 4♠ N =8
Kaplan: 1 ♥ - 1NT [♠:5]; 3 ♠ - 4♠ N =8
Flannery: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 3 ♠ - 4♠ N =8
Transfer: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 1NT [♠] - 2♥; 2 ♠ - 4♠ N =8
Gazzilli: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 2 ♠ - 2♥; 2 ♠ - 4♠ N =8
KSU: 1 ♥ - 1♠; 2 ♠ - 2♥; 3 ♠ - 4♠ N =8

The Std and Mod auctions work fine this time, but give North a singleton heart, and this hand would probably be played in clubs. The other auctions are clearly superior, because they cannot lose the 5-3 spade fit.
**Board 26**  
South Deals  
Both Vul

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Tucker

♠ J 10 8 5  
♥ J 10 2

♦ A Q 8 3  
♣ A 10 5

♠ Q 6 4 2

♥ A J 9 6 4  
♦ K 7 3

♣ 4 2  
♠ K Q 8 7

♥ K 8 7 5 3  
♦ A K 9

♠ 9 6 4

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All pass

3 NT by South

Std: 1♥ - 1♣; 2♠ - 2NTN =6 (all)  
Mod: 1♥ - 1NT; 2♦ - 2NTN  
Tucker: 1♥ - 1♣; 1NT! - 2NTS  
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1♣!; 2♦ - 2NTN  
Flannery: 1♥ - 1NT; 2♦ - 2NTN  
Transfer: Std

Gazzilli: Std

**Board 27**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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Tucker

♠ A K J 9 6

♥ 6

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A K 9

♠ 10 7 5 2

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ 9 5

♣ Q J 7

♠ Q 8 4

♥ A J 5 4 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ 10 3

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6♠ by North

Std: P - 1♠; 2♥! - 4NT; 5♠ - 5NT; 6♠ - 6NTN =7 (all)  
Mod:  
Tucker:  
Kaplan:  
Flannery:  
Transfer: Std

Gazzilli: Std
The Flannery North knows South is unlikely to hold four spades, and can afford to stay out of the auction. South has an automatic reopening 2♥ bid, but he might not have.
The Flannery North could make a negative double that could promise five spades, since South is unlikely to have four. However, see deal 40, where that agreement would be a substantial disadvantage.

When North cue bids boldly past 4NT, South should assume a void, especially when playing Serious 3NT. It will definitely be hearts, if North could have jumped to 5♦ to ask for key cards with a void there. When South cues 5♦, North counts 12 top tricks and should probably bid a grand slam unless South produces a late heart cue.

Non-serious 3NT happens to be easier on the Tucker auction, but North can still bid clubs 3 times to get the point across, instead of:

1♥ - 2♣; 3♣ - 4♥; 4♥ - 5♣; 5♣ - 6♠; 7♠ - 7♠N

The other Norths need to jump to 4♠ to set the right tone, and they do not have Serious 3NT available. However, if they play a strong jump shift indicating immediate slam potential, the Tucker auction ensues.
**Board 32**

South Deals
E-W Vul

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

**NS** 4♠; **NS** 3N; **NS** 2♥; **NS** 2♣; **EW** 1♦

- West
- North
- East
- South

  - Pass 1 ♠
  - Pass 2 ♠
  - Pass 4 ♦
  - All pass

1. Splinter -- 1- D; 4+ S; 13+ total points

4 ♠ by North

- Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♣ - 4♠N =6
- Mod: same
- Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT; 2♠ - 4♠N =6
- Flannery: see Std
- Transfer: Std
- Gazzilli: Std
- KSU: Std

**Board 33**

South Deals
None Vul

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

**NS** 6♠; **NS** 6♦; **NS** 5♥; **EW** 2♠

- West
- North
- East
- South

  - 1♥
  - 4 ♠
  - 4 ♠
  - Pass 6 ♠

6 ♠ by North

- Std: see GiB auction above =6
- Mod:
  - Tucker:
  - Kaplan:
  - Flannery:
  - Transfer: Std
  - Gazzilli: Std
  - KSU: Std
### Board 34

**South Deals**

N-S Vul

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**West**   **North**   **East**   **South**

Pass   1 P   Pass   1 NT

1 NT by South

**Std:** 1♥ - 1♣; 1NT - 2♣N = 6

**Mod:** see Std

**Tucker:** 1♥ - 1♣; 1NT - 2♣N = 7

**Kaplan:** 1♥ - 1NT; 2♣S = 7

**Flannery:** 1♥ - 1♣; 2♣N = 7

**Transfer:** Std

**Gazzilli:** Std

**KSU:** Flannery

### Board 35

**South Deals**

E-W Vul

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**West**   **North**   **East**   **South**

Pass   1 P   Pass   1 NT   Pass

2 ♣ by West

**Std:** see GiB above = 6

**Mod:**

**Tucker:**

**Kaplan:**

**Flannery:**

**Transfer:** Std

**Gazzilli:** Std

**KSU:** Flannery
16-point hands with five hearts can be a problem in the bidding. If the hand also contains three spades, 1NT is a more attractive start, since a transfer into spades will result in a 5-3 fit (not 5-2 with 5-3 hearts). With nothing else to tip the scales, the Std and Mod Souths will likely open 1NT, which happens to wrong-side this contract. The other Souths have a system advantage to opening 1♣, which will certainly discover a 5-3 spade fit, if one exists.

Alternative Std/Mod auctions: (1) the Tucker auction, (2) 1♥ - 1♠; 2♦ - 3NTN, where 2♠ is a gross underbid, or (3) 1♥ - 1♠; 2♦ - 3♦; 3♠ - 3NTN, which works out well this time.
**Board 38**

South Deals  
E-W Vul

Tucker  

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

NS 3N; NS 3♥️; NS 2♣️; NS 2♠️; NS 1♦️

**West** | **North** | **East** | **South**
---|---|---|---
Pass | 1 ♠️ | Pass | 2 ♠️
All pass by North

Std: 1NTS =6  
Mod:  
Tucker:  
Kaplan:  
Flannery:  
Transfer: Std  
Gazzilli: Std

Some alternative auctions:

Std: 1♥️ - 1♣️; 2♦️ - 2♥️; 2♠️N =4  
Transfer: 1♥️ - 1♣️; 2♠️ - 2♥️; 2♠️N =4  
Gazzilli: 1♥️ - 1♣️; 2♠️! - 2♥️!; 2♠️N =4

**Board 39**

South Deals  
Both Vul

Tucker  

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

NS 6♠️; NS 5N; NS 3♥️; NS 2♣️; EW 1♦️

**West** | **North** | **East** | **South**
---|---|---|---
Pass | 1 ♠️ | Pass | 2 NT  
Pass | 3 ♠️ | Pass | 4 ♠️  
Pass | 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♠️  
Pass | 5 ♠️ | Pass | 6 ♠️  
Pass | 6 ♠️ | All pass  
6 ♠️ by North

Std: 1♥️ - 1♣️; 2NT - 3♣️; 4♣️ - 4NT; 5♣️ - 5♣️; 6♣️ - 6♣️N =8  
Mod: see Std  
Tucker: 1♥️ - 2♣️; 3♣️ - 4♣️ [non-serious]; 4♥️ [last train] - 4NT; ... =8  
Kaplan: 1♥️ - 1NT [♠️:5]; 4♣️ - 4NT; 5♣️ - 5♣️; 6♣️ - 6♣️N =6  
Flannery: 1♥️ - 1NT [♠️:5]; 4♣️ - 4NT; 5♣️ - 5♣️; 6♣️ - 6♣️N =6  
Transfer/Gazzilli: Tucker  
KSU: Std

North should recognize ♥️K4 is a fine holding, and drive to slam opposite a strong 2NT rebid containing a club control.

On the Kaplan and Flannery auctions, South is in a pickle. A jump to 4♣️ seems in order, but North does not find out about the club control. If South instead chooses 2NT, how does the partnership set trumps and proceed? Presumably North's 3♣️ over 2NT would show six - or could it be only 5 with slam interest? 3♠️ might work. Likely undiscussed.
**Board 40**

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**South Deals**

None Vul

- **Tucker**
  - ♠ A J 10 9
  - ♥ Q 5
  - ♦ Q J 9 8 5
  - ♣ J 5

- ♠ 8 5 3
- ♥ K 10 4
- ♦ 2
- ♣ K Q 10 9 6 3

- ♠ Q 6 2
- ♥ A J 9 7 6 2
- ♦ 10 6
- ♣ A 8

NS 2♠; NS 2♥; EW 3♣; NS 1♣

**West** North East South

All pass

Pass

**Std:** 1♥ - (3♠) - X - (P); 3♥ S =6

**Mod:** see Std

**Tucker:** see Std

**Kaplan:** see Std

**Flannery:** see Std

**Transfer:** Std

**Gazzilli:** Std

If a negative double shows five spades, the Flannery North has no good call. Maybe this is not such a good idea. I'm assuming this agreement is not in effect. See deal 30.

**Board 41**

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**South Deals**

E-W Vul

- **Tucker**
  - ♠ K 10 7 6 3
  - ♥ 10
  - ♦ A 7
  - ♣ A K Q 7 2

- ♠ 9 8 4
- ♥ K 6 2
- ♦ Q 9 6 2
- ♣ 10 9 3

- ♠ J 5 2
- ♥ A Q J 9 5
- ♦ K 10 3
- ♣ J 4

NS 5♠; NS 4N; NS 4♥; NS 5♠; NS 2♦

**West** North East South

1♥

Pass 1♠ Pass 1 NT

Pass 2♣ Pass 2 ♠

Pass 4 ♠ All pass

1. New minor forcing -- 5+ S; 13+ total points

4 ♠ by North

**Std:** 1♥ - 2♣; 2♥ - 2♠; 2NT - 3♣; 4♠ N =6

**Mod:** Tucker:

**Kaplan:**

**Flannery:**

**Transfer:** Std

**Gazzilli:** Std

**KSU:** 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ - 3♠ [GF]; 3♥ [2 of top 3] - 4♠ N =7

On this type of North hand, I find it much more efficient to start a game forcing sequence with 2♣. Auctions after a 5+ unlimited 1♠ response get murky. This is also true with Tucker, where a 2♠ response is not as efficient.

South keeps his foot firmly on the brake, and the auction stops at a safe level.
With length in hearts and the space-consuming suit below hearts, West makes a light 2♦ overcall.
The Tucker auction explores both major suits before settling into 3NT - on another day, from the wrong side. Kaplan and Flannery explore both majors as well (spades by implication), and declare NT by North, whose stoppers might be positional.

The Std and Mod auctions could have concealed an 8-card spade fit. South's spades are too weak to take a chance on 3♦ over 2NT.
Board 46
South Deals
None Vul

Tucker
♠ J 9 3 2
♥ A 2
♦ Q J 7 6 3
♣ K 3
♠ A Q 10 4
♥ 7 6 4
♦ A 9 8
♣ 9 6 2
♠ 7 6 5
♥ K J 10 8 5 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 4
NS 3N; NS 3♥; NS 2♣; NS 2♦; EW 2♠
West North East South
All pass

Pass
Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♥ - 2NTN =6
Mod: 1♥ - 1NT; 2♥ - 2NTN =6
Tucker: 1♥ - 1♠; 1NT! - 2NTS =6
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1♠!; 2♥ - 2NTN =6
Flannery: see Mod
Transfer: Std
Gazzilli: Std

Board 47
South Deals
N-S Vul

Tucker
♠ J 10 7 3
♥ 7
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q 8 7 5 3
♠ K Q 6 5 2
♥ A J 8 3
♦ 10 4 2
♣ Q J 10 8 7 5
♠ 4
♥ A 9 8
♦ K 6 5 4 2
♣ J 9 7 2
♦ A
EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 1♠; EW 1♠
West North East South
1 ♥

1♠ All pass
1♠ by West

Std: see GiB above =6
Mod:
Tucker:
Kaplan:
Flannery:
Transfer: Std
Gazzilli: Std
The Tucker auction, with Serious 3NT active, is the only one that stops at the four-level. South's 4♦ cue bid must be shortness, so North decides against a thin slam. (While slam can only be made with an unlikely double trump finesse, plus a diamond split and the ♥A onside.)
The Tucker auction discloses the spade fit, a safe place to hide if North has a stiff heart. Kaplan and Flannery cannot find such a 7-card fit.

After the Std auction, do you play 2♣ weak? Probably not. So the natural 1NT rebid is not that valuable. North might choose 2♥, but would you?
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South Deals
N-S Vul

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All pass

4 ♠ by South

Std: 1♥ - (2♦) - X - (P); 3♥ - (P) - 4♥ S =6
Mod: same
Tucker: same
Kaplan: same
Flannery: same
Transfer: same
Gazzilli: same

### Board 53
South Deals
E-W Vul

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All pass

4 ♠ by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ N =6
Mod: Std
Tucker: Std
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT [♠:5]; 2♠ S =7
Flannery: 1♥ - 1♠ [♠:5]; 2♠ N =7
Transfer: Std
Gazzilli: Std
KSU: Flannery
**Board 54**
South Deals
Both Vul

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3 NT by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♦ - 2NT; 3♠ - 3NTN =7

Mod: 1♥ - 1NT; 2♦ - 2NT; 3♠ - 3NTS =6

Tucker: Std
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1♠ [♠:0-4]; 2♦ - 2NT; 3♠ - 3NTN =6
Flannery: 1♥ - 1NT; 2♦ - 2NT; 3♠ - 3NTN =6
Transfer: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ [♦] - 2NT; 3♠ - 3NTN =7
Gazzilli: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♦ - 2NT; 3♠ - 3NTN =7

**Board 55**
South Deals
N-S Vul

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7 NT by South

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♦ - 3♠ [4SF]; 3♠ - 4NT; 5♠ - 5NT; 6♥ - 7♠N =8

Mod: 1♥ - 1♠; 3♠ - 3NT [serious]; 4♦ - 4NT; ... (see Std) 7♠N =10
Tucker: 1♥ - 2♣; 3♠ - 4♠; 4♦ [serious] - 4NT; ... (see Std) 7♠N =10
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT [♠:5]; 3♠ ... (see Std) 7♠N =10
Flannery: Mod
Transfer: Tucker
Gazzilli: Tucker
KSU: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♦ [5-cd or 15+] - 3♠; 3♠ - 4♠; 4♦ - 4NT; ... (see Std) 7♠N =10

The Std North does not have a solid way to set trumps, determine slam strength, and then bid it. South will have some extras for the delayed raise, but that could be more distribution.
The Kaplan and Flannery Norths do not know the location of South's shortness - could be touchy, if spades.
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South Deals  
None Vul

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**Board 59**  
South Deals  
E-W Vul

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**West**  | **North** | **East** | **South**  
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3 ♠ | Pass | Dbl | 3 ♠ |
Pass | 3 NT | All pass | Pass |

3 NT by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♠; 2♠ - 3NT; 4♥ S =6
Mod: Std
Tucker: Std
Kaplan: Tucker
Flannery: Tucker
Transfer: Tucker
Gazzilli: Tucker

2 ♠ by North

Std: 1NT - 2♣ [♠]; 3♣ S =6
Mod: Std
Tucker: Std
Kaplan: Std
Flannery: Std
Transfer: Std
Gazzilli: Std
**Board 60**
South Deals
Both Vul

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4♠ by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♣; 3♥ - 3♠; 4♠N =6
Mod: 1♥ - 1♣; 3♠ - 4♠N =6
Tucker: 1♥ - 1♣; 1NT [♠️:3] - 2♠; 3♥ - 4♠N =7
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT [♣️:5]; 3♠ - 4♠N =7
Flannery: 1♥ - 1♣ [♣️:5]; 3♠ - 4♠N =7
Transfer: 1♥ - 1♣; 2♦ [♥, good] - 2♥; 2♠ - 4♠N =7
Gazzilli: 1♥ - 1♣; 2♠! - 2♣!; 2♠ - 4♠N =7
KSU: Flannery

**Board 61**
South Deals
None Vul

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3♠ by North

Std: 1♥ - 1♣; 2♥S =4
Mod: 1♥ - 1♣; 2♠N =7
Tucker: 1♥ - 1♣; 1NT [♠️:3] - 2♠N =7
Kaplan: 1♥ - 1NT [♣️:5]; 2♠S =7
Flannery: 1♥ - 1♣ [♣️:5]; 2♠N =7
Transfer: Std
Gazzilli: Std
KSU: Flannery
Board 62

South Deals
N-S Vul

+Tucker

♠ K J 5 4
♥ 9 4
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 6 4 3 2

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

E 3 ♠; W 2 ♠; E 1 ♠; NS 1 ♥; EW 1 ♠

West     North     East     South
Pass     1 ♠     Pass     1 NT

All pass
1 NT by South

Std: 1 ♥ - (P) - 1 ♠ - (X); XX [♠:3] - (2 ♠ W) = 7
Mod:  Std
Tucker:  Std
Kaplan: 1 ♥ - 1 ♠ [♠:0-4]; 2 ♠ - 2 ♥ S = 5
Flannery: 1 ♥ - 1NT; 2 ♠ - 2 ♥ S = 5
Transfer: Std
Gazzilli:  Std