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## 4TH SUIT FORCING

♠ 62  
♥ K65  
♦ Q983  
♣ 10874

♠ KJ1085  
♥ 98  
♦ A4  
♣ A963

♠ Q94  
♥ AQJ104  
♦ KJ65  
♣ J

S 1H  
2D  
3S

N 1S  
3C  
4S

GAME GOING  
4TH SUIT FORCE

With a 5 card major, you can use 4th suit force to find whether partner has 3 card support. (Using the 4th suit neither promises or denies having the 4th suit)

♠ A73  
♥ 732  
♦ 1072  
♣ KQ52

WEAK  
SUIT PREFERENCE

With only 7 pts. and a limit rebid by south, a simple pass is all that is needed here.

♠ AQ106  
♥ K106  
♦ 10942  
♣ 65

♠ KJ985  
♥ 732  
♦ 6  
♣ K873

♠ 2  
♥ Q94  
♦ AKJ87  
♣ AJ109

S 1D  
2C

N 1S  
P

♠ 743  
♥ AQJ5  
♦ Q53  
♣ Q42

♠ KJ1074  
♥ 104  
♦ 7632  
♣ 53

♠ 83  
♥ KQ932  
♦ K108  
♣ A94

♠ A952  
♥ J87  
♦ Q  
♣ KQJ102

S 1C  
1S  
2H

N 1H  
2D  
4H

GAME GOING  
4TH SUIT FORCE

With a 5 card major, you can use 4th suit force to find whether partner has 3 card support. (Using the 4th suit neither promises or denies having the 4th suit)

♠ Q6  
♥ A65  
♦ AJ954  
♣ 876

GAME GOING  
SHOW THE STOP!

With no chance of a major fit, but 13+ pts AND a stop in the 4th suit, the game contract is 3NT!

♠ J654  
♥ J53  
♦ K42  
♣ 1098

♠ Q987  
♥ A  
♦ AQ96  
♣ J742

♠ K10  
♥ KQ1094  
♦ 5  
♣ AK63

S 1H  
2C

N 1S  
3NT

♠ A32  
♥ 8762  
♦ J873  
♣ Q5

♠ Q982  
♥ A102  
♦ 1042  
♣ 1083

♠ 5  
♥ KQ9  
♦ J963  
♣ AKQJ6

♠ AKJ1074  
♥ J5  
♦ KQ7  
♣ 72

S 1S  
2S  
3H

N 2C  
3D  
3NT

GAME GOING  
4TH SUIT FORCE

After the limit rebid of 2S, north makes a forcing bid of 3D. It is now opener who has to use 4th Suit Force looking for the heart stopper.

♠ 63  
♥ 87643  
♦ A85  
♣ 954

GAME GOING  
4TH SUIT FORCE

After the 4SF, by north, and no stop in south's hand, north shows honour X in spades. (almost as good as three small.)

♠ 1072  
♥ AK109  
♦ 986  
♣ J87

♠ K4  
♥ QJ752  
♦ A74  
♣ Q104

♠ AQJ65  
♥ 64  
♦ Q3  
♣ AK53

S 1S  
3C  
3S

N 2H  
3D  
4S

♠ 983  
♥ 83  
♦ KJ1052  
♣ 962

♠ A1054  
♥ QJ3  
♦ 104  
♣ K762

♠ J93  
♥ K1087  
♦ K83  
♣ Q43

♠ K872  
♥ A2  
♦ QJ764  
♣ A10

S 1D  
1S  
P

N 1H  
2D

WEAK  
SUIT PREFERENCE

North is not strong enough to bid 4SF after south's rebid.

North's suit preference rebid of 2D should be passed by south.

♠ Q6  
♥ J965  
♦ A92  
♣ J985

WEAK  
REBID 6 CARD

North is not strong enough to bid 4SF after south's rebid.

North rejects both of opener's suits and rebids his 6 card suit at the level he can afford.

♠ A8  
♥ QJ3  
♦ 5432  
♣ KJ92

♠ KQJ654  
♥ 108  
♦ 108  
♣ 874

♠ 93  
♥ AK652  
♦ KQJ7  
♣ Q5

S 1H  
2D  
P

N 1S  
2S

♠ 1072  
♥ 974  
♦ A96  
♣ A1063

## SPLINTERS 1.

**1ST ROUND SPLINTER. RKCB.**

♠ A53  
♥ KQ864  
♦ KJ52  
♣ 5

♠ 10874  
♥ 102  
♦ 763  
♣ KQ63

♠ KQJ6  
♥ 95  
♦ 1084  
♣ J872

♠ 92  
♥ AJ73  
♦ AQ9  
♣ A1094

S	W	N	E
1H	P	4C	P
4D	P	4S	P
4NT	P	5S	P
6H			

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**Getting to the 50% slam that makes.**

♠ AKQ  
♥ KQ96  
♦ AJ842  
♣ 3

♠ 1062  
♥ A4  
♦ 1065  
♣ K10975

♠ 8754  
♥ 8732  
♦ KQ7  
♣ A8

♠ J93  
♥ J105  
♦ 93  
♣ QJ642

N	E	S	W
1D	P	1H	P
4C	P	4D	P
4S	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6H	

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**1ST ROUND SPLINTER. CUE BIDS.**

♠ QJ8  
♥ -  
♦ AK952  
♣ AJ953

♠ 53  
♥ J875432  
♦ QJ4  
♣ 8

♠ 10764  
♥ AK96  
♦ 863  
♣ 42

♠ AK92  
♥ Q10  
♦ 107  
♣ KQ1076

S	W	N	E
1C	P	3H	P
3S	P	4C	P
4S	P	4NT	P
5H	P	7C	

**OPENER'S SPLINTER.**

♠ 752  
♥ Q1092  
♦ Q97  
♣ Q54

♠ KQ102  
♥ 543  
♦ K842  
♣ 76

♠ A43  
♥ AKJ6  
♦ 3  
♣ KJ1098

♠ J98  
♥ 87  
♦ AJ1065  
♣ A32

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1H	P
3D	P	3H	P
P	P		

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**SPLINTER IN ENEMY SUIT. RKCB.**

♠ KQJ876  
♥ Q1052  
♦ 7  
♣ A7

♠ 952  
♥ 74  
♦ Q6542  
♣ 643

♠ 104  
♥ 93  
♦ AK1098  
♣ Q852

♠ A3  
♥ AKJ86  
♦ J3  
♣ KJ109

S	W	N	E
1H	2D	4D	P
4S	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6H	

**SIMPLE 1ST ROUND SPLINTER.**

♠ 9  
♥ Q8743  
♦ AK7  
♣ Q632

♠ 108532  
♥ 109  
♦ 9542  
♣ AK

♠ AK4  
♥ KJ652  
♦ J3  
♣ J109

♠ QJ76  
♥ A  
♦ Q1086  
♣ 8754

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3S	P
4H			

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**NEW**

**NOT EASY**

**With a good fit and a void, south should splinter in spades. (3S would be natural and forcing)**

♠ A862  
♥ AKQJ102  
♦ AK3  
♣ -

♠ Q1087  
♥ 4  
♦ 964  
♣ AJ972

♠ KJ953  
♥ 83  
♦ Q5  
♣ Q865

♠ -  
♥ 9765  
♦ J10872  
♣ K1043

N	E	S	W
2D*	P	2H	P
3H	P	4S	P
6H		*Benji	

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**2ND ROUND SPLINTER BY RESPONDER**

♠ AK  
♥ J87  
♦ A962  
♣ AQJ9

♠ J10754  
♥ AK103  
♦ Q5  
♣ 102

♠ Q6  
♥ 5  
♦ KJ1087  
♣ K7653

♠ 9832  
♥ Q9642  
♦ 43  
♣ 84

N	E	S	W
1C	P	1D	X
3D	P	4H	P
4S	P	4NT	P
5D	P	6C	

## SPLINTERS 2.

♠ AQJ754	♠ -	♠ K1086
♥ -	♥ AJ743	♥ 1082
♦ A4	♦ KQJ753	♦ 1086
♣ 109852	♣ Q6	♣ J43
	♠ 932	
	♥ KQ965	
	♦ 92	
	♣ AK7	

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	3S	4S
5C	P	6H	

**SPLINTER IN  
ENEMY SUIT.**

**OPENER'S  
SPLINTER**

♠ 873	♠ AJ105	♠ 96
♥ J952	♥ K3	♥ Q1087
♦ J6	♦ A2	♦ Q97
♣ AKQ2	♣ 109754	♣ J863
	♠ KQ42	
	♥ A64	
	♦ K108543	
	♣ -	

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S	P
4C	P	4D	P
4H	P	4NT	P
5S	P	6S	

♠ 87	♠ AJ105	♠ 963
♥ KJ972	♥ 53	♥ Q108
♦ A6	♦ J2	♦ Q97
♣ KQ32	♣ 109754	♣ AJ86
	♠ KQ42	
	♥ A64	
	♦ K108543	
	♣ -	

S	W	N	E
1D	1H	XX	P
4C	X	4S	

**NEGATIVE  
DOUBLE, &  
SPLINTER**

**1ST ROUND  
SPLINTER.  
RKCB.**

♠ 96	♠ KQ73	♠ 52
♥ Q1052	♥ K73	♥ J984
♦ Q975	♦ A8642	♦ J10
♣ Q96	♣ 3	♣ AK1054
	♠ AJ1084	
	♥ A6	
	♦ K3	
	♣ J872	

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4C	P
4NT	P	5S	P
6S			

♠ A1096	♠ 5	♠ KQ874
♥ -	♥ Q83	♥ J742
♦ 107643	♦ KQ52	♦ J9
♣ J754	♣ AK932	♣ Q10
	♠ J32	
	♥ AK10965	
	♦ A8	
	♣ 86	

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
2H	P	3S	P
4D	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6H	

**SPLINTER  
AFTER 5/3 FIT  
REVEALED.**

**SIMPLE  
1ST ROUND  
SPLINTER.**

♠ 63	♠ KJ97	♠ 52
♥ AQ754	♥ J	♥ K1082
♦ 53	♦ 1086	♦ J942
♣ 8752	♣ AKJ43	♣ Q96
	♠ AQ1084	
	♥ 963	
	♦ AKQ7	
	♣ 10	

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4H	P
4NT	P	5H	P
6H			

♠ 976	♠ 10543	♠ -
♥ -	♥ A742	♥ J109865
♦ QJ10742	♦ 9853	♦ AK6
♣ KJ105	♣ 4	♣ 9863
	♠ AKQJ82	
	♥ KQ3	
	♦ -	
	♣ AQ72	

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2S	P	4C	P
4D	P	4H	P
7S			

**RESPONDER  
SPLINTERS  
AFTER 2C  
OPEN**

**SPLINTER BY  
OPENER.**

♠ J872	♠ 96	♠ Q1043
♥ 52	♥ AQ984	♥ 103
♦ 1043	♦ J85	♦ A6
♣ KJ85	♣ A62	♣ Q10974
	♠ AK5	
	♥ KJ76	
	♦ KQ972	
	♣ 3	

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1H	P
4C	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6H	

# PUPPET STAYMAN 1.

<p>           ♠ 74            ♥ A4            ♦ J1085            ♣ QJ1096         </p> <p>           ♠ J1083            ♥ K106            ♦ 76            ♣ 8532         </p> <p>           ♠ AK6            ♥ QJ973            ♦ AK3            ♣ K4         </p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th></tr> <tr><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>3C</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>3H</td><td>P</td><td>4H</td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	W	N	E	2NT	P	3C	P	3H	P	4H		<p><b>OPENER HAS</b> <b>5 CARD MAJOR</b></p> <p>3H = 5 hearts. 3NT is off on a club lead.</p> <p>           ♠ Q952            ♥ 852            ♦ Q942            ♣ A7         </p>	<p><b>OPENER HAS</b> <b>4 CARD MAJOR</b></p> <p>3D = 4 card major 3S = 4 hearts</p> <p>3NT is off on a spade lead unless declarer ducks &amp; plays SK at trick 2. IF west takes this trick, declarer makes 3NT.</p> <p>4H is better!</p> <p>           ♠ AJ764            ♥ 753            ♦ J54            ♣ 87         </p>	<p>           ♠ 95            ♥ KQ86            ♦ 632            ♣ Q1054         </p> <p>           ♠ 1082            ♥ J10            ♦ Q1098            ♣ A962         </p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th></tr> <tr><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>3C</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>3D</td><td>P</td><td>3S</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>4H</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	W	N	E	2NT	P	3C	P	3D	P	3S	P	4H							
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<p>           ♠ K87            ♥ 65            ♦ J10954            ♣ Q103         </p> <p>           ♠ Q654            ♥ Q1094            ♦ AK6            ♣ 65         </p> <p>           ♠ AJ2            ♥ AJ32            ♦ Q8            ♣ AKJ8         </p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th></tr> <tr><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>3NT</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>4H</td><td>P</td><td>4NT</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>5C</td><td>P</td><td>6H</td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	W	N	E	2NT	P	3NT	P	4H	P	4NT	P	5C	P	6H		<p><b>OPENER HAS</b> <b>BOTH MAJORS</b></p> <p>3NT = both majors 4NT = RKCB 5C = 0 or 3</p> <p>           ♠ 1093            ♥ K87            ♦ 732            ♣ 9742         </p>	<p><b>OPENER HAS</b> <b>5 CARD MAJOR</b> (So has responder)</p> <p>3D = Transfer</p> <p>           ♠ J65            ♥ Q52            ♦ AQ982            ♣ 98         </p>	<p>           ♠ 4            ♥ KJ1086            ♦ 1054            ♣ Q742         </p> <p>           ♠ 9873            ♥ 73            ♦ K3            ♣ J10653         </p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th></tr> <tr><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>3D</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>3H</td><td>P</td><td>3NT</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>4H</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	W	N	E	2NT	P	3D	P	3H	P	3NT	P	4H			
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<p>           ♠ 10853            ♥ 32            ♦ A3            ♣ A9762         </p> <p>           ♠ K76            ♥ Q95            ♦ J7654            ♣ 83         </p> <p>           ♠ AQJ            ♥ AJ76            ♦ KQ8            ♣ KJ10         </p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th></tr> <tr><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>3C</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>3D</td><td>P</td><td>3NT</td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	W	N	E	2NT	P	3C	P	3D	P	3NT		<p><b>OPENER HAS</b> <b>4 CARD MAJOR</b></p> <p>3D = 4 card major 3NT = No fit</p> <p>           ♠ 942            ♥ K1084            ♦ 1092            ♣ Q54         </p>	<p><b>OPENER HAS</b> <b>NO MAJOR</b></p> <p>3NT = No 4 or 5 card major.</p> <p>           ♠ J87654            ♥ 84            ♦ QJ5            ♣ K4         </p>	<p>           ♠ KQ            ♥ 9532            ♦ 74            ♣ 97652         </p> <p>           ♠ 1093            ♥ QJ107            ♦ 8632            ♣ QJ         </p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th></tr> <tr><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>3C</td><td>P</td></tr> <tr><td>3NT</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	W	N	E	2NT	P	3C	P	3NT											
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## PUPPET STAYMAN 2.

**OPENER HAS**  
**4 CARD MAJOR**

**3NT = both majors**

♠ 9654  
♥ AQ108  
♦ 875  
♣ 62

♠ A1087  
♥ 65  
♦ 1092  
♣ 10953

♠ J32  
♥ 742  
♦ KQJ4  
♣ J87

♠ KQ  
♥ KJ93  
♦ A63  
♣ AKQ4

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	P
4H			

**OPENER HAS**  
**5 CARD MAJOR**

**3H = 5 hearts**

♠ 52  
♥ 843  
♦ QJ986  
♣ Q52

♠ KQJ76  
♥ 92  
♦ 743  
♣ 1063

♠ 1093  
♥ A65  
♦ 1052  
♣ AJ84

♠ A84  
♥ KQJ107  
♦ AK  
♣ K97

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3H	P	4H	

**OPENER HAS**  
**4 CARD MAJOR**

**3D = 4 card major**  
**3H = 4 spades**

♠ Q1086  
♥ A106  
♦ 54  
♣ J863

♠ J52  
♥ 32  
♦ A1032  
♣ K1042

♠ 97  
♥ QJ975  
♦ J876  
♣ 75

♠ AK43  
♥ K84  
♦ KQ9  
♣ AQ9

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3D	P	3H	P
4S			

**OPENER HAS**  
**5 CARD MAJOR**

**3S = 5 spades**

**NOTE**  
*Even though responder has NO 4 card major, he must make the 3C enquiry.*

♠ Q102  
♥ 1076  
♦ Q942  
♣ J96

♠ J9  
♥ KQJ853  
♦ 1083  
♣ 85

♠ 643  
♥ A4  
♦ J65  
♣ Q7432

♠ AK875  
♥ 92  
♦ AK7  
♣ AK10

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3S	P	4S	

**OPENER HAS**  
**5 SPADES & 4 HEARTS**

**3S = 5 spades & 4 hearts**

*You cannot show this shape using transfers!*

♠ QJ752  
♥ A1074  
♦ J7  
♣ 93

♠ 106  
♥ QJ92  
♦ 9864  
♣ 1084

♠ 9843  
♥ 63  
♦ A5  
♣ KJ765

♠ AK  
♥ K85  
♦ KQ1032  
♣ AQ2

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3S	P
3NT			

**OPENER HAS**  
**NO 4 CARD MAJOR**

**3NT = No major!**

♠ 108  
♥ QJ54  
♦ 62  
♣ K10532

♠ K9752  
♥ 97  
♦ 987  
♣ QJ9

♠ Q64  
♥ A1032  
♦ J543  
♣ 87

♠ AJ3  
♥ K86  
♦ AKQ10  
♣ A64

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3NT			

**OPENER HAS**  
**A SINGLETON**

**3H = 5 hearts**

**An awkward hand for opener who could open 1H and reverse in 3D.**

**Unfortunately 1H may be passed!**

♠ 1086  
♥ 1075  
♦ A9432  
♣ 75

♠ 7654  
♥ K3  
♦ Q106  
♣ Q962

♠ KQJ92  
♥ 842  
♦ 7  
♣ J1084

♠ A  
♥ AQJ96  
♦ KJ85  
♣ AK3

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3H	P	4H	

**OPENER HAS**  
**4 CARD MAJOR**

**3D = 4 card major**  
**3S = 4 hearts**  
**3NT = No fit**

♠ 964  
♥ A1063  
♦ J98  
♣ 542

♠ Q87  
♥ J98  
♦ A74  
♣ 9873

♠ 1053  
♥ K542  
♦ 1062  
♣ QJ6

♠ AKJ2  
♥ Q7  
♦ KQ53  
♣ AK10

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3D	P	3S	P
3NT			

# USING NO TRUMP BIDS

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## THE WRIGGLE.

♠ QJ63  
♥ A743  
♦ J9  
♣ J73

♠ 94  
♥ J106  
♦ 10876  
♣ 8542

♠ A102  
♥ K92  
♦ A53  
♣ KQ96

**DOUBLE IN PROTECTIVE POSITION.**

The double in protective position requires a different set of bids.

XX shows a 5 card minor. Here, 2C is the lower of two four card suits

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	X
P	P	2C	X
2D	?	-	?

**OPENER'S 5 CARD SUIT**

With a 5 card club suit south takes responsibility and bids.

Occasionally north will have pts. hoping that you would XX but the wriddle is a defensive play with safety in mind.

♠ AK75  
♥ A103  
♦ KQ2  
♣ 532

♠ 62  
♥ K976  
♦ 9864  
♣ 1084

♠ QJ109  
♥ 854  
♦ J1073  
♣ K9

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P
2C	?	-	?

♠ Q95  
♥ KQJ  
♦ A743  
♣ KQ5

♠ 10643  
♥ 9732  
♦ J62  
♣ 32

♠ A8  
♥ A1054  
♦ 98  
♣ J10987

**WEAK, Both majors**

If hearts is the lower of two four card suits, souths choice is easy.

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P
XX	P	2H	X
2S	?	-	?

**WHAT IS THIS DOUBLE?**

With only 2 pts. east has to bid.

North's X is for penalty - assuming that partner, north, has the remainder of the points.

♠ KJ  
♥ A853  
♦ Q753  
♣ AQ10

♠ AQ53  
♥ 742  
♦ KJ84  
♣ 86

♠ 10962  
♥ Q96  
♦ 1096  
♣ 743

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	2S
P	P	X	

♠ KQJ2  
♥ AQ9  
♦ 6432  
♣ A9

♠ 76  
♥ 852  
♦ K108  
♣ J10953

♠ 1054  
♥ K10764  
♦ Q9  
♣ K76

**SIMPLE TRANSFER**

This one should make - and 4H will make for E/W

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	XX	P
2C	?	P	?

**WHY NOT PASS?**

West with 9 pts. should not be trying to escape & can make 7 tricks in NTs.

This way N/S make +620

♠ J  
♥ A642  
♦ A96432  
♣ 106

♠ Q10643  
♥ Q53  
♦ 105  
♣ 543

♠ K2  
♥ J97  
♦ KQJ87  
♣ Q97

E	S	W	N
1NT	X	2C	P
2D	2S	3D	P
P	4C	P	4S

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♠ A1054  
♥ K103  
♦ AQ9  
♣ K104

♠ 32  
♥ A765  
♦ 753  
♣ 9765

♠ J87  
♥ 82  
♦ KJ642  
♣ Q32

**KEEP DOUBLING**

In principle once you have started doubling, partner has 6+ pts. everything should be doubled.

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P
XX	P	2C	X
2H	P	P	X

**LIMIT BID****DK LEAD**

After north Xs east transfers to hearts.

South bids 2S to play! NO game interest.

North tried 3NT and was -1

♠ AK53  
♥ 1065  
♦ KQJ8  
♣ 83

♠ J8  
♥ AK92  
♦ 94  
♣ AKQJ9

♠ Q4  
♥ Q8642  
♦ 732  
♣ 1065

W	N	E	S
1NT	X	2D	2S
P	P	P	

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## LANDY/U.N.T.

♠ J754	♠ AQ9862
♥ 74	♥ KQJ6
♦ AK32	♦ 9
♣ A72	♣ J3
	♠ -
	♥ A1082
	♦ J865
	♣ Q9654

W	N	E	S
1NT	2C	P	2H
P	3H	P	4H

**LANDY - NOT  
OVERCALL**

At our table  
north bid 2♠.  
South passed  
and E/W  
scored +100

At other tables  
4♥ was bid  
and made.

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**LANDY****5♦ LEAD**

After east bids  
2NT naturally  
north hopes  
south will take  
3♣ as a 2nd  
request for a  
major.

♠ AQ5	♠ K9642	♠ J107
♥ Q7	♥ AK952	♥ J6
♦ Q10954	♦ 87	♦ AK63
♣ K102	♣ 4	♣ QJ98
	♠ 83	
	♥ 10843	
	♦ J2	
	♣ A7653	

W	N	E	S
1NT	2C	2NT	P
P	3C	P	3H
P	P		

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♠ K987432	♠ J5
♥ Q87	♥ 96432
♦ 7	♦ AK42
♣ Q8	♣ A4
	♠ A
	♥ A5
	♦ J109853
	♣ 7632

E	S	W	N
1NT	2NT	4S	5D

**U.N.T.****♠7 LEAD**

2NT asks for  
a minor suit.  
West's 4♠  
doesn't silence  
north who  
bids on to 5♦,  
thankfully not  
doubled

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**LANDY - NO  
PREFERENCE****♣K LEAD**

With no  
preference,  
north asks  
south to make  
the decision.

♠ 864	♠ J97	♠ K2
♥ J5	♥ A32	♥ K874
♦ 975	♦ AJ863	♦ Q10
♣ KQ532	♣ 108	♣ AJ764
	♠ AQ1053	
	♥ Q1096	
	♦ K2	
	♣ 9	

E	S	W	N
1NT	2C	X	2D
3C	3S	P	

♠ QJ85	♠ 9732
♥ A5	♥ KQ1097
♦ 963	♦ K102
♣ KQ75	♣ 9
	♠ A6
	♥ 8432
	♦ A5
	♣ AJ832

W	N	E	S
1NT	2C	2D	3H
P	4H		

**LANDY****♦6 LEAD**

2♣ shows both  
majors. 3♥ a bit  
timid because  
of the poor  
hearts.

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**U.N.T.****♦6 LEAD**

If north bids  
3♠ it should be  
passed.  
If north bids 3♣  
south is always  
going to bid  
4/5♣.  
(which goes  
one off but 4♥  
makes for EW)

♠ 963	♠ K108742	♠ QJ5
♥ K10987	♥ J65	♥ AQ32
♦ J5	♦ 7	♦ KQ109
♣ K84	♣ 752	♣ 63
	♠ A	
	♥ 4	
	♦ A86432	
	♣ AQJ109	

E	S	W	N
1NT	2NT	P	?

♠ 1065	♠ AJ83
♥ 1075	♥ KJ982
♦ AK6	♦ 92
♣ AQ53	♣ 76
	♠ KQ74
	♥ Q4
	♦ J753
	♣ 1084

W	N	E	S
1NT	2C	P	2S
P	P	P	

**LANDY****♦A LEAD**

2♣ shows both  
majors.  
2♠ is south's  
best major and  
north is happy  
to pass.

**LANDY****♦A LEAD**

Sometimes  
the responder  
to Landy has a  
hand that can  
reject the major  
suit option.

♠ 1065	♠ AJ83	♠ 9742
♥ 1075	♥ KJ982	♥ Q63
♦ AK6	♦ 92	♦ 8754
♣ AQ53	♣ 76	♣ J2
	♠ KQ	
	♥ A4	
	♦ QJ103	
	♣ K10984	

W	N	E	S
1NT	2C	P	3NT

# TRANSFERS & STAYMAN

♠ A106  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ 10982  
 ♣ AK65

♠ Q542  
 ♥ J8543  
 ♦ 76  
 ♣ 104

♠ KJ8  
 ♥ KQ7  
 ♦ A543  
 ♣ 743

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2D	P	2H	P
P	P		

## WEAK STAYMAN 5/4 IN MAJORS

♠ 973  
 ♥ A106  
 ♦ KQJ  
 ♣ QJ98

Use Stayman when weak with 5/4 in the majors. If opener rebids 2D sign off in the 5 card suit.

## TRANSFER AFTER 1NT OVERCALL

Use transfers and Stayman over partner's 1NT overcall.

Adjust game requirements for partner holding 16-18, not 12-14

♠ 854  
 ♥ 732  
 ♦ Q532  
 ♣ 876

♠ AQ932  
 ♥ QJ95  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ 432

♠ K107  
 ♥ K864  
 ♦ AJ10  
 ♣ KQ5

♠ J6  
 ♥ A10  
 ♦ K9876  
 ♣ AJ109

E	S	W	N
1D	1NT	P	2H
P	2S	P	3H
P	4H		

♠ 1083  
 ♥ AQ8  
 ♦ 7542  
 ♣ 1076

♠ QJ652  
 ♥ J1073  
 ♦ 96  
 ♣ 53

♠ K4  
 ♥ K54  
 ♦ AKJ103  
 ♣ AKJ

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3S	P
3NT			

## 5/4 AFTER 2NT

You cannot show 5 spades and 4 hearts by transfers after a 2NT open.

A simple way to show this hand is with a responding bid of 3S.

## SUPER ACCEPT

If partner transfers into a major and you hold maximum points AND four of that major rebid 1 level higher than normal.

♠ KQJ5  
 ♥ 109  
 ♦ J952  
 ♣ 862

♠ 4  
 ♥ AQ862  
 ♦ KQ3  
 ♣ AJ105

♠ A72  
 ♥ K743  
 ♦ A4  
 ♣ K943

♠ 109863  
 ♥ J5  
 ♦ 10876  
 ♣ Q7

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2D	P
3H	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6H	

♠ J8  
 ♥ J4  
 ♦ A1082  
 ♣ QJ1098

♠ 102  
 ♥ AK10765  
 ♦ Q965  
 ♣ 4

♠ KQ96  
 ♥ Q93  
 ♦ K7  
 ♣ A752

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2D	
2H	P	3H	P
4H			

## INVITATION ONLY

Responder's rebid in the suit invites game ONLY IN HEARTS. South's options are to bid 4H or PASS !

3NT is not an option.

## MILD SLAM TRY

No transfer  
North accepts the invitation by cue bidding CA.

4NT checks for aces and the slam is bid.

♠ 96  
 ♥ 752  
 ♦ A97  
 ♣ J9653

♠ J32  
 ♥ A1083  
 ♦ 108  
 ♣ AKQ7

♠ AKQ108  
 ♥ KQ9  
 ♦ K32  
 ♣ 82

♠ 754  
 ♥ J64  
 ♦ QJ654  
 ♣ 104

N	E	S	W
1NT	P	3S	P
4C	P	4NT	P
5H	6S		

♠ 96  
 ♥ 10864  
 ♦ J83  
 ♣ AQ94

♠ QJ73  
 ♥ A752  
 ♦ Q109  
 ♣ 62

♠ K1042  
 ♥ KQJ9  
 ♦ 652  
 ♣ K3

S	W	N	E
1N	P	2C	P
2H	P	P	P

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## RISKY 2C S9 WAS LED

Not a perfect use of weak Stayman but has a reasonable chance of success  
2H made +110 for 31/36 matchpoints.

## TRANSFER AFTER 1NT OVERCALL

C4 LEAD to CK & CA. Heart is thrown on CJ now a trump to SA. Diamond to DA. SJ led covered by SQ dropping SA!?

East should X the 2H by north.

♠ Q94  
 ♥ K96  
 ♦ 6432  
 ♣ 1054

♠ 106532  
 ♥ J52  
 ♦ Q109  
 ♣ 73

♠ J87  
 ♥ 1073  
 ♦ AKJ5  
 ♣ AQJ

♠ AK  
 ♥ AQ84  
 ♦ 87  
 ♣ K9862

E	S	W	N
1C	1NT	P	2H
P	2S	P	P

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## JACOBY 2NT

<p>♠ J763 ♥ Q1083 ♦ AK ♣ K107</p> <p>♠ 82 ♥ 642 ♦ 8632 ♣ 9643</p> <p>♦ 4 LEAD</p> <p>♠ Q109 ♥ AKJ5 ♦ QJ10 ♣ QJ2</p>	<p><b>PREFER 3NT DESPITE THE FIT</b></p> <p>♠ AK54 ♥ 97 ♦ 9754 ♣ A85</p> <p>With two balanced hands and plenty of points south chooses to play in 3NT and north agrees by passing</p>	<p><b>SHOWING A SINGLETON OR VOID</b></p> <p>3♣ shows a singleton or void</p> <p>The singleton club does not help north's hand.</p> <p>So north signs off in 4♥</p>	<p>♠ QJ3 ♥ AJ72 ♦ 84 ♣ KQJ3</p> <p>♦ Q LEAD</p> <p>♠ AK2 ♥ KQ984 ♦ QJ72 ♣ 8</p> <p>♠ 9765 ♥ 65 ♦ K105 ♣ A1096</p>
<p>♠ A987 ♥ QJ3 ♦ KJ102 ♣ AQ</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ A10742 ♦ A875 ♣ J109</p> <p>♠ 643 ♥ 985 ♦ Q43 ♣ 8732</p> <p>♠ KQJ105 ♥ K6 ♦ 96 ♣ K654</p> <p><b>J LEAD</b></p>	<p><b>FAST ARRIVAL.</b></p> <p>After 2NT south shows NO interest in slam but north persists.</p> <p>5♦ shows 1 or 4</p> <p>North gets the message and signs off in 5♠</p>	<p><b>WHEN 3♥ IS STRONGER THAN 4♥.</b></p> <p>*3♥ is stronger than 4♥ <i>ONLY when in a game forcing sequence - like this one.</i></p> <p>It gives you more bidding space to cue bid etc.</p>	<p>♠ AQ4 ♥ AJ32 ♦ K532 ♣ 93</p> <p>♦ J LEAD</p> <p>♠ K5 ♥ KQ1095 ♦ A6 ♣ KQJ5</p> <p>♠ J1097 ♥ 84 ♦ Q984 ♣ 1064</p>
<p>♠ J985 ♥ KQ1065 ♦ 108 ♣ K3</p> <p>♠ K742 ♥ 2 ♦ Q96 ♣ J10976</p> <p>♠ AQ1062 ♥ 43 ♦ 7432 ♣ AQ</p> <p>♠ - ♥ AJ987 ♦ AKJ5 ♣ 8542</p> <p><b>J LEAD</b></p>	<p><b>FAST ARRIVAL.</b></p> <p>North is a 7 loser but should not use Jacoby 2NT.</p> <p>A simple raise to game is required</p>	<p><b>SINGLETON SHOWN</b></p> <p>North's hand gets better when the singleton club is shown.</p> <p>*5♠ shows 2 key cards with trump queen.</p>	<p>♠ AQ72 ♥ KQ108 ♦ QJ4 ♣ J2</p> <p>♠ 10954 ♥ 42 ♦ 85 ♣ KQ873</p> <p>♠ J8 ♥ 95 ♦ 10763 ♣ A10964</p> <p>♠ K63 ♥ AJ763 ♦ AK92 ♣ 5</p>
<p>♠ A652 ♥ KQ54 ♦ A52 ♣ Q4</p> <p>♠ 10873 ♥ 106 ♦ K1098 ♣ J53</p> <p>♠ KJ4 ♥ 98 ♦ QJ643 ♣ 1062</p> <p>♠ Q9 ♥ AJ732 ♦ 7 ♣ AK987</p> <p>♥ 10 LEAD</p>	<p><b>SINGLETON</b></p> <p>After 2NT south shows a singleton diamond.</p> <p>This improves north's hand and RKCB is used.</p>	<p><b>WHEN 3♥ IS STRONGER THAN 4S</b></p> <p>*3♥ is stronger than 4♥ <i>ONLY when in a game forcing sequence - like this one.</i></p> <p>After 2NT south shows a strong opening hand with 5+ hearts,</p>	<p>♠ AQ86 ♥ A3 ♦ 93 ♣ KJ1062</p> <p>♠ 109 ♥ QJ965 ♦ Q1052 ♣ 95</p> <p>♠ 42 ♥ 872 ♦ KJ764 ♣ Q43</p> <p>♠ KJ753 ♥ K104 ♦ A8 ♣ A87</p>

# RAISING WITH MAJOR SUPPORT

## MAJOR - NOT MINOR

♠ Q5  
 ♥ 9743  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ AK1087  
**K LEAD**  
 ♠ A8  
 ♥ KQJ6  
 ♦ 73  
 ♣ QJ652

♠ J964  
 ♥ A85  
 ♦ K1085  
 ♣ 43

♠ K10732  
 ♥ 102  
 ♦ QJ964  
 ♣ 9

North must respond 1♥.  
NOT a raise in clubs!!

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1H	P
2H	P	4H	

## JACOBY 2NT

With 12+ pts north can use Jacoby 2NT  
Opener's rebid shows a singleton or void.

♠ KJ1084  
 ♥ Q3  
 ♦ A965  
 ♣ K7  
**Q LEAD**  
 ♠ A9532  
 ♥ A7542  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ A6

♠ 7  
 ♥ J10  
 ♦ QJ10832  
 ♣ 9832

♠ Q6  
 ♥ K986  
 ♦ K7  
 ♣ QJ1054

S	W	N	W
1S	P	2NT	P
3D	P	4D	P
4H	P	4NT etc	
6S			

## SPLINTER/CUE BIDS/RKCB.

♠ A53  
 ♥ KQ864  
 ♦ KJ52  
 ♣ 5  
**K LEAD**  
 ♠ 92  
 ♥ AJ73  
 ♦ AQ9  
 ♣ A1094

♠ KQJ6  
 ♥ 95  
 ♦ 1084  
 ♣ J872

♠ 10874  
 ♥ 102  
 ♦ 763  
 ♣ KQ63

Without splinters, north, with only one ace, would sign off in 4♥

S	W	N	E
1H	P	4C	P
4D	P	4S	P
4NT	P	5S	P
6H			

## WORTH A STRETCH

Ignore the points and look at the SHAPE. Bid a pre-emptive 4♥  
5♣ = -400  
4♠ = -450  
4♥ = +420

♠ 8  
 ♥ Q98432  
 ♦ Q9865  
 ♣ 9  
**A LEAD**  
 ♠ J65  
 ♥ AKJ106  
 ♦ AJ2  
 ♣ 83

♠ K32  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ K74  
 ♣ AKJ1075

♠ AQ10974  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ 103  
 ♣ Q642

S	W	N	E
1H	2C	4H	?

## TAKEOUT DOUBLE

♠ AJ95  
 ♥ Q92  
 ♦ KJ84  
 ♣ A8  
**4 LEAD**  
 ♠ Q872  
 ♥ K74  
 ♦ A52  
 ♣ Q53

♠ K  
 ♥ A10865  
 ♦ 976  
 ♣ KJ94

♠ 10643  
 ♥ J3  
 ♦ Q103  
 ♣ 10762

(Run the ♣Q)  
South passed on a 4-3-3-3 with 11 pts.  
North's X suggests 4 spades.  
♠2 to ♠A &  
♠5 to ♠7.  
♦2 to ♦J - ♦Q spade return.  
♥4 foolishly won by west!

S	W	N	E
P	1H	X	P
3S	P	4S	P

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## WORTH A STRETCH

South should not consider bidding again when north has made the weakest bid possible.  
BUT perhaps west should do something!

♠ QJ65  
 ♥ 987  
 ♦ 104  
 ♣ Q654  
**10 LEAD**  
 ♠ AK432  
 ♥ Q43  
 ♦ K76  
 ♣ K2

♠ 107  
 ♥ AJ65  
 ♦ J832  
 ♣ A73

♠ 98  
 ♥ K102  
 ♦ AQ95  
 ♣ J1098

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2S	P
P	?		

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## UNASSUMING CUE BID

♠ 8653  
 ♥ KQJ  
 ♦ Q2  
 ♣ A943  
**K LEAD**  
 ♠ K9  
 ♥ A10872  
 ♦ A963  
 ♣ 65

♠ J10742  
 ♥ 543  
 ♦ J107  
 ♣ K7

♠ AQ  
 ♥ 96  
 ♦ K854  
 ♣ QJ1082

Not an ideal overcall but it allows north to ask how good it was.  
With an 11/12 count (a 6 loser) south bids game.

E	S	W	N
1C	1H	P	2C
P	4H		

## SHOWING A SINGLETON/VOID

3♦ shows a singleton or void  
4♦ is a cue bid.  
4NT is RKCB.  
4♥ shows 2 key cards without the trump queen.

♠ KJ1084  
 ♥ Q3  
 ♦ A965  
 ♣ K7  
**Q LEAD**  
 ♠ A9532  
 ♥ A7542  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ A6

♠ 7  
 ♥ J10  
 ♦ QJ10832  
 ♣ 9832

♠ Q6  
 ♥ K986  
 ♦ K7  
 ♣ QJ1054

S	N
1S	2NT
3D	4D
4NT	5H etc
6S	

# ROMAN KEY CARD BLACKWOOD

♠ A942  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ A7  
 ♣ AKQ965

♠ -  
 ♥ KQ105  
 ♦ 98532  
 ♣ 10742

♠ KQ1063  
 ♥ AJ87  
 ♦ K64  
 ♣ 8

5S = 2 key cards  
WITH  
trump queen

5H = 2 key cards  
WITHOUT  
trump queen

♠ AKQ642  
 ♥ A9543  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ 8

♠ J875  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ KQ53  
 ♣ J7642

♠ 109  
 ♥ Q108  
 ♦ J9864  
 ♣ K105

♠ 3  
 ♥ KJ762  
 ♦ 1072  
 ♣ AQ93

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4NT	P
5S		7S	

N	E	S	W
1S	P	2H	P
4NT		5H	P
7H			

♠ AJ964  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ K5  
 ♣ AKQ52

♠ -  
 ♥ KQ8653  
 ♦ 974  
 ♣ 10976

♠ KQ73  
 ♥ AJ  
 ♦ AQ862  
 ♣ 43

5C = 0 OR 3

5D = Have you  
trump queen?

5S = Yes I have.

♠ 2  
 ♥ K6432  
 ♦ Q107  
 ♣ AK93

♠ J1073  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ 98652  
 ♣ Q765

♠ 86  
 ♥ Q1087  
 ♦ KJ3  
 ♣ J1084

♠ AKQ954  
 ♥ AJ5  
 ♦ A4  
 ♣ 2

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S	P
3S	P	4NT	P
5C	P	5D	P
5S	P	7S	

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2H	P
4NT	P	5H	P
6H			

♠ Q7  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ KQ974  
 ♣ K986

♠ J542  
 ♥ J92  
 ♦ J108  
 ♣ J103

♠ AK108  
 ♥ 73  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ AQ754

MINOR SUIT  
GRAND SLAM

Importance of  
trump queen

Importance of  
trump king.

♠ 2  
 ♥ K975  
 ♦ QJ93  
 ♣ AQ54

♠ K10954  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ 72  
 ♣ J1085

♠ AQ83  
 ♥ J10  
 ♦ 854  
 ♣ K972

♠ J76  
 ♥ AQ863  
 ♦ AK106  
 ♣ 6

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1D	P
2S	P	3H	P
4C	P	4NT	P
5C	P	5D	P
5S	P	7C	

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S	W	N	E
1H	P	3S	P
4NT	P	5H	P
6H	P	P	P

♠ 2  
 ♥ J975  
 ♦ QJ93  
 ♣ AKQ5

♠ K10984  
 ♥ 42  
 ♦ 74  
 ♣ 9842

♠ AQ53  
 ♥ K10  
 ♦ 852  
 ♣ J1073

♠ J76  
 ♥ AQ863  
 ♦ AK106  
 ♣ 6

Importance of  
trump king

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3S	P
4NT	P	5D	P
5H	P	P	P

## UNASSUMING &amp; OTHER CUE BIDS

**UNASSUMING  
YES I'M  
STRONG**

**LEAD H5**  
With a 13 count south can bid the diamond feature and north bids game.

♠ K65  
♥ 72  
♦ Q43  
♣ AK762

♠ 94  
♥ Q985  
♦ 10985  
♣ 1085

♠ 1083  
♥ AKJ106  
♦ AJ72  
♣ 3

♠ AQJ72  
♥ 43  
♦ K6  
♣ QJ94

E	S	W	N
1H	1S	P	2H
P	3D	P	4S

**UNASSUMING  
ENEMY STOP**

**LEAD H7**  
Unusual but with the heart stop and a strongish overcall south can rebid 2NT which north converts to game

♠ J7654  
♥ 74  
♦ 74  
♣ 10632

♠ AQ  
♥ 952  
♦ 653  
♣ AKJ98

♠ K983  
♥ AQ863  
♦ Q8  
♣ Q5

♠ 102  
♥ KJ10  
♦ AKJ1092  
♣ 74

E	S	W	N
1H	2D	P	2H
P	2NT	P	3NT

**UNASSUMING  
GOOD SHAPE**

**LEAD D8**  
Although south has only 9 HCPs the hand has great playing strength. South accordingly bids 3C which north converts to game

♠ Q107  
♥ AK9  
♦ 1064  
♣ KQ52

♠ 82  
♥ 107542  
♦ K98  
♣ J97

♠ K9  
♥ QJ63  
♦ AQJ753  
♣ 10

♠ AJ6543  
♥ 8  
♦ 2  
♣ A8643

E	S	W	N
1D	1S	P	2D
P	3C	P	4S

**UNASSUMING  
NOT TODAY**

**LEAD H7**  
South has a minimum overcall and rebids diamonds which is passed

♠ 10963  
♥ Q107  
♦ J6  
♣ Q986

♠ QJ4  
♥ J83  
♦ 942  
♣ AKJ10

♠ AK85  
♥ A9652  
♦ A7  
♣ 52

♠ 72  
♥ K4  
♦ KQ10852  
♣ 743

E	S	W	N
1H	2D	P	2H
P	3D	P	P

**UNASSUMING  
JUST  
COMPETING**

**South's rebid shows a poor overcall so east competes.**

**South is prepared to bid 3H but is not interested in game.**

♠ K843  
♥ K1084  
♦ K92  
♣ A9

♠ 9752  
♥ 53  
♦ J7  
♣ QJ742

♠ AJ  
♥ 62  
♦ AQ1054  
♣ K1086

♠ Q106  
♥ AQJ97  
♦ 863  
♣ 53

E	S	W	N
1D	1H	P	2D
P	2H	P	P
3C	3H	P	

**GAME FORCE  
LEAD SJ**  
East is a 4.5 loser and can suggest game in the two other suits. Game more possible after north's club support. It CAN be set on a heart lead. Only one did. 4S = 34/36 match points

♠ 84  
♥ Q432  
♦ J2  
♣ QJ1054

♠ J10932  
♥ 1076  
♦ 1086  
♣ A7

♠ AK765  
♥ J85  
♦ AQ754  
♣ -

♠ Q  
♥ AK9  
♦ K83  
♣ K98632

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1H	2C
X	2S	3C	4S
5C			

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**VOID  
LEAD CA**

**After west's jump to 3 or 4C a cue bid would be a kind of splinter bid.**

**At these giddy heights, 1ST round control is more likely.**

♠ K9872  
♥ K1092  
♦ A975  
♣ -

♠ J  
♥ Q8  
♦ J104  
♣ AKQJ943

♠ 103  
♥ J754  
♦ 8632  
♣ 1082

♠ AQ654  
♥ A63  
♦ KQ  
♣ 765

S	W	N	E
1S	3C	4C	P
4D	P	5C	P
6S			

**YOU CHOOSE  
LEAD CA**

**South's TO double does not guarantee four cards in BOTH majors. North makes a forcing bid showing 4/4 in the majors and asking south to choose.**

♠ 8752  
♥ 763  
♦ 9853  
♣ 92

♠ AQ104  
♥ QJ92  
♦ A6  
♣ 1087

♠ J6  
♥ 54  
♦ KQJ107  
♣ AJ43

♠ K93  
♥ AK108  
♦ 42  
♣ KQ65

E	S	W	N
1D	X	P	2D
P	4H		

EBU - cue bid response



## INTERESTING DOUBLES

<p>♠ A ♥ AQ974 ♦ A98 ♣ J109</p>		<p>♠ Q1093 ♥ 83 ♦ J2 ♣ A7542</p>		<p>♠ J87654 ♥ 2 ♦ Q7643 ♣ K</p>	
		<p>♠ K2 ♥ KJ1065 ♦ K105 ♣ Q86</p>			
S	W	N	E		
1H	P	1S	P		
2H	X				

ALERTABLE  
PENALTY X

You can agree to play this for penalty which is (ALERTABLE) or as takeout into the other two suits.

## LEAD DIRECTING

N/S playing Precision. 1D is doubled by east.

At most tables south opened 2NT and made.

The double on this auction meant 1NT was -2

<p>♠ AKJ3 ♥ 10862 ♦ 532 ♣ J6</p>		<p>♠ 10976 ♥ J93 ♦ 984 ♣ 832</p>		<p>♠ 4 ♥ KQ5 ♦ AJ1076 ♣ 10954</p>	
		<p>♠ Q852 ♥ A74 ♦ KQ ♣ AKQ7</p>			
S	W	N	E		
1C	P	1D	X		
1NT	P	P	P		

<p>♠ 873 ♥ KJ92 ♦ A6 ♣ AKQ2</p>		<p>♠ AJ105 ♥ 53 ♦ J2 ♣ 109754</p>		<p>♠ 96 ♥ Q1087 ♦ Q97 ♣ J863</p>	
		<p>♠ KQ42 ♥ A64 ♦ K108543 ♣ -</p>			
S	W	N	E		
1D	X	XX	P		
1S	X	2S	P		
4C	X	4S			

NEGATIVE X  
CA LEAD

West's negative double shows a 4 card major. North's XX also shows a 4 card major! When agreed, 4C is a splinter but north has no slam interest.

DON'T  
RESCUE!

North simply overcalled 1S. West made a reopening X. and now east doubled for penalties. South now bid 3H and west doubled.

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<p>♠ 5 ♥ A76 ♦ AJ32 ♣ AQJ102</p>		<p>♠ AKQ1042 ♥ J8 ♦ KQ10 ♣ 74</p>		<p>♠ J9876 ♥ Q3 ♦ 8654 ♣ K6</p>	
		<p>♠ 3 ♥ K109542 ♦ 97 ♣ 9853</p>			
W	N	E	S		
1C	1S	P	P		
X	2S	X (pen)	3H		
X (pen)					

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<p>♠ 6 ♥ K53 ♦ A632 ♣ K8532</p>		<p>♠ AKQ54 ♥ A6 ♦ QJ1085 ♣ 7</p>		<p>♠ 83 ♥ QJ972 ♦ 74 ♣ QJ64</p>	
		<p>♠ J10972 ♥ 1084 ♦ K9 ♣ A109</p>			
W	N	E	S		
1C	X	1H(5)	1S(5)		
P	4S	P	P		

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LIGHT OPEN  
H3 LEAD

West's light open and east's heart bid, provide the only lead to stop 6S

X THEN CUE  
H3 LEAD

Normal T.O.X followed by a cue bid of enemy suit asks for further definition. With spades, south shows stops by bidding NTs

<p>♠ A9875 ♥ A8 ♦ Q763 ♣ A2</p>		<p>♠ Q2 ♥ KQ94 ♦ AKJ ♣ KJ86</p>		<p>♠ J63 ♥ 107652 ♦ 1094 ♣ 53</p>	
		<p>♠ K104 ♥ J3 ♦ 852 ♣ Q10974</p>			
W	N	E	S		
1S	X	P	2C		
P	2S	P	2NT		
P	3NT				

<p>♠ QJ864 ♥ 103 ♦ 932 ♣ KQ3</p>		<p>♠ 732 ♥ J965 ♦ QJ754 ♣ 4</p>		<p>♠ 10 ♥ Q742 ♦ 86 ♣ AJ10852</p>	
		<p>♠ AK95 ♥ AK8 ♦ AK10 ♣ 976</p>			
S	W	N	E		
2NT	P	3C	X		
3D	P	3S	P		
?					

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LEAD DIRECTING  
CK LEAD

North uses 3C (Puppet Stayman) and East doubles. Without the double a spade lead gives south 10 tricks.

BIG MISTAKE!  
CA LEAD

The double might have converted +100 into +200. It actually gave away -1600.

Doubler was Justin Hackett (Icelandic Teams event)

<p>♠ J954 ♥ K8 ♦ Q65 ♣ AK42</p>		<p>♠ AK2 ♥ - ♦ AK4 ♣ QJ109876</p>		<p>♠ 8763 ♥ 1095 ♦ J987 ♣ 53</p>	
		<p>♠ Q10 ♥ AQJ76432 ♦ 1032 ♣ -</p>			
N	E	S	W		
1C	P	1H	P		
6C	P	P	X		
P	P	6H	X		
P	P	P			



## PRE-EMPTIVE BIDS

♠ J108  
 ♥ K984  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ AQ863

♠ AQ97  
 ♥ AQ652  
 ♦ A53  
 ♣ 2

♠ K532  
 ♥ J1073  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ 10954

♠ 64  
 ♥  
 ♦ KQJ109642  
 ♣ KJ7

S 5D W P N 6D E  
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Win spade lead and throw S4 on HA. Low club to CJ.

Win return and ruff two clubs.

H4 lead to HA. Win heart return and draw trumps!

(The HK is safe as long as south plays the contract.)

♠ J84  
 ♥ J9542  
 ♦ J8  
 ♣ 832

♠ Q2  
 ♥ 108  
 ♦ AKQ96432  
 ♣ J

♠ 1097653  
 ♥ AQ6  
 ♦ -  
 ♣ K976

♠ AK  
 ♥ K73  
 ♦ 1075  
 ♣ AQ1054

S 6D W N 3NT E  
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♠ AK102  
 ♥ K3  
 ♦ KJ8765  
 ♣ 2

♠ 97  
 ♥ AQ1098764  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ 84

♠ Q843  
 ♥ J2  
 ♦ Q109432  
 ♣ 10

♠ J65  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ -  
 ♣ AKQJ97653

S 3NT W P N 4H E P  
 5C

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Plays itself! but E/W have a good save in 5D

DA lead 2nd diamond ruffed. S5 to SJ - SQ diamond return JS to S6 - SA 3rd spade to SK which you must ruff for trump finesse.

♠ 9743  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ AJ1032  
 ♣ Q987

♠ 106  
 ♥ Q7  
 ♦ 9765  
 ♣ K10654

♠ AQ82  
 ♥ K10  
 ♦ KQ4  
 ♣ AJ32

♠ KJ5  
 ♥ AJ9865432  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ -

E 1C/S X S 4H W P N P

♠ 2  
 ♥ AKQ10  
 ♦ Q1086  
 ♣ J953

♠ AK53  
 ♥ 64  
 ♦ AJ97  
 ♣ 872

♠ 106  
 ♥ J987532  
 ♦ 432  
 ♣ 6

♠ QJ9874  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ K5  
 ♣ AKQ104

S 1S W X N 2NT E 4H  
 5C P 5D P  
 5H P 7H

2NT IS Jacoby. When east bids 4H south is only concerned about 30 HCPs. Cue bids get N/S to the grand slam.

A pre-emptive strike makes it difficult for E/W.

When opponents bid freely to slam, the double asks for an unusual lead!

♠ 32  
 ♥ KQ107643  
 ♦ A10  
 ♣ 72

♠ J10874  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ 632  
 ♣ 9654

♠ AKQ965  
 ♥ AJ5  
 ♦ -  
 ♣ KQJ8

♠ -  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ KQJ98754  
 ♣ A103

E 2C W 5H N P  
 6H X 5D

♠ J964  
 ♥ 93  
 ♦ J542  
 ♣ 962

♠ AQ72  
 ♥ A2  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ KJ874

♠ K10853  
 ♥ 54  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ AQ105

♠ KQJ10876  
 ♥ Q10763  
 ♣ 3

S 4S W P N 4NT E 4H  
 5D P 5NT P  
 5NT P 6D P  
 6S

Preemptive 4H

4S a shot for game!

Key card blackwood.

To cater for a bad break in trumps play the pre-empter to be short.

South has a 2C opener, a 3 loser. Is double for penalty or Takeout or optional.

♠ 42  
 ♥ J7532  
 ♦ J9752  
 ♣ 8

♠ Q1087  
 ♥ 64  
 ♦ K8643  
 ♣ 75

♠ J  
 ♥ AKQ1098  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ KJ1042

♠ AK9653  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ A10  
 ♣ AQ963

E 4H W 4NT/X//5S N P  
 P 5H 6S

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## GAMBLING 3NT.

♠ J75 ♥ 97543 ♦ 53 ♣ K83	♠ KQ2 ♥ AQJ2 ♦ 2 ♣ QJ1092	♠ A1093 ♥ K108 ♦ 987 ♣ A75
	♠ 864 ♥ 6 ♦ AKQJ1064 ♣ 64	
S 3NT	W p	N p
		E p

## H4 LEAD

South must play HA and SK to make the contract. IF HQ is played east can return a diamond and south cannot discard safely from dummy

## S2 LEAD

West magical-ly finds the S2 lead and the contract goes off. BUT poor matchpoints for E/W as most were in 3 or 4 spades after a 3D preempt.

♠ K852 ♥ KJ10 ♦ 1098 ♣ KQ5	♠ 94 ♥ A96432 ♦ 32 ♣ A32	♠ AJ1063 ♥ Q5 ♦ 6 ♣ 109764
	♠ Q7 ♥ 87 ♦ AKQJ754 ♣ J8	
S 3NT	W P	N P
		E P

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♠ AQ92 ♥ 1076 ♦ 63 ♣ KQJ98	♠ J765 ♥ AQ94 ♦ 72 ♣ 1094	♠ K1083 ♥ KJ5 ♦ 109 ♣ A632
	♠ 4 ♥ 832 ♦ AKQJ852 ♣ 75	
S 3NT 4D	W p p	N 4C p
		E p p

## CK LEAD

North decides whether he can stop other suits before cashing the 7 tricks that partner has promised? Here, he clearly cannot and therefore takes out to 4♣. Partner will pass or correct to 4♠.

LEAD D8 Silly!  
9 tricks

Best lead is DA and a switch to SJ

♠ J94 ♥ Q43 ♦ AK9865 ♣ 3	♠ K1076 ♥ AJ9 ♦ QJ4 ♣ 865	♠ AQ852 ♥ K1082 ♦ 32 ♣ 42
	♠ 3 ♥ 765 ♦ 107 ♣ AKQJ1097	
S 3NT	W P	N P
		E P

♠ Q107 ♥ 6532 ♦ 43 ♣ AJ97	♠ 84 ♥ 74 ♦ AKQJ852 ♣ 63	♠ J652 ♥ AQ10 ♦ 10976 ♣ 52
	♠ AK93 ♥ KJ98 ♦ ♣ KQ1084	
N 3NT	E P	S 5D
		W P

## CA LEAD

With no entry to the long diamonds south can see 10 tricks in diamonds and bids game in his void suit.

## LEAD HA

(Many north's would pull this without stops in three suits). When the heart is led it doesn't look good for declarer but thankfully hearts break 4/4 and south pulls in the game score again. +600

♠ Q109 ♥ AQ86 ♦ KJ97 ♣ 42	♠ AKJ853 ♥ 1042 ♦ 3 ♣ J93	♠ 642 ♥ K975 ♦ Q8654 ♣ 5
	♠ 7 ♥ J3 ♦ A102 ♣ AKQ10876	
S 3NT	W P	N P
		E P

♠ AJ64 ♥ QJ10863 ♦ 976 ♣ -	♠ Q93 ♥ K9 ♦ 43 ♣ KJ10632	♠ K10752 ♥ A52 ♦ 10 ♣ 9875
	♠ 8 ♥ 74 ♦ AKQJ852 ♣ AQ4	
S 3NT	W P	N P
		E P

## SA LEAD,

The late Arnold Deane opened 3NT. North passed. E/W took the first 11 tricks for +700. Not good for N/S, because none of the E/W pairs managed to bid the makeable 6♠! 5♣ or 5♦ are cold for E/W

OFF CENTRE NT  
REBID

## H3 LEAD

You have 7 top tricks!

A little bit of a risk in hearts but clubs must be with south.

♠ J87 ♥ K863 ♦ 973 ♣ AQ10	♠ A96 ♥ Q2 ♦ AKQJ65 ♣ 43	♠ Q1043 ♥ A974 ♦ 108 ♣ J98
	♠ K52 ♥ J105 ♦ 42 ♣ K7652	
S P 1NT	W P P	N 1D 3NT
		E P

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## WEAK JUMP OVERCALLS.

♠ 932	♠ K8	♠ Q5
♥ AQ109	♥ 763	♥ KJ84
♦ J7	♦ Q1032	♦ AK654
♣ J1092	♣ AK63	♣ Q4
	♠ AJ10764	
	♥ 52	
	♦ 98	
	♣ 875	

E	S	W	N
1D	2S	?	

WJU makes it awkward for west.  
Neg. double will solve problem but can they stop in 3H.  
E/W can make 3H and N/S can make 2S

South's double is a Takeout D.

The jump to 3H shows a strong hand of 17+  
With a 12-16 hand, 2H would be enough.

♠ A873	♠ Q109	♠ KJ62
♥ 1082	♥ Q4	♥ 65
♦ 8643	♦ QJ52	♦ K9
♣ 108	♣ 6432	♣ AJ975
	♠ 54	
	♥ AKJ973	
	♦ A107	
	♣ KQ	

E	S	W	N
1C	X	P	2D
P	3H	P	4H

♠ 873	♠ AK94	♠ QJ62
♥ AJ982	♥ 104	♥ K65
♦ Q8	♦ J1032	♦ 7
♣ J75	♣ 1064	♣ AKQ98
	♠ 105	
	♥ Q73	
	♦ AK9654	
	♣ 32	

E	S	W	N
1C	3D	?	P
?			

Being NV allows a certain amount of discretion.  
2D may not be enough.

3D makes it very difficult for E/W

When you know where you are going, GO.  
Lose only two spades and a diamond. Ruff SK for trump finesse.

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♠ 98643	♠ 105	♠ AQ7
♥ -	♥ Q7	♥ K10
♦ AJ109	♦ 65432	♦ KQ7
♣ Q874	♣ K642	♣ AJ1095
	♠ KJ2	
	♥ AJ98765432	
	♦ 8	
	♣ -	

E	S	W	N
1C	4H	P	P
X	P	P	P

♠ 83	♠ 1054	♠ K6
♥ AJ62	♥ 43	♥ KQ1087
♦ 10965	♦ QJ2	♦ A843
♣ 743	♣ KQ1086	♣ J9
	♠ AQJ972	
	♥ 95	
	♦ K7	
	♣ A52	

E	S	W	N
1H	1S	2H	2S
3H	4S		

After 1H there is no real need to pre-empt. Spades are bigger than hearts. When north shows support you can bid to game. bld game on a 5 loser. (Adjusted count)

Good sacrifice for N/S when north has no 1st round controls and favourable vulnerability.

West's raise to game based on 5 card support. (7.5 loser)

♠ J2	♠ Q97	♠ A3
♥ J10764	♥ 5	♥ AQ832
♦ AK	♦ QJ9754	♦ 62
♣ J108	♣ KQ2	♣ A7543
	♠ K108654	
	♥ K9	
	♦ 1083	
	♣ 96	

E	S	W	N
1H	2S	4H	4S
? X			
X gets E/W 300 - Better than -100			

♠ 653	♠ -	♠ KQJ1082
♥ J109742	♥ 853	♥ -
♦ 76	♦ AKJ542	♦ 108
♣ K5	♣ 10987	♣ QJ432
	♠ A974	
	♥ AKQ6	
	♦ Q93	
	♣ A6	

S	W	N	E
1H	P	1NT	3S
X	P	5D	

2NT = 19-22

South's X showed hearts.

North's 5D scored badly. (If you are in 5 of a minor and have missed 3NT, you might as well bid 6D!)

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♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?
♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?
♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?
	♠ ?	
	♥ ?	
	♦ ?	
	♣ ?	

S	W	N	E

# WEAK TWOS

♠ 92  
 ♥ KQ1086  
 ♦ A109  
 ♣ Q74  
 1

♠ KQ10653  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ 85  
 ♣ J96  
 J87  
 ♥ 954  
 ♦ K64  
 ♣ AK82

## MAKES IT DIFFICULT

Very difficult for E/W to compete.

'Weak 2' buys the contract.

N 2S  
 E P  
 S P  
 W P/?

Without the 'Weak 2', south would open 1H and north would bid 4H which makes.

♠ KJ7  
 ♥ 874  
 ♦ KQ6  
 ♣ 10652  
 2

♠ Q3  
 ♥ Q10963  
 ♦ A102  
 ♣ A97  
 A109862  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ J8743  
 ♣ 84

♠ 54  
 ♥ AKJ52  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ KQJ3

5H is OFF.

4S x makes!

E 2S  
 4S  
 S 3H  
 ?  
 W 3S  
 N 4H

♠ K74  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ A986  
 ♣ KJ432  
 3

♠ Q96  
 ♥ AQ2  
 ♦ QJ52  
 ♣ 1098  
 83  
 ♥ K109864  
 ♦ K107  
 ♣ 65

♠ AJ1052  
 ♥ J73  
 ♦ 43  
 ♣ AQ7

## MAKE IT DIFFICULT

The 'Weak 2' makes it harder for E/W to find their lay down game in 4S.

S 2H  
 1C  
 ?  
 W 3C/X  
 P  
 2S  
 N P/3H  
 or  
 1S  
 P  
 E ?  
 P  
 4S

## TOO WEAK for 3H!

You're in trouble if you open this 3H. East's double will be passed.

2H x = -200  
 3H x = -500  
 3NT by E/W is -400

♠ Q109  
 ♥ AQ96  
 ♦ QJ8  
 ♣ 1076  
 4

♠ 54  
 ♥ KJ108753  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ Q43

♠ 7632  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ A10964  
 ♣ K98

♠ AKJ8  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ K753  
 ♣ AJ52

W 2H  
 P  
 N P  
 P  
 E P  
 P  
 S X

♠ 84  
 ♥ AQ9  
 ♦ 1085  
 ♣ KJ984  
 5

♠ KJ10732  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ AQ96  
 ♣ 62  
 Q5  
 ♥ 10854  
 ♦ K32  
 ♣ AQ53

♠ A96  
 ♥ KJ632  
 ♦ J74  
 ♣ 107

## TOO STRONG for 2S

This hand is too strong to open a weak 2. It should be opened 1S

N 1S  
 2S  
 4S  
 E P  
 P  
 S 2C  
 3NT  
 W P  
 P

## ONLY BID ONCE

N/S have missed a possible game. Having pre-empted, do not bid again.

Responder is now in control of your side's auction.

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♠ AJ4  
 ♥ 872  
 ♦ QJ742  
 ♣ K7  
 6

♠ K62  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ 10953  
 ♣ QJ864

♠ 53  
 ♥ KQJ963  
 ♦ K6  
 ♣ 1052

♠ Q10987  
 ♥ A54  
 ♦ A8  
 ♣ A93

E 2H  
 P  
 S 2S  
 ?  
 W P  
 N ?

♠ Q87  
 ♥ AJ982  
 ♦ Q8  
 ♣ J75  
 105  
 ♥ Q73  
 ♦ AK9654  
 ♣ 32

♠ AK94  
 ♥ 104  
 ♦ J1032  
 ♣ 964  
 J632  
 ♥ K65  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ AKQ108

## WEAK 2 IN DIAMONDS

lays the path for a N.V. sacrifice.

S 2D  
 P  
 W 2H  
 P  
 N P  
 5D  
 E 4H  
 ?

## NONE FORCING?

West's X is not a good idea! It is for takeout and east is likely to bid spades!\*

On this occasion, north bid spades as a non-forcing alternative contract

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♠ AKQ743  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ Q985  
 ♣ Q65  
 9

♠ J8  
 ♥ KQJ4  
 ♦ A1072  
 ♣ A97

♠ 10652  
 ♥ 873  
 ♦ 63  
 ♣ KJ83

♠ 9  
 ♥ A109652  
 ♦ KJ4  
 ♣ 1042

S 2H  
 P  
 W X?  
 P  
 N 2S  
 P  
 E P

## OGUST RESPONSES.

**OGUST RESPONSES**

**Weak hand  
Strong suit**

♠ A  
♥ KQ87  
♦ Q9  
♣ 10975

♠ J53  
♥ A54  
♦ K85  
♣ AQJ2

♠ 1072  
♥ J1096  
♦ A763  
♣ 43

♠ KQ9864  
♥ 32  
♦ J10  
♣ K86

S	W	N	E
2S	X	2NT	P
3S	P	4S	

**OGUST RESPONSES**

**Weak hand  
Weak suit**

If east bids 3S  
E/W get a good score!

♠ J1082  
♥ K65  
♦ K108  
♣ AKJ

♠ KQ  
♥ Q83  
♦ AQ953  
♣ Q54

♠ 643  
♥ AJ9742  
♦ J6  
♣ 83

♠ A975  
♥ 10  
♦ 742  
♣ 109762

S	W	N	E
2H	X	2NT	P
3C	P	3H	?

**OGUST RESPONSES**

**Strong hand  
Strong suit**

♠ A109  
♥ Q9  
♦ QJ1094  
♣ J94

♠ KJ52  
♥ 762  
♦ AK86  
♣ A7

♠ Q8743  
♥ J4  
♦ 75  
♣ KQ32

♠ 6  
♥ AK10853  
♦ 32  
♣ 10865

S	W	N	E
2H	P	2NT	P
3D	P	4H	

**OGUST RESPONSES**

**Strong hand  
Weak suit**

♠ A732  
♥ 74  
♦ 652  
♣ A986

♠ KQ  
♥ AK6  
♦ KQ743  
♣ 1073

♠ 6  
♥ QJ10853  
♦ J1098  
♣ KQ

♠ J109854  
♥ 92  
♦ A  
♣ J542

S	W	N	E
2H	P	2NT	P
3H	P	4H	P
P	P		

**OGUST RESPONSES**

**Weak hand  
Weak suit**

♠ 982  
♥ 10743  
♦ 962  
♣ AKQ

♠ AK6  
♥ KQ  
♦ KQ743  
♣ 1073

♠ 4  
♥ A98652  
♦ A10  
♣ 9652

♠ QJ10753  
♥ J  
♦ J85  
♣ J84

S	W	N	E
2S	P	2NT	P
3C	P	3S	P
P	P		

**OGUST RESPONSES**

**Strong hand  
Weak suit**

♠ KQ3  
♥ A94  
♦ 765  
♣ 8742

♠ 65  
♥ KQJ  
♦ AK98  
♣ A1096

♠ J109872  
♥ 10  
♦ QJ10  
♣ KQ3

♠ A4  
♥ 876532  
♦ 432  
♣ J5

S	W	N	E
2S	P	2NT	P
3H	P	3NT	

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E

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♠ 543  
 ♥ 762  
 ♦ K643  
 ♣ 764

♠ J1062  
 ♥ 109  
 ♦ 852  
 ♣ KQJ9

♠ KQ87  
 ♥ 85  
 ♦ QJ9  
 ♣ A1053

♠ A9  
 ♥ AKQJ43  
 ♦ A107  
 ♣ 82

**2♣ OPEN**  
**2♦ RELAY**

**2♥ Natural**  
**2NT Negative**

**3♥ to play.**

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2H	P	2NT	P
3H	P	P	P

♠ 762  
 ♥ KQ52  
 ♦ 8763  
 ♣ 109

♠ 105  
 ♥ 9743  
 ♦ KQ5  
 ♣ AK43

♠ 98  
 ♥ J108  
 ♦ J1094  
 ♣ Q652

♠ AKQJ43  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ J87

**2♣ OPEN**  
**2♦ RELAY**

**2♠ Natural**  
**2NT Negative**

**3♠ to play.**

**4♠ = can offer two tricks.**  
**♥K & club ruff**

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4S	P

♠ KQ1098  
 ♥ K  
 ♦ J1096  
 ♣ 987

♠ 632  
 ♥ 743  
 ♦ A874  
 ♣ J43

♠ A7  
 ♥ 952  
 ♦ 532  
 ♣ Q10652

♠ J54  
 ♥ AQJ1086  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ AK

**2♣ OPEN**  
**2♦ RELAY**

**2♥ = Natural**  
**2♠ = Natural**

**3♠ = 3+ spades**  
**4♠ = Nothing to cue bid**

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2H	P	2S	P
3S	P	4S	P

♠ K75  
 ♥ Q10854  
 ♦ K73  
 ♣ 92

♠ 86  
 ♥ AJ9  
 ♦ J1084  
 ♣ J875

♠ 103  
 ♥ K76  
 ♦ A965  
 ♣ 10643

♠ AQJ942  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ Q2  
 ♣ AKQ

**2♣ OPEN**  
**2♦ RELAY**

**2♠ = Natural**

**4♠ = Natural**

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2S	P	4S	P

♠ 643  
 ♥ J8632  
 ♦ Q3  
 ♣ K63

♠ J108  
 ♥ 1054  
 ♦ 76  
 ♣ QJ1075

♠ 752  
 ♥ AK7  
 ♦ 942  
 ♣ 9842

♠ AKQ9  
 ♥ Q9  
 ♦ AKJ1085  
 ♣ A

**2♦ OPEN**  
**2♥ = negative**

**3♦ = natural**  
**3♥ = natural.**

**3♠ = natural**  
**3NT to play**

S	W	N	E
2D	P	2H	P
3D	P	3H	P
3S	P	3NT	P

♠ K6  
 ♥ J53  
 ♦ 9742  
 ♣ A842

♠ 98754  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ J863  
 ♣ Q63

♠ 1032  
 ♥ 1092  
 ♦ 105  
 ♣ J10975

♠ AQJ  
 ♥ AKQ876  
 ♦ AKQ  
 ♣ K

**2♦ OPEN**  
**2NT = 8+**

**4NT is RKCB**  
**agreeing hearts.**

S	W	N	E
2D	P	2NT	P
3H	P	4NT	P
5D	P	5NT	P
6H	P	7NT	P

♠ 875  
 ♥ K9  
 ♦ 8643  
 ♣ 9652

♠ QJ1063  
 ♥ 10753  
 ♦ Q105  
 ♣ J

♠ 92  
 ♥ QJ64  
 ♦ KJ72  
 ♣ 1087

♠ AK4  
 ♥ A82  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ AKQ43

**2♦ OPEN**  
**2♥ = negative**

**2NT = natural**  
**3NT = to play.**

S	W	N	E
2D	P	2H	P
2NT	P	3NT	P

♠ 5  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ J8753  
 ♣ 98752

♠ Q9642  
 ♥ J10  
 ♦ AQ6  
 ♣ Q103

♠ J1087  
 ♥ 65  
 ♦ K109  
 ♣ AK64

♠ AK3  
 ♥ AKQ9732  
 ♦ 42  
 ♣ J

**2♣ OPEN**  
**2♦ = relay**

**3♥ = 9 playing tricks**

**4♥ = I can offer you 1 trick! (spade ruff)**

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
3H	P	4H	P



## OFF CENTRE 1NT OPENING BIDS

♠ KJ8  
♥ A1065  
♦ 872  
♣ KQ7

♠ 642  
♥ QJ9732  
♦ 63  
♣ 65

♠ 1073  
♥ K8  
♦ AKQ1095  
♣ 109

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2D	3C
3D	P	P	P

♠ AQ95  
♥ 4  
♦ J4  
♣ AJ8432

**5C or 4S are on for E/W but the strange sequence prohibits them finding their game.**

**3D -3 is a good score for N/S.**

**E/W VULNERABLE**

**Failed to bid and missed +620 for 4S.**

**If doubled 2C is safe.**

**4 tricks in 1NT give E/W +150**

♠ J9  
♥ AJ105  
♦ 109852  
♣ 97

♠ KQ643  
♥ 9874  
♦ K4  
♣ 63

♠ 102  
♥ K63  
♦ Q7  
♣ KQJ842

♠ A875  
♥ Q2  
♦ AJ63  
♣ A105

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	?

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♠ J642  
♥ J87  
♦ 86  
♣ A542

♠ K10  
♥ Q9  
♦ AQJ1094  
♣ 1087

♠ 85  
♥ AK5432  
♦ K5  
♣ K96

♠ AQ973  
♥ 106  
♦ 732  
♣ QJ3

N	E	S	W
1NT	P	4H	

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**1NT stops east from overcalling 1S.**

**West leads a poor D8 and 11 tricks are made.**

**H10 LEAD**

**With HQ finesse holding, run clubs and lead towards SK for 9 tricks.**

♠ J9874  
♥ AQ2  
♦ J7  
♣ K94

♠ 2  
♥ K109874  
♦ K985  
♣ J3

♠ K3  
♥ 65  
♦ A1064  
♣ AQ865

♠ AQ1065  
♥ J3  
♦ Q32  
♣ 1072

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2H	Puzzled
2S	P	2NT	P
3NT			

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♠ 832  
♥ K752  
♦ AQ  
♣ 10832

♠ 54  
♥ J4  
♦ K86532  
♣ AK5

♠ KQ976  
♥ AQ3  
♦ 1094  
♣ 76

♠ AJ10  
♥ 10986  
♦ J7  
♣ QJ94

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	P

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**H2 LEAD**

**Won with HQ**

**D10 played at trick 2.**

**11 tricks when west switches to spades after winning DA.**

**9 CARD ♥ FIT  
SJ LEAD**

**North decided not to use Stayman as hand is so flat.**

**4H cannot make but west cannot hold onto clubs.  
3NT = a top!**

♠ AK3  
♥ QJ92  
♦ K73  
♣ J98

♠ J1098  
♥ 7  
♦ AQ85  
♣ KQ53

♠ Q52  
♥ AK853  
♦ J4  
♣ J98

♠ 764  
♥ 1064  
♦ 10962  
♣ A62

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	P

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♠ -  
♥ QJ4  
♦ AQJ1085  
♣ AQ63

♠ Q82  
♥ A976  
♦ K762  
♣ K9

♠ AKJ6  
♥ K5  
♦ 43  
♣ J10842

♠ 1097543  
♥ 10832  
♦ 9  
♣ 75

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	2S
P	3D	X	3H
P	P	X	P

**CRUEL GAME  
STOP DIGGING**

**West has 16 pts. & Xs for penalty. North lies in wait East takes out. West not happy. North doubles. East not happy bids 3H p-p-X North happy. E/W -800**

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**3NT REBID**

**LEAD Anything**

**Out of 18 pairs only 3 bid the laydown 3NT! North's response of 1NT is the clue. No major, so clubs or fit. You have 8 tricks!**

♠ 863  
♥ 864  
♦ K652  
♣ A76

♠ QJ42  
♥ Q10975  
♦ 4  
♣ KJ8

♠ A97  
♥ A2  
♦ AQJ1093  
♣ 102

♠ K105  
♥ KJ3  
♦ 87  
♣ Q9543

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1NT	P
3NT			

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## COMPETITIVE AUCTION

**PROTECTIVE DOUBLE**  
**S7 LEAD**

**This is a Takeout Double asking partner to bid one of the other two suits.**

♠ 98  
♥ AQ74  
♦ KJ862  
♣ 84

♠ 74  
♥ K6532  
♦ 93  
♣ A765

♠ AQJ62  
♥ J9  
♦ 104  
♣ KQJ9

♠ K1053  
♥ 108  
♦ AQ75  
♣ 1032

E	S	W	N
1S	P	1NT	P
2C	P	P	X
P	2D	3C	3D

**PROTECTIVE DOUBLE**  
**HQ LEAD**

**Opener out-gunned.**

**Protective Double shows 10+**

♠ K863  
♥ 75  
♦ K982  
♣ A109

♠ 92  
♥ Q9  
♦ 6543  
♣ Q8753

♠ AQ107  
♥ J1083  
♦ Q107  
♣ 62

♠ J54  
♥ AK642  
♦ AJ  
♣ KJ4

E	S	W	N
1H	P	P	X
XX	1S	P	P/2S

**KEEP DOUBLING**

**In principle once you have started doubling, partner has 6+ pts. everything should be doubled.**

♠ J87  
♥ 82  
♦ KJ642  
♣ Q32

♠ 32  
♥ A765  
♦ 753  
♣ 9765

♠ KQ96  
♥ QJ94  
♦ 108  
♣ AJ8

♠ A1054  
♥ K103  
♦ AQ9  
♣ K104

E	S	W	N
1NT	X	P	P
XX	P	2C	X
2H	P	P	X

**AFTER INTERVENTION**  
**SA LEAD**

**After opponent's have overcalled, a 1NT response should have a good stop in the enemy suit and 9 ish pts. (Not 6-9)**

♠ QJ62  
♥ 42  
♦ Q83  
♣ KJ73

♠ AK1075  
♥ 1097  
♦ J4  
♣ A42

♠ 4  
♥ AJ6  
♦ AK975  
♣ Q965

♠ 983  
♥ KQ853  
♦ 1062  
♣ 108

S	W	N	E
1D	1S	1NT	P
2C	P	P	2S
P	P	3C	P

**1NT OVERCALL (16-18)**  
**North's 2C is Stayman! Game can be bid.**

**S7 LEAD, S4 SQ and won with SA**

**HK won by east. QS ducked, in case west has 3 spades and DK. Draw trumps & finesse DQ**

♠ J4  
♥ J982  
♦ QJ  
♣ KJ652

♠ 72  
♥ 643  
♦ 8542  
♣ Q104

♠ KQ9863  
♥ A10  
♦ K6  
♣ 987

♠ A105  
♥ KQ75  
♦ A1097  
♣ A3

E	S	W	N
1S	1NT	P	2C
2S	3H	P	4H

**SUPPORT WITH 3**  
**H3 LEAD**

**2S makes much more sense than 1NT when the 3 spades are working.**

♠ Q75  
♥ Q953  
♦ 1072  
♣ A83

♠ J63  
♥ J  
♦ KJ654  
♣ 6542

♠ AK1094  
♥ A76  
♦ Q93  
♣ J7

♠ 82  
♥ K10842  
♦ A8  
♣ KQ109

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2S	X
P	3H	P	P
3S	P	P	P

**PENALTY X**  
**DK LEAD**

**With no fit shown this should NOT be seen as a T.O. double. It is a penalty double of hearts! On DK east plays D9 (count). On DA east plays C4 asking for a club switch. DK then DA = doubleton**

♠ A1063  
♥ 75  
♦ Q863  
♣ 643

♠ Q82  
♥ KJ1083  
♦ AK  
♣ Q107

♠ J97  
♥ 2  
♦ J954  
♣ A9852

♠ K54  
♥ AQ964  
♦ 1072  
♣ KJ

S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
2H	X*	*Alert if it's for penalty.	

**BOTH MINORS**  
**H6 LEAD**

**South should make a T.O. double rather than overcalling.**

**4S will fail 4C makes**

♠ 92  
♥ QJ83  
♦ 72  
♣ A10862

♠ J876  
♥ AK1095  
♦ J9  
♣ K4

♠ K4  
♥ 2  
♦ AKQ86  
♣ J9753

♠ AQ1053  
♥ 764  
♦ 10543  
♣ Q

W	N	E	S
1H	P	1S	X
2S	3C	3S	4C
P	P	P	

## SACRIFICE BIDS

N/S Vul.

♠ AKJ42	♠ 10
♥ A1075	♥ J982
♦ 32	♦ AKQ4
♣ 87	♣ AJ43
	♠ 97
	♥ K6
	♦ J87
	♣ KQ9652

W	N	E	S
1S	X	4S	5C
P	P	5S	P
P	X		

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With five spades and two queens east bids a preemptive 4S which would silence most south's. After 5C west should leave the decision to east and 5S looks clear cut. With an ace east would double.

E/W Vul.

♠ Q	♠ K85
♥ Q10954	♥ 62
♦ A765	♦ QJ84
♣ K108	♣ 7654
	♠ A9743
	♥ 87
	♦ K10932
	♣ J

E	S	W	N
1C	1S	2H	2S
4H	4S	P	P
X	P	P	P

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LEAD H4

With 9 card fit & a void = 18 pts. East should bid on rather than doubling for -500 and a bottom.

6H is laydown for E/W. South's 4S bid depended on north's support.

Love all.

♠ K108	♠ AQ6
♥ A764	♥ K10
♦ A7	♦ 109
♣ J932	♣ AK10754
	♠ J97532
	♥ 2
	♦ 6432
	♣ 86

W	N	E	S
1NT	X	4H	4S

**PUSHY!**  
LEAD HA

Extraordinary bidding projects you to a 4S (undoubled) sacrifice that gets 27 of the 34 matchpoints.

4H is laydown.

Crazy NV open suggests an 8 loser hand with 6 hearts. East can sacrifice to 5H NV.

5S will make if N/S get it right. (East should look for a new partner!)

LEAD SK

With NO defensive tricks south knows that 3H would give E/W the chance to find their spade fit. Not even doubled, 4H -2 gets 32 of the 34 matchpoints

AFTER CUE BID

LEAD SJ

When east cue bids it shows a strong shapely hand. Support from north suggests no club trick against 4S. It CAN be set on a heart lead. Only one did.

4S = 34/36 match points

NV v VULNERABLE  
LEAD S2

-300 rather than -650. Would you have found the only lead to set 6S?

Newburn 10/16

N/S Vul.

♠ 9	♠ KQJ732
♥ 86532	♥ 42
♦ Q10	♦ J7
♣ K1063	♣ AJ85
	♠ A1085
	♥ KQ9
	♦ A652
	♣ 74

W	N	E	S
2H	2S	P	4S
P	P	5H	X

Brunton 07

E/W Vul.

♠ KQ42	♠ J10
♥ Q	♥ A42
♦ K7	♦ 109532
♣ K109632	♣ A54
	♠ 85
	♥ J987653
	♦ QJ4
	♣ Q

S	W	N	E
4H	?	P	?

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♠ 84	♠ 84
♥ Q432	♥ Q432
♦ J2	♦ J2
♣ QJ1054	♣ QJ1054
	♠ J10932
	♥ 1076
	♦ 1086
	♣ A7
	♠ Q
	♥ AK9
	♦ K83
	♣ K98632

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1H	2C
X	2S	3C	4S
5C			

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♠ K95	♠ 107632
♥ Q85	♥ AJ2
♦ AQ107	♦ J4
♣ J109	♣ A73
	♠ AQJ84
	♥ K9643
	♦ K
	♣ 85

S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	P
4S	P	P	4NT
P	5D	5S	6D
P	P	6S	P
P	X		

**DANGEROUS GAME**  
LEAD CJ

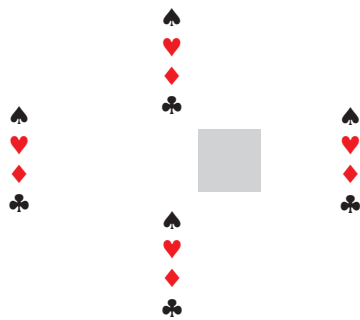
Having pushed N/S to 5S should have been enough, but a bad decision from north gives E/W a top

Brunton 05/10

♠ Q6432	♠ 87
♥ J732	♥ 1098
♦ 62	♦ KJ87
♣ A5	♣ Q962
	♠ 5
	♥ Q
	♦ AQ1054
	♣ KJ10843
	♠ AKJ109
	♥ AK654
	♦ 93
	♣ 7

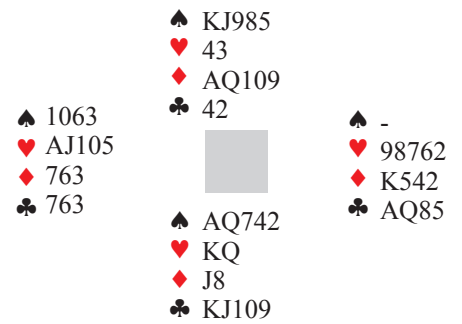
S	W	N	E
1C	P	2C	X
3C	3S	P	4S
5C	P	P	5S
6C	P	P	X

## MORE JACOBY 2NT

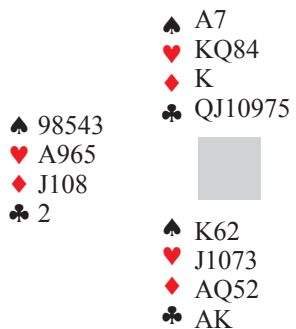


JUST BID GAME  
LEAD S3

North is not  
strong enough to  
use Jacoby 2NT



S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	P
P			

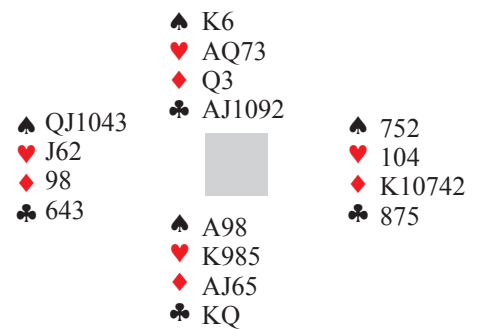


BALANCED  
LEAD SQ

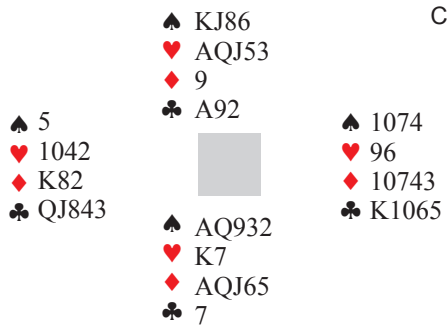
4NT = RKCB  
5H = 2 without  
the trump queen

BALANCED !  
LEAD SQ

4NT = RKCB  
5C = 0 or 3



S	W	N	E
1H	P	2NT	P
3NT	P	4NT	P
5C	P	5NT	P
6D	P	6H	

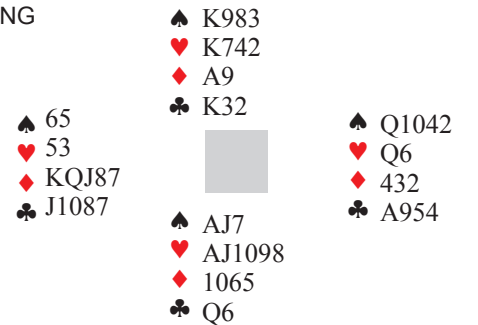


CUE BIDS GALORE  
LEAD H10

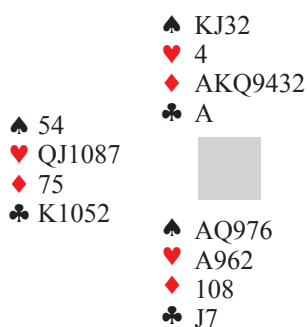
South's  
singleton  
does nothing to  
improve north's  
hand

MINIMUM OPENING  
LEAD DK

South with an  
average opening  
hand, signs off  
in 4H.  
North has no  
reason to go any  
further.



S	W	N	E
1H	P	2NT	P
4H	P	P	P

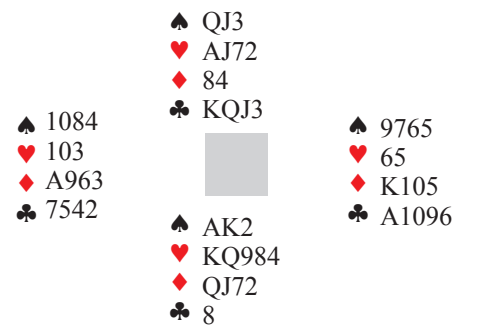


ACES NEEDED  
LEAD HQ

North only needs  
to know about  
south's aces and  
trump queen.

NOT FITTING!  
LEAD H10

South's singleton  
does nothing to  
improve north's  
hand



S	W	N	E
1H	P	2NT	P
3C	P	4H	

## THE FINESSE

**Lead HQ**

**CREATING ENTRIES**

You need entries to dummy to finesse minor suits. (East doubled!)

Ruff 3rd heart with SA Give up SA and now you have entries for your finesses.

♠ KQJ10  
♥ K43  
♦ J7  
♣ 8543

♠ 74  
♥ A952  
♦ K964  
♣ K106

♠ 53  
♥ QJ107  
♦ 108532  
♣ 92

♠ A9862  
♥ 86  
♦ AQ  
♣ AQJ7

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2S	X
4S			

**Lead HQ**

**SLOW LOSERS BECOME FAST LOSERS!**

You now have a fast loser in hearts. Before drawing trumps you must come to hand with CK and finesse SQ.

♠ AQ43  
♥ A84  
♦ J975  
♣ A2

♠ J982  
♥ K93  
♦ A  
♣ Q10853

♠ K1076  
♥ QJ1052  
♦ 10  
♣ J97

♠ 5  
♥ 76  
♦ KQ86432  
♣ K64

S	W	N	E
3D	P	6D	

**TIMING**

**CQ lead**

Lucky to avoid heart lead!

HA is only entry. West is danger hand. Run SJ immediately. If it loses your heart entry is safe.

♠ K92  
♥ AQ  
♦ J10932  
♣ 432

♠ 8  
♥ K9742  
♦ 864  
♣ 9875

♠ Q764  
♥ J86  
♦ 75  
♣ QJ106

♠ AJ1053  
♥ 1053  
♦ AKQ  
♣ AK

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3S	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6S	

**Klinger**

**DANGER HAND**

H7 lead

East is the danger hand, so instead of the obvious club finesse, try a finesse of SJ.

♠ A1064  
♥ 65  
♦ QJ6  
♣ AQ43

♠ Q753  
♥ 1093  
♦ 9875  
♣ K6

♠ 982  
♥ AQ874  
♦ 104  
♣ 752

♠ KJ  
♥ KJ2  
♦ AK32  
♣ J1098

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1S	P
1NT	P	3NT	

**Klinger**

**NO FINESSE (avoiding a ruff)**

**H2 lead**

12 tricks are safe if you win and play low to SA.

If east wins 2nd round west will have no trumps for the ruff.

♠ AQJ6  
♥ QJ94  
♦ 86  
♣ K42

♠ K2  
♥ 10875  
♦ J943  
♣ J107

♠ 74  
♥ 2  
♦ Q10752  
♣ Q9865

♠ 109853  
♥ AK63  
♦ AK  
♣ A3

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT*	P
3NT	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6S	

\*Jacoby 2NT

**Klinger**

**EAST MUST SWITCH TO SJ**

**H10 lead**

Do not finesse SQ. Win SA.

Now, to protect your SQx, finesse into the safe hand (west).

♠ 75  
♥ KJ6  
♦ AJ1092  
♣ A73

♠ J10962  
♥ A54  
♦ Q84  
♣ J9

♠ K83  
♥ 109732  
♦ 3  
♣ Q1084

♠ AQ4  
♥ Q8  
♦ K765  
♣ K652

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**AVOIDANCE**

**HK lead**

Protect KJ by finessing clubs into west.

♠ 86  
♥ J7432  
♦ KQJ  
♣ AJ5

♠ 10542  
♥ A107  
♦ 932  
♣ Q97

♠ AQ953  
♥ KQ986  
♦ 64  
♣ 8

♠ KJ  
♥ -  
♦ A10875  
♣ K106432

S	W	N	E
1C	X	1H	1S
2C	3S	4C	P
5C			

**Klinger**

**RUFFING FINESSE**

**H3 lead**

Recognise the problem in clubs. Do not finesse HQ.

Win HA, draw trumps, cash DA & run DQ, throwing HJ.

♠ KQ10  
♥ A52  
♦ AQJ2  
♣ 765

♠ 5  
♥ K974  
♦ K8654  
♣ QJ8

♠ 72  
♥ 10863  
♦ 1097  
♣ A1094

♠ AJ98643  
♥ QJ  
♦ 3  
♣ K32

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2D	P
2S	P	4S	

**Klinger**

## ESTABLISH WINNERS

♠ KQ1065  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ KJ4  
 ♣ A1074

♠ J72  
 ♥ A873  
 ♦ 8732  
 ♣ K9

♠ A8  
 ♥ QJ10964  
 ♦ A10  
 ♣ Q85

W	N	E	S
1S	P	1NT	2H
2S	3H	P	4H

**NOTE LEAD**  
**SK lead.**

**Win return**  
**S8 setting up**  
**a winner for**  
**a diamond**  
**discard.**

**Refuse trump**  
**finesse when**  
**HQ is not**  
**covered.**  
**Lose HK, SQ,**  
**CA**

**WHICH SUIT?**  
**H7 lead.**

**Win and play SK**  
**at trick 2. NOT**  
**the diamond**  
**finesse.**

**Hold off HA until**  
**3rd round.**  
**Then finesse**  
**into safe hand.**

♠ Q1062  
 ♥ 102  
 ♦ AQ1076  
 ♣ A7

♠ A83  
 ♥ K9876  
 ♦ 42  
 ♣ 954

♠ KJ  
 ♥ AQ3  
 ♦ J983  
 ♣ K1082

♠ 9754  
 ♥ J54  
 ♦ K5  
 ♣ QJ63

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2D	P	3NT	

♠ 32  
 ♥ Q4  
 ♦ A974  
 ♣ KQJ72

♠ AJ10  
 ♥ A7652  
 ♦ 863  
 ♣ A4

♠ KQ98765  
 ♥ 83  
 ♦ K52  
 ♣ 6

S	W	N	E
3S	P	4S	

**NOT OBVIOUS!**  
**CK lead.**

**You have**  
**four potential**  
**losers. LAZY?**  
**finesse DK.**

**Thoughtful?**  
**Duck club, then**  
**ruff out hearts**  
**after throwing**  
**H3 on CA.**

**D10 lead.**

**Win & throw a**  
**club. H7 led.**  
**East cashes**  
**HA & CA.**  
**CK ruffed.**  
**H4 ruffed.**  
**H5 ruffed**  
**D4 ruffed**  
**Draw trumps.**  
**HK drops HQ**  
**H9 established**

♠ J62  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ AQ8764  
 ♣ 954

♠ 1053  
 ♥ QJ86  
 ♦ 109  
 ♣ J873

♠ AKQ987  
 ♥ K9543  
 ♦ -  
 ♣ 106

♠ 4  
 ♥ A102  
 ♦ KJ532  
 ♣ AKQ2

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2S	3D
4S			

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♠ A72  
 ♥ Q9752  
 ♦ 9643  
 ♣ 6

♠ 964  
 ♥ AJ3  
 ♦ J105  
 ♣ KQJ5

♠ KQJ1053  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ A872  
 ♣ A82

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2S	P
4S			

**TWO RUFFS!**  
**CK lead.**

**Win, ruff C2**  
**Low to SK**  
**Ruff C8 with SA**  
**Draw trumps.**  
**When**  
**diamonds**  
**break 3/2 you**  
**have 11 tricks.**

**NO RUFFS!**  
**CQ lead.**

**Looks natural**  
**to ruff C2 in the**  
**short hand. NO.**  
**West will hold**  
**up DA then**  
**play another**  
**club.**

**Play SK & SQ**  
**then set up**  
**diamond suit.**

♠ A72  
 ♥ 752  
 ♦ KQ1093  
 ♣ 96

♠ 964  
 ♥ A108  
 ♦ A5  
 ♣ QJ1085

♠ KQJ103  
 ♥ KJ4  
 ♦ J7  
 ♣ AK2

♠ 85  
 ♥ Q963  
 ♦ 8642  
 ♣ 743

S	W	N	E
1S	2C	2D	P
2NT	P	3S	P
4S			

♠ AQ4  
 ♥ 10865  
 ♦ 1095  
 ♣ A82

♠ 93  
 ♥ J432  
 ♦ K432  
 ♣ KJ3

♠ KJ10872  
 ♥ AK7  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ Q4

S	W	N	E
1S	P	1NT	P
	4S		

**4 LOSERS!**  
**H5 lead**

**Two losers AC**  
**and H7**  
**Two possible**  
**losing trumps.**  
**Set up winners**  
**in clubs**  
**Play CQ at**  
**trick 2.**  
**Discarded H7**  
**on established**  
**club winner.**

**BIG DUCK**  
**S8 lead.**

**8 top tricks**  
**on the lead.**  
**How easy can**  
**bridge get?**

**Win and lead**  
**C8 to C5!**

♠ 62  
 ♥ 95  
 ♦ 9642  
 ♣ AKQ52

♠ KJ984  
 ♥ J1063  
 ♦ J8  
 ♣ 107

♠ AQ53  
 ♥ AK42  
 ♦ A105  
 ♣ 86

♠ 107  
 ♥ Q87  
 ♦ KQ73  
 ♣ J943

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
3NT			

## RUFFING

♠ 109873	♠ AJ54	♠ ---	
♥ K103	♥ 4	♥ Q97652	
♦ AQ	♦ J62	♦ K85	
♣ Q4	♣ A10863	♣ KJ97	
	♠ KQ62		
	♥ AJ8		
	♦ 109743		
	♣ 5		
W	N	E	S
P	P	2H	P
P	X	P	2S
3H	3S		

WEAK 2  
S10 LEAD

Cross ruff but ruff a club first so you are in the right hand to make your trumps separately.

Wrong play is ruffing hearts first.

DUMMY  
REVERSAL  
H7 LEAD

Normally ruffing in the long hand will not help you. your four trump tricks have to be increased to six. Win with H10 play SA and ruff three spades using aces to get back to the south hand

♠ K74	♠ Q		♠ J9863
♥ A97	♥ J6532		♥ 4
♦ K964	♦ 10532		♦ QJ7
♣ Q107	♣ K84		♣ J965
	♠ A1052		
	♥ KQ108		
	♦ A8		
	♣ A32		
S	W	N	E
1H	P	2H	P
4H			

♠ 1095	♠ Q64	♠ 32	
♥ QJ108	♥ A432	♥ 976	
♦ AQ8	♦ 7432	♦ J1095	
♣ Q82	♣ 64	♣ AK103	
	♠ AKJ87		
	♥ K5		
	♦ K6		
	♣ J975		
S	W	N	E
1S	P	1NT	P
2C	P	2S	P

CREATE VOID  
HQ LEAD

Win HA and play C6. East wins and returns a heart.

Win and play C7 to create a void and ruff a club in the short hand for your 8th trick.

♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?	
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?	
♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?	
♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?	
S	W	N	E

♠ 9743	♠ 106	♠ AQ82	
♥ -	♥ Q7	♥ K10	
♦ AJ1032	♦ 9765	♦ KQ4	
♣ Q987	♣ K10654	♣ AJ32	
	♠ KJ5		
	♥ AJ9865432		
	♦ 8		
	♣ -		
E	S	W	N
1C/S	4H	P	P
X			

NEEDING AN  
ENTRY

## DA LEAD

2nd diamond ruffed.  
S5 to S10 - SQ diamond return  
JS to S6 - SA  
3rd spade to SK which you must ruff for trump finesse.

## IN DEFENCE

## HK LEAD

East must overtake and switch to D8

♠ 63	♠ AK108		♠ 75
♥ KQ1075	♥ 6		♥ AJ93
♦ AQ7	♦ J1054		♦ 82
♣ K42	♣ AJ109		♣ Q8765
	♠ QJ942		
	♥ 842		
	♦ K963		
	♣ 3		
W	N	E	S
1H	X	3H	3S
P	4S		

♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?	
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?	
♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?	
♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?	
S	W	N	E

♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?	
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?	
♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?	
♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?	
S	W	N	E



# AVOIDANCE PLAY

**DK LEAD**

**THREAT TO ♥K**

Win and draw trumps.

A low club to C9 protects heart king.

♠ K875  
♥ 865  
♦ A  
♣ KJ863

♠ 104  
♥ A94  
♦ KQ1054  
♣ 52

♠ 32  
♥ QJ103  
♦ 98732  
♣ Q74

♠ AQJ96  
♥ K72  
♦ J6  
♣ A109

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

**H10 LEAD**

**THREAT TO ♦K**

Allow lead to go to HQ

Low club to C9. will protect DK.

♠ Q763  
♥ AJ52  
♦ K5  
♣ K92

♠ 542  
♥ K1098  
♦ 1062  
♣ Q65

♠ J1098  
♥ 43  
♦ AQJ97  
♣ 74

♠ AK  
♥ Q76  
♦ 843  
♣ AJ1083

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2D	P	3NT	

**SK LEAD**

**WEST IS THREAT**

RULE OF 7.

Hold up two rounds then finesse D8 into east who will have no more spades

♠ A64  
♥ Q754  
♦ K82  
♣ A73

♠ KQJ103  
♥ 108  
♦ Q63  
♣ 1085

♠ 872  
♥ J963  
♦ 54  
♣ QJ94

♠ 95  
♥ AK2  
♦ AJ1097  
♣ K62

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1H	P
1NT	P	3NT	

**H10 LEAD**

**THREAT TO ♠K**

Win HA! (Don't finesse)

Your SK is open to attack by east!

♠ 942  
♥ AQJ  
♦ K1063  
♣ KQ4

♠ A76  
♥ 109872  
♦ 8  
♣ 9753

♠ QJ1053  
♥ K63  
♦ J742  
♣ J

♠ K8  
♥ 54  
♦ AQ95  
♣ A10862

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**SK LEAD**

**WEST IS SAFE**

Win SA to avoid Club switch. Keep east off lead!

Unblock DQ DJ

Lead H4 to HK Cash diamonds and run HJ.

♠ 742  
♥ KJ8  
♦ AK853  
♣ A6

♠ KQ1093  
♥ 32  
♦ 97  
♣ J432

♠ 85  
♥ Q765  
♦ 10642  
♣ KQ10

♠ AJ6  
♥ A1094  
♦ QJ  
♣ 9875

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**S6 LEAD**

**WEST IS SAFE**

No need to duck because you have a 2 way diamond finesse available

Win with SJ and finesse diamonds into west

♠ 75  
♥ AJ6  
♦ AJ942  
♣ KQ9

♠ AQ963  
♥ 987  
♦ 3  
♣ 7632

♠ 1042  
♥ K432  
♦ Q87  
♣ 1084

♠ KJ8  
♥ Q105  
♦ K1065  
♣ AJ5

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**UNASSUMING CUE BID**

**C6 LEAD**

Avoid taking the heart finesse into west as you do not want a spade switch.

Run HJ.

♠ K62  
♥ AJ2  
♦ QJ743  
♣ 87

♠ 1097  
♥ Q654  
♦ 65  
♣ 10652

♠ AQJ5  
♥ 3  
♦ 108  
♣ KQJ943

♠ 843  
♥ K10987  
♦ AK92  
♣ A

E	S	W	N
1C	1H	P	2C
DBL	2D	P	4H

**ACE/KING DOUBLETEN**

West LEADS DK, DA & switches to SQ. Think declarer!

IF north ducks the SQ, east never gets on lead to give the diamond ruff.

♠ K65  
♥ 10987  
♦ 1086  
♣ K84

♠ Q9874  
♥ 654  
♦ AK  
♣ 763

♠ AJ103  
♥ 2  
♦ QJ954  
♣ Q102

♠ 2  
♥ AKQJ3  
♦ 732  
♣ AJ95

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2H	P
4H			



# PLANNING THE PLAY

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♠ 8762	♠ 93
♥ A104	♥ KJ87653
♦ 93	♦ A10
♣ J973	♣ K5
	♠ A104
	♥ 9
	♦ QJ7652
	♣ AQ2

N	E	S	W
1H	X	2D	P
2H	P	2NT	P
3H	P	3NT	P
P (After a long think) (Wrong decision)			

## GOOD DEMO

West's lead of C3 gives south a cold contract. Recognise that diamonds are the key. 5 diamonds 1 spade and 3 clubs = 9! You do not need to finesse diamonds. Win CK & play DA then D10

## PREPARE FOR WORST

### S4 LEAD

. Win and play C7 to CA. Now DJ, covered by DQ. nahhhhhhh????

♠ Q7543	♠ K	♠ 9862
♥ 6	♥ AKQJ	♥ 109543
♦ Q3	♦ A106	♦ K84
♣ 109532	♣ KQJ87	♣ 4
	♠ AJ10	
	♥ 872	
	♦ J9752	
	♣ A6	

N	E	S	W
2D	P	2NT	P
4NT	P	5H	P
5NT	P	6C	P
6NT			

♠ Q6	♠ K872
♥ J4	♥ A985
♦ J10983	♦ K5
♣ QJ109	♣ K63
	♠ A5
	♥ 7632
	♦ A642
	♣ A72

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2H	P	4H	

## KEEP TRUMP CONTROL

Win CA and give up a trump

Regain Lead, & play ace of trumps. Now cross ruff!

## OVERTAKE YOUR WINNER

### C6 LEAD

Win with CA. Play HK, then HA. Finesse SJ Loses to SA. Win diamond switch Overtake CQ with CK and repeat the finesse. 11 tricks - top.

♠ A72	♠ 64	♠ Q98
♥ J6	♥ A983	♥ Q102
♦ Q1085	♦ 943	♦ J762
♣ 10763	♣ K952	♣ J84
	♠ KJ1053	
	♥ K754	
	♦ AK	
	♣ AQ	

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3D	p	3S	P
4H			

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♠ KQ1093	♠ A86
♥ K108	♥ 62
♦ Q5	♦ J4
♣ J105	♣ A76432
	♠ J5
	♥ AQ54
	♦ A103
	♣ KQ98

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
2NT	P	3NT	

## ENTRIES??

9 top tricks but clubs are blocked!

Duck 2 spades and throw C8 on SA.

## ENTRIES??

### H2 LEAD

When HJ holds play to DA and repeat finesse. Cash HK Run diamonds.

♠ K532	♠ A106	♠ J84
♥ Q962	♥ KJ10	♥ 84
♦ 10	♦ J62	♦ 983
♣ K1062	♣ QJ97	♣ A8643
	♠ Q97	
	♥ A753	
	♦ AKQ754	
	♣ -	

S	W	N	E
1D	P	2C	P
3NT			

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♠ 8	♠ QJ95
♥ J32	♥ 754
♦ QJ1064	♦ K82
♣ A975	♣ QJ10
	♠ AK106432
	♥ AK8
	♦ A75
	♣ -

S	W	N	E
2D	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4NT	P
5D	P	6S	

## WHICH TECHNIQUE HERE?

11 top tricks.

Play for SPLIT club HONOURS & LOSER ON LOSER.

## NICK A QUICK TRICK.

### C8 LEAD (MUD)

Win CA and play H9 to HA. Lead S9 NOW before EW can signal for a diamond switch. At table, a 2nd trump allowed E. to signal for diamond switch. Setting contract gave 75% of MPs

♠ AQ6	♠ KJ1084	♠ 7532
♥ Q103	♥ J9	♥ 8
♦ KJ32	♦ 106	♦ AQ954
♣ 983	♣ AQJ6	♣ 1042
	♠ 9	
	♥ AK76542	
	♦ 87	
	♣ K75	

S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
4H			

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# LOSER ON LOSER

	♠ A74		
	♥ 753		
	♦ QJ1052		
	♣ Q6		
♠ J86		♠ 3	
♥ 102		♥ AKQJ96	
♦ K743		♦ 96	
♣ 10852		♣ J973	
	♠ KQ10952		
	♥ 84		
	♦ A8		
	♣ AK4		
S	W	N	E
X	P	2D	1H
3S	P	4S	2H

## H10 LEAD

If south ruffs the 3rd heart, it will be over-ruffed and you will still lose a diamond. Throw the losing diamond instead and claim!

## SK LEAD

Duck trick 1. Win SA and return S10, throwing D6.

If you try to ruff, you will be over-ruffed and still have a diamond loser

♠ KQJ876	♠ 53		♠ 92
♥ 105	♥ K94		♥ J83
♦ J82	♦ A76		♦ Q1093
♣ Q5	♣ J8643		♣ K1092
	♠ A104		
	♥ AQ762		
	♦ K54		
	♣ A7		
S	W	N	E
1H	1S	2H	P
4H			

	♠ KJ8		
	♥ J5		
	♦ K852		
	♣ K1064		
♠ 4		♠ 6532	
♥ AK10974		♥ Q863	
♦ 964		♦ QJ10	
♣ A75		♣ 83	
	♠ AQ1097		
	♥ 2		
	♦ A73		
	♣ QJ92		
W	N	E	S
1H	P	2H	2S
3H	4S		

## HA LEAD then HK.

If south ruffs, the bad trump break will set the contract. South should throw losing diamond on HK. Now there is no problem

CK LEAD. east is the danger hand (SKxx) Need to set up diamonds. Duck CK then throw D3 on CA.

Ruff 3rd diamond with HA

♠ AQJ62	♠ 874		♠ 105
♥ 84	♥ Q109		♥ 63
♦ 72	♦ AKJ54		♦ Q109
♣ KQJ6	♣ A8		♣ 1097532
	♠ K93		
	♥ AKJ752		
	♦ 863		
	♣ 4		
S	W	N	E
1H	1S	2D	P
2H	P	4H	

	♠ 76		
	♥ K852		
	♦ 9863		
	♣ Q107		
♠ J105		♠ 9	
♥ 103		♥ QJ974	
♦ Q5		♦ KJ1074	
♣ AK6543		♣ 92	
	♠ AKQ8432		
	♥ A6		
	♦ A2		
	♣ J8		
S	W	N	E
1S	2C	P/X	P
4S			

## CA LEAD, then CK.

On 3rd club east ruffs with S9.

South must simply throw losing D2 rather than over-ruffing.

DK LEAD. 11 top tricks 12th trick? Heart finesse? Spade finesse? Ruff out the SQ None of these work! Draw trumps! Loser on loser Play SA K J and throw your losing diamond setting up spade winners

♠ 63	♠ AKJ108	♠ Q752	
♥ 9753	♥ A642	♥ K8	
♦ KQ97	♦ 864	♦ 10532	
♣ 643	♣ 2	♣ 975	
	♠ 94		
	♥ QJ10		
	♦ AJ		
	♣ AKQJ108		
N	E	S	W
1S	P	2C	P
2H	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6C	

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N/S Vul		♠ Q10964	
		♥ J107	
		♦ KJ64	
		♣ J	
♠ 32			♠ AKJ5
♥ Q			♥ 84
♦ A1095			♦ Q872
♣ 1098752			♣ Q43
	♠ 87		
	♥ AK96532		
	♦ 3		
	♣ AK6		
S	W	N	E
1H	2C	P	2S
3H	P	4H	

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N/S Vul

## S3 LEAD to SA

SK cashed. 3rd spade for ruff. Instead of ruffing with H9 south should simply throw D3. East's bid gave a great start to the defence.

## CK LEAD to CA

Trumps drawn. HQ then HA.

Throw D4 on HK and throw D6 on CJ.

West is end played with no exit card.

♠ 93	♠ KJ84	♠ 7	
♥ 965	♥ AK3	♥ J8742	
♦ K102	♦ 8753	♦ J9	
♣ KQ1052	♣ J3	♣ 98764	
	♠ AQ10652		
	♥ Q10		
	♦ AQ64		
	♣ A		
S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4H	P
4NT	P	5H	
6S			

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## SEEING /CREATING ENTRIES

♠ J109  
♥ J965  
♦ 87  
♣ KQJ6

♠ AKQ  
♥ AQ3  
♦ AKQJ104  
♣ 7

♠ 8654  
♥ 1084  
♦ 532  
♣ 543

N	E	S	W
2C	P	2D	P
3D	P	3NT	P
5D			

♠ 732  
♥ K72  
♦ 96  
♣ A10982

**CK LEAD**  
CQ continued.  
THINK - If you ruff with D4 you can never get into hand and will lose 2 heart tricks.

Ruff with DA.  
Draw trumps.  
Play 3 spades.  
Enter with D4 to D5 Throw H3 on S8

**DK LEAD** De-  
fence take 1st 3 tricks. You win club switch with CA.  
SA shows up west's void.

Cash HK.  
Overtake HQ with HA.  
Throw C8 on H10 before finessing trumps.

♠ -  
♥ 8752  
♦ KQJ8  
♣ Q9765

♠ 832  
♥ AJ103  
♦ 543  
♣ 432

♠ AKQ1076  
♥ KQ  
♦ 1076  
♣ A8

S	W	N	E
2S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4S	

♠ J954  
♥ 964  
♦ A92  
♣ KJ10

♠ 95432  
♥ 982  
♦ 7  
♣ 5432

♠ Q  
♥ Q53  
♦ 6432  
♣ QJ1087

♠ 106  
♥ A764  
♦ AKQ85  
♣ AK

S	W	N	E
X	2S	3C	1S
4D	P	5D	P

♠ AKJ87  
♥ KJ10  
♦ J109  
♣ 96

**S5 LEAD**

Duck 1st two rounds.  
Draw trumps.  
Unblock CAK and enter dummy with D6.  
Run clubs!

**DA LEAD**

2nd diamond ruffed.  
S5 to S10 - SQ diamond return JS to S6 - SA 3rd spade to SK which you must ruff for trump finesse.

♠ 9743  
♥ -  
♦ AJ1032  
♣ Q987

♠ 106  
♥ Q7  
♦ 9765  
♣ K10654

♠ KJ5  
♥ AJ9865432  
♦ 8  
♣ -

E	S	W	N
1C/S	4H	P	P
X			

♠ AQ82  
♥ K10  
♦ KQ4  
♣ AJ32

♠ 10852  
♥ KQJ92  
♦ 53  
♣ 98

♠ A743  
♥ 875  
♦ AKQ9  
♣ K10

♠ KQJ9  
♥ A64  
♦ 642  
♣ A62

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT	P
4S			

♠ 6  
♥ 103  
♦ J1087  
♣ QJ7543

**HK LEAD**

**CARELESS**  
Win HA. Draw trumps carelessly SK, SQ, After the 4-1 break you can no longer get an extra trick by ruffing a club!  
**SHORTAGE OF ENTRIES**

**H10 LEAD**

**CARELESS**  
A low spade to the queen will result in disaster when east returns another trump

Play SJ at trick 2. Now you can get to dummy!

♠ 1087  
♥ 1097  
♦ K1053  
♣ KJ3

♠ Q4  
♥ 83  
♦ A9842  
♣ 10975

♠ AJ52  
♥ AKQJ65  
♦ -  
♣ A64

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2H	P	3D	P
4H			

♠ K963  
♥ 42  
♦ QJ76  
♣ Q82

♠ A8  
♥ J10974  
♦ Q6  
♣ 10876

♠ Q62  
♥ 865  
♦ 743  
♣ AJ92

♠ J53  
♥ AK  
♦ AJ109  
♣ KQ54

S	W	N	E
1C	P	2C	P
3NT			

♠ K10974  
♥ Q32  
♦ K852  
♣ 3

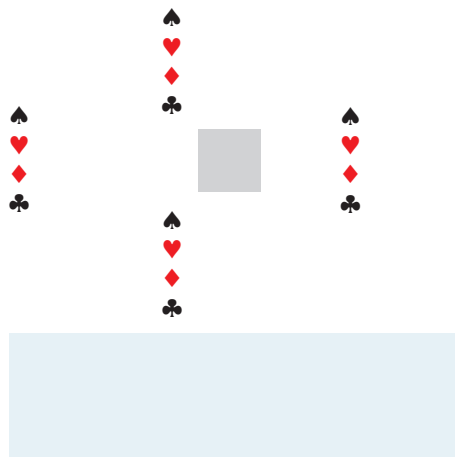
**H10 LEAD**

2 Entries needed to dummy to take diamond finesse twice.  
Clubs CK first then low to JC Keep the A9 tenace intact

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S	W	N	E

## WATCHING OPPONENT'S DISCARDS



**4TH HIGHEST  
LEAD = 11 tricks**

**C2 LEAD**

Win CJ.  
Run diamonds and  
spades.

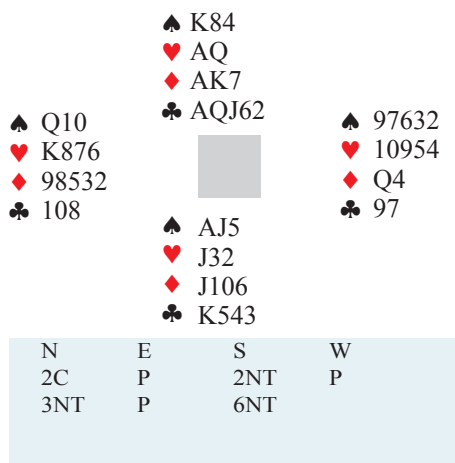
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♦ 105  
♣ AK32

♠ A94  
♥ Q1032  
♦ Q92  
♣ Q94

♠ J852  
♥ K7  
♦ 864  
♣ 10765

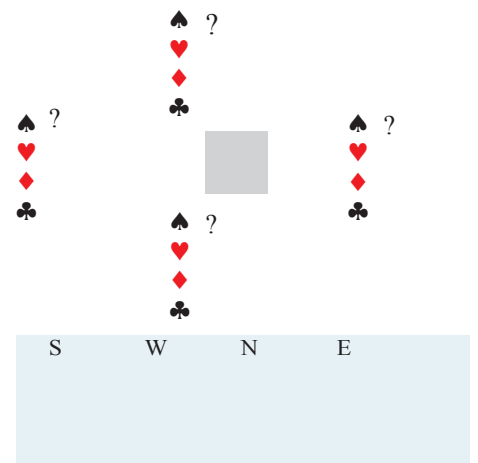
West throws C3.  
Throw west in with  
a low club to the  
now singleton CQ.  
West must now  
lead hearts for you!

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1H	P
2NT	P	3NT	

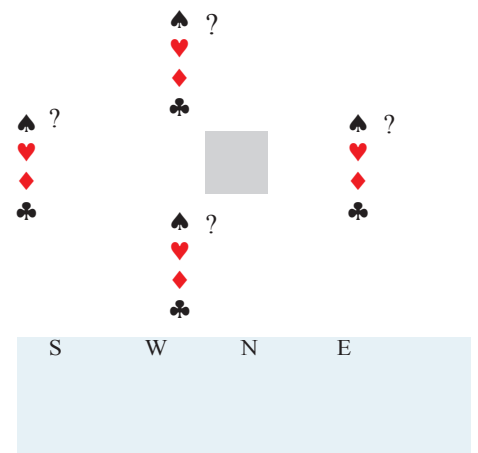
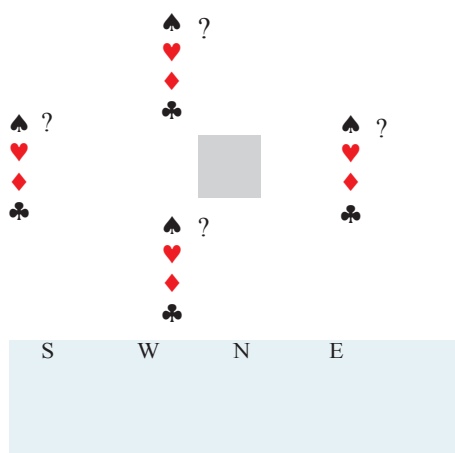
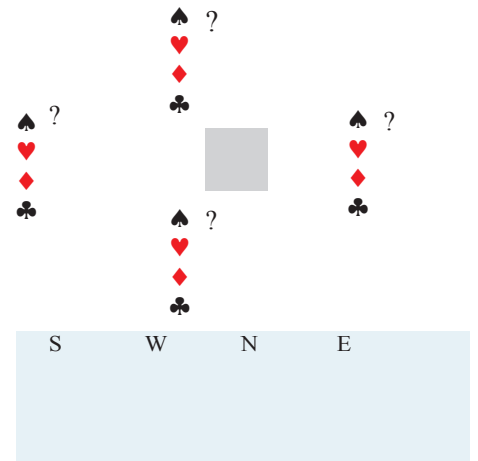
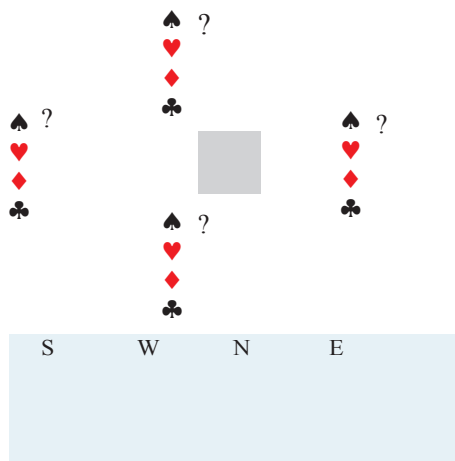


**LEAD H8.**

When running  
the club suit East  
throws 3 spades!  
West throws  
diamonds. Both  
queens look to be  
wrong, SO don't  
finesse. Play both  
suits from the top!  
13 tricks



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## THROW IN PLAYS

♠ 72	♠ KJ64	♠ 95
♥ Q109	♥ K862	♥ A74
♦ J952	♦ AQ4	♦ K876
♣ 10987	♣ K3	♣ J542
	♠ AQ1083	
	♥ J53	
	♦ 103	
	♣ AQ6	

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT*	P
4S**			

\* Jacoby \*\* No interest in slam

C10 lead.  
Recognise that  
if you open up  
the heart suit  
you could lose  
three hearts.

Draw trumps.  
Throw D4 on  
CK, cash DA  
and get off lead  
with DQ

?????C2 lead  
ruffed.  
SA, club ruff  
SJ. DAK low  
diamond.  
H return play  
low then  
finesse.  
On a club  
return ruff and  
discard H5  
then discard  
last heart on  
D2

♠ 103	♠ K987	♠ A2
♥ J4	♥ A965	♥ Q32
♦ J97	♦ AK3	♦ Q108
♣ 987542	♣ K6	♣ AQJ10
	♠ QJ654	
	♥ K1087	
	♦ 6542	
	♣	

S	W	N	E
P	2C	X	1C
3S	P	4S	3C
P	5C	X	P
5S	P	P	X

♠ QJ3	♠ 109872	♠ 5
♥ J94	♥ A65	♥ 10832
♦ 643	♦ K102	♦ Q975
♣ QJ104	♣ A7	♣ 9832
	♠ AK64	
	♥ KQ7	
	♦ AJ8	
	♣ K65	

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3H	P
3S	P	3NT	P
4S	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6S	

STRIP AND  
THROW IN.

## CQ LEAD

Win CA.  
Cash SA & SK.  
Strip clubs &  
hearts then  
lead last trump.

West has to  
open up the  
diamond suit  
for you!

## CK LEAD to CA

Trumps drawn.  
HQ then HA.

Throw D4 on  
HK and throw  
D6 on SJ.

West is end  
played with no  
exit card.

♠ 93	♠ KJ84	♠ 7
♥ 965	♥ AK3	♥ J8742
♦ K102	♦ 8753	♦ J9
♣ KQ1052	♣ J3	♣ 98764
	♠ AQ10652	
	♥ Q10	
	♦ AQ64	
	♣ A	

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4H	P
4NT	P	5H	
6S			

♠ 1076	♠ A94	♠ J852
♥ J984	♥ Q1032	♥ K7
♦ 105	♦ Q92	♦ 864
♣ AK32	♣ Q94	♣ 10765
	♠ KQ3	
	♥ A65	
	♦ AKJ73	
	♣ J8	

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1H	P
2NT	P	3NT	

4TH HIGHEST  
LEAD = 11 tricks

## C2 LEAD

Win CJ.  
Run diamonds  
and spades.

West throws C3.  
Throw west  
in with a low  
club to the now  
singleton CQ.  
West must now  
lead hearts for  
you!

LEAD HQ to HA  
H6 returned.LEAVE A  
TRUMP OUT

Win HK and  
take only TWO  
rounds of  
trumps. Cash 3  
clubs and now  
play a trump.  
Don't open up  
Jxx - Qxx suit.

♠ 5432	♠ 109
♥ 987	♥ A63
♦ J64	♦ A953
♣ AK3	♣ 10982
	♠ AK76
	♥ K42
	♦ Q87
	♣ QJ6

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2S	P
P	P		

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♠ J7	♠ K984	♠ Q653
♥ -	♥ A4	♥ KJ93
♦ AQJ2	♦ K9854	♦ 63
♣ AK108762	♣ 93	♣ Q54
	♠ A102	
	♥ Q1087652	
	♦ 107	
	♣ J	

N	E	S	W
1D	P	1H	2C
P	P	2H	3C
P	P	3H	P

LEAD CA & CK  
(ruffed).  
H5 to HA  
H4 taken by HK  
CQ led - ruffed  
D10 to DA  
DQ to DK.  
D5 - ruffed  
NOW cash HQ  
and throw east  
in with another  
trump. East  
has to open up  
spade suit!

LEAD S7  
11 TOP TRICKS

## 3 TENACES

Draw trumps  
ending in  
dummy. Play  
H2 and simply  
cover what-  
ever east plays.  
West now has  
to play into  
your tenaces!

♠ 74	♠ 1063	♠ 952
♥ KJ9	♥ 432	♥ 8765
♦ Q1098	♦ K43	♦ 765
♣ J986	♣ AQ42	♣ 753
	♠ AKQJ8	
	♥ AQ10	
	♦ AJ2	
	♣ K10	

S	W	N	E
2D	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4NT	P
5D	P	5H	P
5NT	P	6S	

## SQUEEZES

**10D LEAD**

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♠ KJ5  
 ♥ Q1072  
 ♦ 107  
 ♣ K1075

♠ A87  
 ♥ A963  
 ♦ A985  
 ♣ Q6

♠ 109632  
 ♥ J84  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ 9842

♠ Q4  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ KQJ432  
 ♣ AJ3

N	E	S	W
1NT	P	3D	P
3H	p	3NT	P
6D			

## MICHAELS

CA lead.  
Switch to  
HA, HK and  
8H  
Declarer plays  
2 more trumps  
Squeezing west

♠ 10983  
 ♥ AK8  
 ♦ 9632  
 ♣ AK

♠ AKQ64  
 ♥ QJ1096  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ 7

♠ 52  
 ♥ 732  
 ♦ KJ84  
 ♣ Q642

♠ J7  
 ♥ 54  
 ♦ 1075  
 ♣ J109853

W	N	E	S
1D	2D	P	2H
P	4H		

**LEAD SK**

Ducked to rectify the count!

Win trick 2 & play 5 rounds of trumps. West can throw 2 clubs but when CA & CK are played west is squeezed in diamonds!.

♠ KQJ  
 ♥ 952  
 ♦ J864  
 ♣ 1086

♠ 954  
 ♥ QJ8  
 ♦ AKQ2  
 ♣ 973

♠ 8763  
 ♥ 106  
 ♦ 975  
 ♣ QJ52

♠ A102  
 ♥ AK743  
 ♦ 103  
 ♣ AK4

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2D	P
2NT	P	3H	P
3S	P	4NT	P
5D	P	6H	

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

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 ♥ ?  
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 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

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S	W	N	E

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 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

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♠ ?  
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 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
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 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

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 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
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 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S	W	N	E

# INFERENCES

**PAUSE AWHILE  
C2 LEAD WHY?**

Having escaped a heart lead, how do you find DQ?  
Ask why did west lead from such a poor four card minor?

Because he is 3-3-3-4, SO east has only 1 diamond.

**PAUSE AWHILE  
DK LEAD**

West pre-empted with seven diamonds.  
 $7+4+2 = 13$

DO NOT play DA at trick 1 or at trick 2. Ruff 3rd diamond. Draw trumps ending in dummy to cash DA for a heart discard.

♠ A74  
♥ J6  
♦ KJ985  
♣ A105

♠ Q95  
♥ A82  
♦ Q72  
♣ J862

♠ K63  
♥ 1043  
♦ A1064  
♣ KQ3

S 1NT W P N 3NT E

♠ J1082  
♥ KQ975  
♦ 3  
♣ 974

♠ 1042  
♥ 10984  
♦ A754  
♣ 106

♠ 8  
♥ Q62  
♦ KQ98632  
♣ QJ

♠ AKQJ976  
♥ AK5  
♦ J10  
♣ 5

♠ 53  
♥ J73  
♦ -  
♣ AK987432

W 3D N P E P S 4S

**OFF CENTRE  
1NT OPENING  
S7 LEAD**

Having escaped a heart lead you have 8 tricks but 2C would score +130. So win the SA and play DK immediately. WILL THEY SWITCH?? - NO 9 tricks for +150 scores 30 /32.

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S 1NT W P N P E P

♠ 865  
♥ 964  
♦ Q1095  
♣ A53

♠ Q10972  
♥ AK102  
♦ 72  
♣ 92

♠ AK  
♥ 83  
♦ K3  
♣ KQJ764

♠ J3  
♥ QJ75  
♦ AJ864  
♣ 108

S 1NT W P N P E P

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S 1NT W P N P E P

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S 1NT W P N P E P

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S 1NT W P N P E P

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♣ ?

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S 1NT W P N P E P



## SAFETY PLAYS

♠ Q32  
 ♥ KQJ84  
 ♦ KJ96  
 ♣ 4

♠ 94  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ Q7  
 ♣ AK109872

♠ J875  
 ♥ 765  
 ♦ 542  
 ♣ QJ3

♠ AK106  
 ♥ A109  
 ♦ A1083  
 ♣ 65

W	N	E	S
1H	2C	P	2NT
P	3NT		

## DUCKING

## HK LEAD

Duck two rounds of hearts and then lead C6 to the C2.

GREEDY!  
LEAD CQ.

Declarer cannot go down on this contract but DOES when he finesses the SQ!

A 2nd club is ruffed by east!

♠ 87  
 ♥ KQJ104  
 ♦ K10  
 ♣ A763

♠ 63  
 ♥ 87653  
 ♦ J8743  
 ♣ 9

♠ K95  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ Q652  
 ♣ QJ1052

♠ AQJ1042  
 ♥ A2  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ K84

6S by South

N	E	S	W
2C	P	2NT	P
3NT	P	6NT	

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♠ J63  
 ♥ J9862  
 ♦ AQ98  
 ♣ Q

♠ K7  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ K1032  
 ♣ 1086532

♠ AQ109  
 ♥ 1054  
 ♦ 654  
 ♣ J94

♠ 8542  
 ♥ AKQ3  
 ♦ J7  
 ♣ AK7

S	W	N	E
1H	P	4H	P

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## AVOID THE SWITCH

## D2 LEAD

IF the finesse loses east's switch to spades would be fatal. Win, cash CQ Draw trumps and throw two spades on CA & CK

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S	W	N	E
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♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
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S	W	N	E
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# THROW LOSER ON WINNER!

♠ KQ987  
 ♥ Q94  
 ♦ A973  
 ♣ 7

♠ 1053  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ 642  
 ♣ AQ863

♠ A2  
 ♥ AJ10732  
 ♦ Q10  
 ♣ 1095

♠ J64  
 ♥ 86  
 ♦ KJ85  
 ♣ KJ42

DON'T FINESSE

D4 LEAD

Win DA, lead to SA. Then S2 to SK. On SQ throw DQ. 11 tricks.

East should throw SJ on 1st or 2nd round to distract declarer from this winning line.

N 1S 4H  
E P  
S 2H  
W P

♠ ?  
♥ -  
♦  
♣

♠ ?  
♥  
♦  
♣

♠ ?  
♥  
♦  
♣

S W N E

♠ ?  
♥  
♦  
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♥  
♦  
♣

♠ ?  
♥  
♦  
♣

S W N E

♠ ?  
♥  
♦  
♣

♠ ?  
♥  
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S W N E

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S W N E

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S W N E

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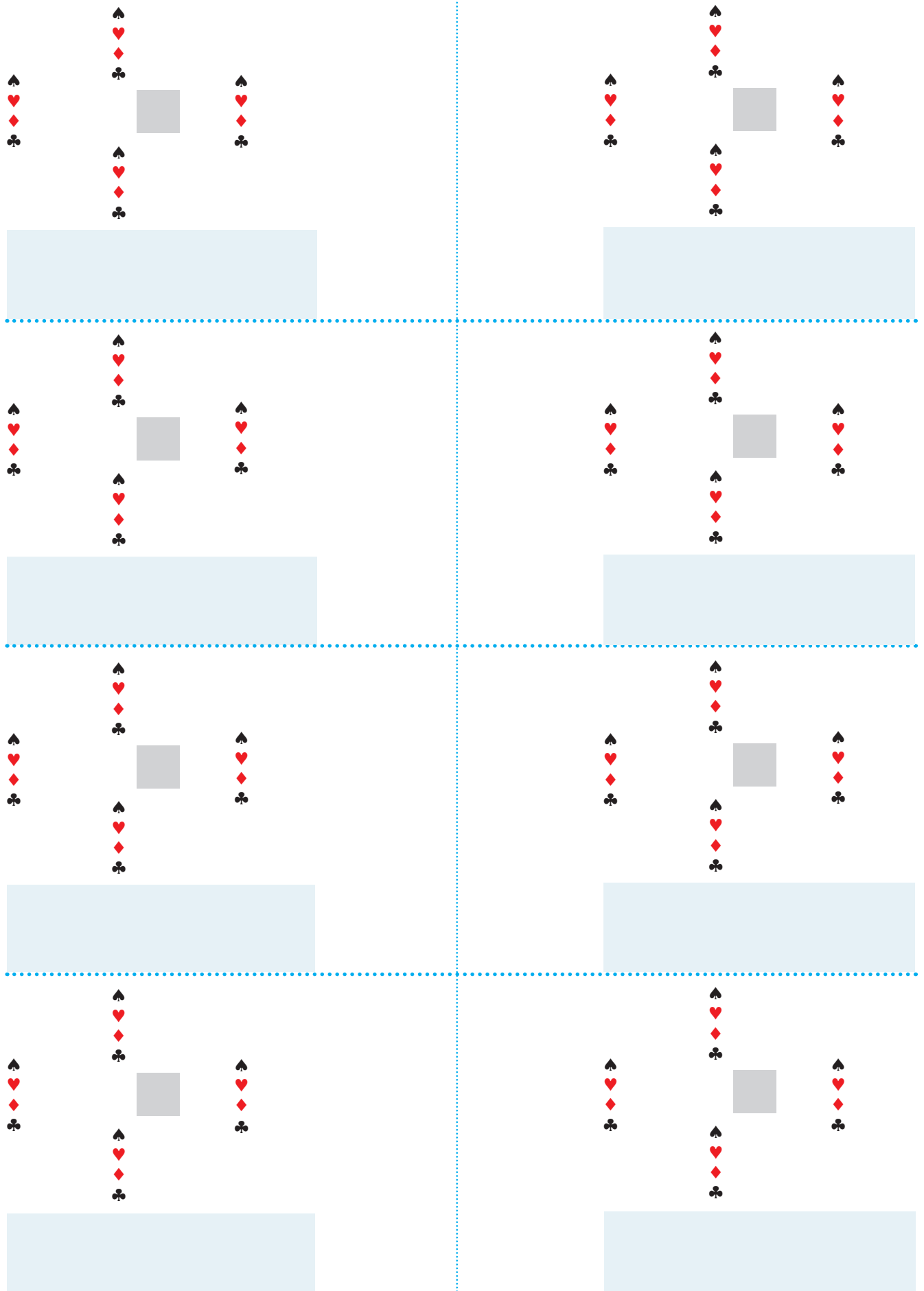
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♥  
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♣

S W N E



# MISLEADING YOUR OPPONENTS

♠ 2  
 ♥ K1073  
 ♦ QJ654  
 ♣ 764

♠ Q75  
 ♥ AQJ86  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ KQ9

♠ AK6  
 ♥ 542  
 ♦ 73  
 ♣ AJ852

♠ J109843  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ AK109  
 ♣ 103

S 2S W P N 4S E P

## DEFENDER TELLING FIBS

### LEAD DQ

East can see 3 tricks only and must fool declarer into thinking that diamonds break 4/3.

SO plays D3 at trick 1.

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## WHICH FINESSE? & DECEPTION

D2 lead-DQ-DA. Immediate diamond return suggests wish to ruff so west plays HQ. East rises with HA!?! Draw trumps & finesse SJ for 11 tricks. Even if spade finesse fails you will NOT need to finesse clubs!

♠ Q643  
 ♥ QJ  
 ♦ K8632  
 ♣ K7

♠ AK98  
 ♥ 93  
 ♦ 104  
 ♣ AQ542

♠ 72  
 ♥ A52  
 ♦ Q975  
 ♣ J1093

♠ J105  
 ♥ K108764  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ 86

S 2H W P N 2NT E P  
 3H P 4H?

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♠ Q865  
 ♥ 10987  
 ♦ K76  
 ♣ K8

♠ 432  
 ♥ A63  
 ♦ AQ982  
 ♣ 32

♠ 1097  
 ♥ KQJ  
 ♦ 543  
 ♣ J1097

♠ AKJ  
 ♥ 542  
 ♦ J10  
 ♣ AQ654

S 1C W P N 1D E P  
 1NT P 3NT

## WILL HE COVER? LEAD H10

You duck for two rounds. Diamonds are your best suit but the entry has gone! Come to hand with SA. Instead of leading DJ, which west will cover, lead D10

IF west ducks thinking east has the jack, you're home.

## IMPOSSIBLE

D7 LEAD - Low, & throw DJ Immediately. SQ-SK-SA. D2 continued. East worries that DJ was singleton, and plays D8. Cash HA then HK. D10 covered by DA - Ruff. Now C10. West ducks. Overtake with CQ. Throw S8 on DK

♠ A6532  
 ♥ 109  
 ♦ 72  
 ♣ A932

♠ 74  
 ♥ K4  
 ♦ K1054  
 ♣ QJ865

♠ QJ109  
 ♥ J7  
 ♦ AQ863  
 ♣ 74

♠ K8  
 ♥ AQ86532  
 ♦ J9  
 ♣ K10

S 4H W P N P E P

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♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S W N E

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
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 ♣ ?

S W N E

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 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S W N E

# LISTEN TO THE BIDDING

♠ A3  
 ♥ 8762  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ A87642

♠ KJ6  
 ♥ QJ1093  
 ♦ A42  
 ♣ Q3

♠ Q10954  
 ♥ AK4  
 ♦ K10  
 ♣ K105

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2H	P
3H	P	3S	P
4S			

**PARTNER HAS  
A SINGLETON**

**LEAD H8**

Declarer wins and leads a trump.

Win SA and lead H2 for a club return. Win CA and play a 3rd heart for east's 2nd ruff

**CARD COUNTING**

**LEAD CK**

How many spades has west? Win SA. Draw trumps.

Play low to SQ. West wins, cashes CQ and leads a 3rd club. You ruff. Lead towards SJ. West plays low. So do you! East had only two, (which you knew). 6D goes on SJ.

♠ J943  
 ♥ K103  
 ♦ 972  
 ♣ A74

♠ A10762  
 ♥ 74  
 ♦ QJ10  
 ♣ KQ10

♠ K5  
 ♥ 86  
 ♦ 8543  
 ♣ 98652

♠ Q8  
 ♥ AQJ952  
 ♦ AK6  
 ♣ J3

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	1NT	P
3H	P	4H	

♠ 863  
 ♥ J7643  
 ♦ K42  
 ♣ 542

♠ AKJ5  
 ♥ K85  
 ♦ 87  
 ♣ KQ83

♠ 1072  
 ♥ A102  
 ♦ Q95  
 ♣ AJ96

S	W	N	E
P	P	1S	2D
2NT	P	3NT	

**LOW FROM Hxx**

They used to say lead the highest of partner's suit.

That was in the olden days!

Holding 3 to an honour lead low

E wins and returns the DJ.

**MUD OR 4TH  
HIGHEST**

**Lead S6**

West, not wanting to lead from either minor or a poor major to four, leads S6.

With no outside entry, east must play low on this.

D8 to DK.

S7 to SA.

DQ to DA and S5 sets contract.

♠ A4  
 ♥ AJ94  
 ♦ QJ1072  
 ♣ J8

♠ 765  
 ♥ Q873  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ K762

♠ K9832  
 ♥ 1052  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ 1095

♠ QJ10  
 ♥ K6  
 ♦ 8643  
 ♣ AQ43

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2D	P	3NT	

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♠ J103  
 ♥ Q97  
 ♦ 9742  
 ♣ K106

♠ A64  
 ♥ AT6  
 ♦ KQ1063  
 ♣ Q3

♠ KQ987  
 ♥ K8  
 ♦ AJ85  
 ♣ J5

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2D	P
3D	P	4S	

**BIG SIDE SUIT**

**LEAD D7**

At least 12 diamonds shown.

The ONLY pair to set this contract was one of our students and we got 5 out of 36 matchpoints!

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**REMEMBER THE  
REBID?**

**LEAD H10**

(is it a singleton)?

East must NOT win HA at trick 1.

West cannot be leading from a singleton or south would have rebid 2H not 2NT!

♠ J95  
 ♥ QJ96  
 ♦ AKJ6  
 ♣ J7

♠ K62  
 ♥ 103  
 ♦ 943  
 ♣ K10632

♠ 74  
 ♥ A852  
 ♦ Q1072  
 ♣ 954

♠ AQ1083  
 ♥ K74  
 ♦ 85  
 ♣ AQ8

N	E	S	W
1S	P	2D	P
2NT	P	3S	P
4S			

♠ 1087  
 ♥ 10532  
 ♦ 9863  
 ♣ K2

♠ J63  
 ♥ KQ  
 ♦ Q42  
 ♣ QJ1054

♠ AKQ  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ AKJ75  
 ♣ A863

S	W	N	E
2C	P	3C	P
3D	P	4D	P
4NT	P	5D	P
6C			

**DOUBTS  
LEAD D9**

East has a void or singleton diamond.

If south has CA and trumps are 2-2 and declarer finesses, east gets a ruff at trick 3.

Of course declarer should not finesse!

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♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S	W	N	E

## SIGNALS AT TRICK 1

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♠ J10753  
♥ 63  
♦ 10862  
♣ 63

♠ K84  
♥ AJ84  
♦ 4  
♣ Q9842

2NT

♠ Q9  
♥ Q72  
♦ AQ95  
♣ AK105

S	W	N	E
1D?	P	P	1NT
X	P	2D	P
2NT	P	P	

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## COUNT SIGNAL

Not a brilliant sequence!  
West leads C4  
- C3 - CJ - CA  
South Leads SQ.  
Should east win?

YES  
1. West's S4  
shows 3 spades.

Therefore south  
has only two.  
spades.

## WITH Q &amp; J

On DA, play DQ

Unless east  
plays DQ to show  
DJ, there is no  
defence.

West continued  
DK and with all  
the clubs on  
table, cashed SA

BUT IF east can  
lead a spade - - - !

♠ AQ5  
♥ 10  
♦ AK9753  
♣ 953

♠ 86  
♥ AKJ5  
♦ 104  
♣ KQJ82

♠ KJ9  
♥ Q732  
♦ 86  
♣ A764

♠ 107432  
♥ 9864  
♦ QJ2  
♣ 10

N	E	S	W
1C	P	1H	3D
3H	P	4H	

♠ 63  
♥ 104  
♦ AQ10863  
♣ K54

♠ AJ982  
♥ 62  
♦ 97  
♣ QJ83

♠ K74  
♥ KJ8  
♦ KJ2  
♣ A972

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1D	1H
1NT	P	3NT	

CUNNING DECLARER  
LEAD H6 to HA

Declarer plays  
HJ to encourage  
a heart  
continuation.  
Why?

He does not want  
a spade switch!

SQ or S10 switch  
defeats 3NT!

## TELLING FIBS

LEAD DQ

East can see  
3 tricks only  
and must fool  
declarer into  
thinking that  
diamonds break  
4/3.

SO plays D3 at  
trick 1.

♠ 2  
♥ K1073  
♦ QJ654  
♣ 764

♠ Q75  
♥ AQJ86  
♦ 82  
♣ KQ9

♠ J109843  
♥ 9  
♦ AK109  
♣ 103

♠ AK6  
♥ 542  
♦ 73  
♣ AJ852

S	W	N	E
2S	P	4S	P

♠ KQ865  
♥ 1083  
♦ 864  
♣ K5

♠ 43  
♥ AQ  
♦ AK975  
♣ 10763

♠ AJ109  
♥ KJ7  
♦ 103  
♣ AQJ9

S	W	N	E
1S	2D	3S	P
4S			

THROWING A QUEEN  
LEAD DA

West MUST  
get into east's  
hand to set the  
contract. When  
east plays DQ on  
DA it guarantees  
the DJ or is  
single. West  
underleads DK &  
heart switch sets  
the contract.

TELLING FIBS  
LEAD DA

Wanting a  
continuation  
east plays D7  
then D3. Wins  
3rd round with  
DQ. CQ switch  
ducked &  
continued to CA.  
SJ\* to SA, CK  
and D7. Declarer  
ruffs with HJ, so  
now east's H10  
wins for -1

♠ A532  
♥ Q7  
♦ AK85  
♣ K65

♠ KQ97  
♥ J65  
♦ J92  
♣ 942

♠ J  
♥ AK983  
♦ 1062  
♣ A1087

♠ 10864  
♥ 1042  
♦ Q73  
♣ QJ3

S	W	N	E
1H	X	XX	P
2H	P	P	P

(\*SJ = very silly)

♠ 93  
♥ KQ84  
♦ K985  
♣ AQ2

♠ QJ7  
♥  
♦ Q1076432  
♣ 1075

♠ 1084  
♥ AJ973  
♦ AJ  
♣ K64

S	W	N	E
1H	3D	4H	P

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No other pair kept this to nine tricks

THROWING A QUEEN  
LEAD D6

East ruffs.  
East cashes SA  
West throws SQ.  
promising SJ  
East underleads  
SK to west's SJ  
West returns a  
diamond for a  
2nd ruff. - NEW

THROWING A QUEEN  
♦ A LEAD

West obviously  
does not wish to  
lead from ♣AQ.  
East must throw  
♦Q, promising  
♦J.  
At trick 2 west  
leads ♦3 to  
east's ♦J and a  
club switch keeps  
declarer to 9  
tricks & 93%

♠ 54  
♥ J32  
♦ AK873  
♣ AQ10

♠ K932  
♥ K875  
♦ 109  
♣ 983

♠ AQJ107  
♥ AQ6  
♦ 652  
♣ J7

♠ 86  
♥ 1094  
♦ QJ4  
♣ K6542

W	N	E	S
1NT	P	P	2S

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1 other pair kept this to 9 tricks



# SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNALS

<p>           ♠ 76            ♥ <u>A</u>K9874            ♦ 86            ♣ 962         </p> <p>           ♠ Q1082            ♥ QJ            ♦ KJ43            ♣ KJ8         </p> <p>           ♠ 43            ♥ 2            ♦ 109752            ♣ AQ754         </p> <p>           ♠ AKJ985            ♥ 10653            ♦ AQ            ♣ AQ         </p> <table> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td><td>S</td><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>1NT</td><td>P</td><td>2H</td><td>X</td></tr> <tr><td>3S</td><td>P</td><td>4S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N	E	S	W	1NT	P	2H	X	3S	P	4S		<p><b>AH LEAD</b> <b>Easy!</b></p> <p><b>D2 discarded on HK. (Asking for a club)</b></p> <p><b>DISCARD</b></p>	<p><b>SJ LEAD</b></p> <p>Won by north who now leads C6. East ducks.*</p> <p>West throws 9S on 1st club lead to say hearts, not spades. East will not be on lead again so must return H10</p> <p><b>*HOLD UP FOR SIGNAL</b></p>	<p>           ♠ AQ            ♥ 973            ♦ AJ84            ♣ K1076         </p> <p>           ♠ J10952            ♥ AQJ2            ♦ 10972            ♣ -         </p> <p>           ♠ 764            ♥ 1084            ♦ 65            ♣ A9854         </p> <p>           ♠ K83            ♥ K65            ♦ KQ3            ♣ QJ32         </p> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>W</td><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>1NT</td><td>P</td><td>3NT</td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	W	N	E	1NT	P	3NT					
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## UNBLOCKING

**D7 LEAD.**  
Clubs or spades? Spades!

**Win with DJ**  
Play low to SA.  
East follows with S2 showing 3  
Cross fingers and play S 5-J-K-7. West failed to note that if east has 3 the J must promise S10.

**UNBLOCK SQ**

**LEAD. ♣Q**  
(Top of a near sequence.)  
Throwing the king on the second round will also work.  
We want to avoid the suit being blocked when west wins the ♠K and continues the club suit.  
Defence take four club tricks and the ♠K?

♠ Q73 ♥ 832 ♦ AQ973 ♣ J4	♠ A5 ♥ A106 ♦ 1042 ♣ AQ875	♠ J102 ♥ J754 ♦ 86 ♣ K1062	♠ K9864 ♥ KQ9 ♦ KJ5 ♣ 93
S 1S 3NT	W 2D	N 3D	E P

♠ 7654 ♥ 74 ♦ K7 ♣ QJ974	♠ KQ ♥ J109 ♦ J109653 ♣ A2	♠ J83 ♥ Q8632 ♦ 42 ♣ K63	
S 1♠ 3NT	W P	N 2♦ P	E P

**C2 LEAD to DA**

The lead promises 3 or 4 clubs to an honour.

**EasT should Unblock the DA and return a diamond to west's DK. Why else would east lead DA when dummy is visible. A ruff sets the contract**

**S5 LEAD**

East wins SA. What should east return?

**S10 was won by SK (error). SJ is better. Now east wins DA and returns S8**

♠ 1098 ♥ 43 ♦ 87652 ♣ K72	♠ AK ♥ K862 ♦ KQ1093 ♣ 105	♠ 6543 ♥ 95 ♦ A ♣ AQJ863	♠ QJ72 ♥ AQJ107 ♦ J4 ♣ 94
N 1D 4H	E 2C	S 2H	W P

♠ Q9752 ♥ 1087 ♦ 105 ♣ K107	♠ - ♥ AKQ96 ♦ KQ972 ♣ A62	♠ A1086 ♥ 542 ♦ A864 ♣ 95	
N 1H 3D	E P P	S 1S 3NT	W P

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**Lead ♠4**

East wins S9.  
Cashes CA  
Cashes SK

West ruffs SA and returns a club for east to ruff!

♠ 4 ♥ 98762 ♦ 87 ♣ Q10652	♠ Q108 ♥ Q3 ♦ J109 ♣ J9874	♠ AKJ972 ♥ A105 ♦ 543 ♣ A	♠ 653 ♥ KJ4 ♦ AKQ62 ♣ K3
S 1D X	W P P	N 1NT 3D	E 2S P

♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?	♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?	♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?	♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?
S	W	N	E

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S	W	N	E

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S	W	N	E

## SURROUND LEADS

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

S	W	N	E
1C	1S	X	2S
3H	3S	4H	P

## SA LEAD

DJ switch at trick 2 sets the contract.

## S5 LEAD

West switches to CJ when in with the HA.

C9 would require east to play CQ. Now dummies CQ scores a trick.

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

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2S	P	4S	

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

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3H	P
4H			

## S5/C3/H2 LEAD

When in with SK, east's switch to D10 keeps declarer's diamond tricks to one.

A low diamond would require west to play DQ

## C6 LEAD

Unable to return clubs, east switches to SQ

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

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2NT	P
3NT			

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

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2NT	P	3NT	

## S6 LEAD (MUD)

East wins SA.

CQ switch holds south to 1 club trick.

## \*PUPPET STAYMAN

## S6 LEAD

When in with SA, east switches to CJ.

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

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C*	P
3D	P	3H	P
3NT			

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

S	W	N	E
3NT			

## GAMBLING 3NT

(Aces are lead of choice against G. 3NT)

SA LEAD - followed by HJ is the only way to set the contract.

## NT REBID AFTER X = 19+

## S8 LEAD

Won with SA. CQ switch gives E/W 3 clubs 1 spade and 1 diamond

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

E	S	W	N
1S	X	P	2H
P	2NT	P	
3NT			

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## DUCKING IN DEFENCE

		♠ KQ3		
		♥ AQ52		
		♦ J1093		
		♣ J5		
♠ 865				♠ 1097
♥ K764				♥ 1093
♦ 2				♦ A765
♣ K10632				♣ A94
		♠ AJ42		
		♥ J8		
		♦ KQ84		
		♣ Q87		
S	W	N	E	
1NT	P	2C	P	
2S	P	3NT		

C3 LEAD  
East wins CA and  
returns C9

With no outside  
entry to his  
hand west must  
duck and hope  
that partner has  
another club  
when he gets in  
again.

HJ Lead won by  
south. D7 to D3,  
DK and ?

If east wins this  
trick declarer  
makes!

♠ Q97	♠ J54	♠ 863	
♥ J10943	♥ A62	♥ 75	
♦ 843	♦ KQ1095	♦ AJ6	
♣ AJ	♣ 106	♣ 98532	
	♠ AK102		
	♥ KQ8		
	♦ 72		
	♣ KQ74		
S	W	N	E
1S	P	2D	P
2NT	P	3NT	

♠	♠	♠
♥	♥	♥
♦	♦	♦
♣	♣	♣

NO DUCK HERE

D10 Lead to DA  
D9 returned to  
south's DK.

S2 towards S10.  
West not fooled  
rises with SA &  
returns H9 (High=  
Hate)  
to HK and a dia-  
mond ruff!

♠ A4	♠ 1073	♠ 5
♥ A10984	♥ 652	♥ KQJ7
♦ 104	♦ QJ75	♦ A932
♣ J983	♣ AK4	♣ Q1062
	♠ KQJ9862	
	♥ 3	
	♦ K86	
	♣ 75	

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♠ 10763	♠ AJ2	♠ 4	
♥ J1093	♥ AQ85	♥ K732	
♦ K975	♦ -	♦ J10864	
♣ 2	♣ Q87543	♣ A109	
	♠ KQ985		
	♥ 6		
	♦ AQ32		
	♣ KJ6		
S	W	N	E
1S	P	2C	P
2D	P	4S	

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12 OR 11?

HJ lead. Win HA.  
IF declarer draws  
4 rounds of  
trumps east must  
hold up CA for  
two rounds.  
Declarer should  
switch to clubs  
when trumps  
don't break.

Lead ♠9 (Hi-lo  
shows even num-  
ber.)

With no entry back  
to the hand east  
should duck and  
hope west can  
regain the lead to  
return a spade.

The defence take  
four spade tricks  
and the ♦A

♠ 94	♠ 872	♠ AK653
♥ 9864	♥ Q	♥ 7532
♦ A84	♦ KJ1092	♦ 73
♣ 10976	♣ AK52	♣ Q8
	<div>♠ QJ10</div> <div>♥ AKJ10</div> <div>♦ Q65</div> <div>♣ J43</div>	

♠ 765	♠ A4	♠ K9832	
♥ Q873	♥ AJ94	♥ 1052	
♦ AK	♦ QJ1072	♦ 95	
♣ K762	♣ J8	♣ 1095	
	♠ QJ10		
	♥ K6		
	♦ 8643		
	♣ AQ43		
S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2D	P	3NT	

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GUD MUD  
LEAD West, not  
wanting to lead  
from either minor  
or a poor major  
to four, leads S6.  
East must play  
low on this with  
no outside entry.  
D8 to DA.  
S7 to SA.  
DQ to DA and S5  
sets contract

S5 LEAD  
DON'T COVER

OK declarer  
plays on clubs,  
but an overtrick  
is fatal.  
West has thrown  
hearts.  
SO when HJ is  
led from dummy  
DON'T cover!

♠ K10952	♠ AQ5	♠ 43
♥ 963	♥ KJ2	♥ Q8754
♦ 1098	♦ K2	♦ QJ63
♣ 42	♣ J10983	♣ AK
	♠ J87	
	♥ A10	
	♦ A754	
	♣ Q765	

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## SAFE EXIT CARDS

♠ Q43	♠ 9	♠ 1085	
♥ K875	♥ AQ962	♥ J103	
♦ QJ98	♦ A104	♦ K632	
♣ A8	♣ Q965	♣ K73	
	♠ AKJ762		
	♥ 4		
	♦ 75		
	♣ J1042		
N	E	S	W
1H	P	1S	P
2C	P	3S	P
3NT	P	4S	

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Hmm! DQ lead.  
We need some  
help from our  
friends.  
Win DA  
Then S9 to SA.  
Finesse HQ and  
throw D7 on HA.  
Ruff D4  
SK and another.  
West kindly switch-  
es to clubs!!!!

North's raise is pre-  
emptive and east  
should bid 4S.

West has a difficult  
lead but strikes  
gold with C4. East  
should win and  
switch, but doesn't.  
West MUST now  
play C3 to get off  
lead.

♠ J2		♠ 7543	
♥ 865432		♥ J	
♦ 83		♦ J752	
♣ Q73		♣ A1052	
♠ AQ1098			
♥ -			
♦ K10964			
♣ KJ4			
♠ K6			
♥ AKQ1097			
♦ AQ			
♣ 986			
S	W	N	E
1H	X	4H	?

♠ 7	♠ 1032	♠ A85	
♥ J63	♥ KQ105	♥ A972	
♦ 7543	♦ KJ9	♦ AQ10	
♣ 106532	♣ A87	♣ J9	
	♠ KQJ964		
	♥ 84		
	♦ 86		
	♣ KQ4		
S	W	N	E
1S	P	2C	P
2S	P	4S	P*

\*Despite not doubling west leads a club.

\*Despite not doubling west leads a club.

West misses diamond  
lead. C5 lead, won  
with CK.  
Trumps drawn. (East  
wins 2nd round and  
returns last trump.)  
Clubs are eliminated.  
Declarer leads to HK  
East MUST duck and  
duck again when  
declarer leads a low  
heart from dummy,  
because east has  
NO SAFE EXIT card.  
When HK holds de-  
clarer cannot recover.

	♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?
	♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?
	♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?
	♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?
	♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?
	♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?
	♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?
	♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?
S	W	N	E

♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?	
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?	
♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?	
♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?	
S	W	N	E

♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?	
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?	
♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?	
♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?	
S	W	N	E

♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?	
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?	
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♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?	
S	W	N	E

♠ ?	♠ ?	♠ ?	
♥ ?	♥ ?	♥ ?	
♦ ?	♦ ?	♦ ?	
♣ ?	♣ ?	♣ ?	
S	W	N	E

## CARELESS DISCARDS

♠ 10542  
♥ 862  
♦ Q5  
♣ QJ62

♠ A7  
♥ J93  
♦ A1064  
♣ K1085

♠ KJ986  
♥ 104  
♦ 972  
♣ A97

♠ Q3  
♥ AKQ75  
♦ KJ83  
♣ 43

On the 3rd trump east discards D9 which tells declarer that she hasn't got DQ.

Finesse is now easy for south.

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2D	P
2H	P	4H	

S3 lead.  
S4-S10- SA.  
D2-D7-DJ-D10  
Then error  
D3-H2-D8-D9

This discard sows doubt in west's mind who switches to 10C as requested.  
**DISASTER.**  
H9 to continue spades sets contract.

♠ 9832  
♥ J54  
♦ AQ97  
♣ 104

♠ KJ64  
♥ A863  
♦ KJ43  
♣ J

♠ A  
♥ KQ10  
♦ 8652  
♣ A9763

♠ Q1075  
♥ 972  
♦ 10  
♣ KQ852

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1D	P
2D	P	2S	P
2NT	P	3NT	P

♠ 103  
♥ J97  
♦ K107652  
♣ 98

♠ 9765  
♥ AK32  
♦ A3  
♣ QJ10

♠ 4  
♥ Q1086  
♦ QJ4  
♣ 75432

♠ AKQJ82  
♥ 54  
♦ 98  
♣ AK6

**KEEP LENGTH WITH DUMMY**

If east discards a heart declarer will make all 13 tricks. After ruffing H3 the H2 will be trick 13 when the D9 is thrown.

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4D	P
4NT	P	5H	P
6S			

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

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♥ ?  
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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
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♥ ?  
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S	W	N	E

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♦ ?  
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S	W	N	E

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E



## LESS OBVIOUS OPENING LEADS

**MUD LEAD**

Short suit  
MUD lead  
worked well.

♠ 985  
♥ K94  
♦ A109  
♣ J985

♠ Q72  
♥ Q762  
♦ Q5  
♣ K1042

♠ KJ1064  
♥ 853  
♦ J843  
♣ 6

♠ A3  
♥ AJ10  
♦ K762  
♣ AQ73

S	W	N	E	P
1C	P	1H		
2NT	P	3NT		

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**KING LEAD**

West led HK!  
East obviously must  
NOT unblock,  
as is usual  
opposite king  
leads to NTs

♠ Q9862  
♥ KQ9  
♦ J943  
♣ 3

♠ K3  
♥ 102  
♦ AQ875  
♣ QJ54

♠ A1054  
♥ A83  
♦ 62  
♣ AK82

♠ J7  
♥ J7654  
♦ K10  
♣ 10976

S	W	N	E	P
1S	P	2D		
2NT	P	3NT		

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After an  
artificial 1C  
(16+) west  
overcalls 1S  
(poor but  
disruptive)  
E/W bid  
confidently to  
3NT.

♠ J9763  
♥ J107  
♦ 4  
♣ A732

♠ 10542  
♥ 982  
♦ A1097  
♣ J8

♠ Q8  
♥ Q543  
♦ KQ3  
♣ 10964

♠ AK  
♥ AK6  
♦ J8652  
♣ KQ5

S	W	N	E	P
1C	1S	2D		
2NT	P	3NT		

**LEAD HJ**  
sets the  
contract for a  
top!

**MUD**

**DECEPTION!**

West led CJ!  
East wins with  
CK and returns  
CA . West  
completes the  
peter, When a  
3rd club is led  
south ruffs with  
SK! Now losing  
2 clubs & 2  
trumps.

♠ 32  
♥ 108643  
♦ K103  
♣ J72

♠ QJ65  
♥ K9  
♦ J6  
♣ 108654

♠ K987  
♥ AQJ  
♦ AQ75  
♣ Q3

♠ A104  
♥ 752  
♦ 9842  
♣ AK9

S	W	N	E	P
1S	P	3S		
4S				

Teams of 8. 01-08

West, not  
wanting to lead  
from either  
minor or a poor  
major to four,  
leads S6. East  
must play low  
on this with no  
outside entry.  
D8 to DK.  
S7 to SA.  
DQ to DA and  
S5 sets contract

♠ 765  
♥ Q873  
♦ AK  
♣ K762

♠ A4  
♥ AJ94  
♦ QJ1072  
♣ J8

♠ K9832  
♥ 1052  
♦ 95  
♣ 1095

♠ QJ10  
♥ K6  
♦ 8643  
♣ AQ43

S	W	N	E	P
1NT	P	2C		
2D	P	3NT		

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**NOT 4TH  
HIGHEST**

South has only  
3 spades, so  
partner has at  
least 4. Leading  
from clubs  
gives the contract.

♠ 108  
♥ J742  
♦ 875  
♣ AQ95

♠ Q964  
♥ 865  
♦ K9  
♣ K742

♠ K52  
♥ AKQ  
♦ AQ42  
♣ J103

♠ AJ73  
♥ 1093  
♦ J1063  
♣ 86

S	W	N	E	P
2NT	p	3C*		
3NT				

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\*Puppet Stayman

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

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♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E

## FORCING DEFENCE

♠ K753  
 ♥ 632  
 ♦ K9764  
 ♣ 6

♠ J8  
 ♥ AJ9  
 ♦ J32  
 ♣ KQJ107

♠ 2  
 ♥ 1054  
 ♦ AQ1085  
 ♣ A985

♠ AQ10964  
 ♥ KQ87  
 ♦ -  
 ♣ 432

N 1NT 2D  
 E P P  
 S 2C 4S  
 W P

Really easy defence 90

With four trumps, don't play for ruffs. Lead your long suit - D4 and continue diamonds when in with SK

♠ 654  
 ♥ J53  
 ♦ 864  
 ♣ AJ95

♠ KQJ109  
 ♥ A642  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ 43

♠ 73  
 ♥ KQ1097  
 ♦ KQJ10  
 ♣ K2

♠ A82  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ 7532  
 ♣ Q10876

S 1H 3H  
 W 1S P  
 N 2H P  
 E 2S P

Really easy defence 91

SK lead. 3rd spade ruffed. West must duck HK & HQ. Take 3rd round

♠ AK42  
 ♥ A642  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ 954

♠ J65  
 ♥ QJ73  
 ♦ K864  
 ♣ AK

♠ Q1093  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ J107  
 ♣ 108762

♠ 87  
 ♥ K1095  
 ♦ AQ93  
 ♣ QJ3

S 1NT 2H  
 W P P  
 N 2C 4H  
 E P

Really easy defence 92

Lead - SA & SK 3rd spade is ruffed. West must now duck HQ & HK

♠ K82  
 ♥ QJ7  
 ♦ Q86  
 ♣ AJ97

♠ J1094  
 ♥ 6432  
 ♦ 93  
 ♣ 542

♠ 73  
 ♥ AK1095  
 ♦ KJ105  
 ♣ K3

♠ AQ65  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ A742  
 ♣ Q1086

S 1H 2D  
 W P P  
 N 2C 4H  
 E P

Really easy defence 93

Lead - SJ 3rd spade ruffed. If declarer draws all trumps E/W take DA and a spade. If declarer draws 2 rounds and switches to diamonds east must hold off 1st round and give west a ruff

♠ Q654  
 ♥ 54  
 ♦ AJ953  
 ♣ A4

♠ 98  
 ♥ AKJ63  
 ♦ Q74  
 ♣ J76

♠ 2  
 ♥ Q1087  
 ♦ K862  
 ♣ 9532

♠ AKJ1073  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ KQ108

S 1S 3S  
 W P P  
 N 2H 4S  
 E P

Terence Reese

On DA lead, east plays D8 encouraging. Continuation is ruffed. When bad trump break shows, south plays on clubs but west can play another diamond.

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S W N E

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 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

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♠ ?  
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 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S W N E

# THE SWITCH IN MID GAME

♠ KJ98	♠ A7432	♠ 105
♥ AQ10	♥ 942	♥ J875
♦ K10	♦ J8	♦ 932
♣ 9763	♣ J82	♣ AK54
	♠ Q6	
	♥ K63	
	♦ AQ7654	
	♣ Q10	

S	W	N	E
1D	X	1S	X
2D	P	P	P

## LAST CHANCE C7 LEAD

After cashing  
CAK east will  
never be on  
lead again and  
west is likely to  
be end played.  
So lead HJ to  
retain the lead  
as long as  
possible.

## NO RETURN S2 LEAD

East wins SA.  
Declarer has  
four spades.

East switches  
to D2. Low  
card switch  
requests a  
continuation.  
DJ, DA & D8.  
1NT -1

♠ 10862	♠ Q74	♠ A9
♥ K9	♥ QJ105	♥ 8762
♦ AJ8	♦ 103	♦ K9752
♣ 10542	♣ KJ73	♣ Q9
	♠ KJ53	
	♥ A43	
	♦ Q64	
	♣ A86	

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

♠ K1065	♠ Q94	♠ 732
♥ 862	♥ K93	♥ A7
♦ J10932	♦ 5	♦ Q864
♣ 3	♣ KQJ942	♣ A875
	♠ AJ8	
	♥ QJ1054	
	♦ AK7	
	♣ 106	

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
2NT	P	3H	P
4H			

## LAST CHANCE C3 LEAD

East can see  
three tricks HA,  
CA, club ruff!

Spade switch  
required before  
club ruff given!

## ONE CHANCE HK LEAD

East can  
visualise three  
tricks. HA, SA  
and a ruff.

East overtakes  
HK leads

S9 and west  
returns a  
spade. Easy!

♠ AQJ85	♠ K7654	♠ 9
♥ KQJ5	♥ 96	♥ A108732
♦ 2	♦ KQ53	♦ 84
♣ 875	♣ 32	♣ Q964
	♠ 103	
	♥ 4	
	♦ AJ10976	
	♣ AKJ10	

S	W	N	E
1D	X	1S	3H
4C	4H	5D	P
P	P		

♠ 7	♠ K1065	♠ 842
♥ 8752	♥ J103	♥ AQ9
♦ A742	♦ KQJ5	♦ 863
♣ K1076	♣ J9	♣ 8532
	♠ AQJ93	
	♥ K64	
	♦ 109	
	♣ AQ4	

S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	P
4S			

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## OMINOUS DIAMONDS H7 LEAD

If Declarer has  
HK and all the  
trumps only a  
club switch will  
stop declarer  
making 11  
tricks. The club  
loser would  
vanish on  
diamonds.

## TRUMP SWITCH S6 LEAD to SA D9-D10-DQ-DK.

West switches  
to HA and  
another. South  
now has no  
entry to dummy  
and fails.

(Club switch  
would be fatal).

♠ J7642	♠ AQ1053	♠ K9
♥ A74	♥ 93	♥ 82
♦ K32	♦ 95	♦ J1076
♣ A8	♣ 10654	♣ QJ932
	♠ 8	
	♥ KQJ1065	
	♦ AQ84	
	♣ K7	

S	W	N	E
1H	1S?	P	P
2H	P	P	2S?
3H			

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♠ 1064	♠ AQ9	♠ J752
♥ 65	♥ KQ104	♥ A832
♦ AJ85	♦ K104	♦ Q9
♣ K1072	♣ QJ4	♣ 865
	♠ K83	
	♥ J97	
	♦ 7632	
	♣ A93	

S	W	N	E
P	P	1H	P
1NT	P	3NT	

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## NO SWITCH! D5 LEAD

East wins D9 &  
returns DQ. West  
ducks. Now when  
east gets in with  
CK, E/W have 5  
tricks.

At the table, east  
switched to C6 &  
west cashed DA  
giving declarer 9  
tricks.

## NEVER IN AGAIN! DQ LEAD

East wins DK  
with DA and  
switches to S5

At the table, east  
simply returned  
a diamond.  
Now one spade  
vanishes on the  
C6

♠ AJ1083	♠ 76	♠ Q542
♥ J5	♥ KQ8	♥ 432
♦ QJ106	♦ K75	♦ A983
♣ J3	♣ KQ642	♣ 107
	♠ K9	
	♥ A10976	
	♦ 42	
	♣ A985	

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	4H	P

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# GOOD TRAINING ON COUNT & LEADS

<p>♠ 43 ♥ Q72 ♦ 87652 ♣ 1098</p>	<p>♠ A862 ♥ 105 ♦ KQ1093 ♣ AK</p> <p>♠ KQJ107 ♥ 943 ♦ J4 ♣ QJ7</p>	<p>♠ 95 ♥ AKJ86 ♦ A ♣ 65432</p>	<p><b>LEADING PARTNER'S SUIT.</b> <b>♥2 LEAD</b></p> <p>Low from an honour to 3 or 4.</p> <p>East wins ♥K, unblocks ♦A and returns a heart to west's ♥Q.</p> <p>A diamond ruff sets the contract!</p>	<p><b>LEADING DOUBLETONS</b> <b>♥8 LEAD</b></p> <p>With FEW pts. it is OK to play a hi-lo looking for a ruff. When this works cash your ♣A to set the contract!</p>	<p>♠ 96 ♥ 85 ♦ 108753 ♣ A972</p>	<p>♠ 8532 ♥ 96 ♦ AKQ9 ♣ KQ6</p> <p>♠ AKQ104 ♥ QJ732 ♦ 6 ♣ J3</p>	<p>♠ J7 ♥ AK104 ♦ J42 ♣ 10854</p>																						
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<p>♠ AQ5 ♥ 10 ♦ AK9753 ♣ 953</p>	<p>♠ 86 ♥ KQJ5 ♦ 104 ♣ KQJ82</p> <p>♠ KJ9 ♥ A97432 ♦ 86 ♣ A7</p>	<p>♠ 107432 ♥ 86 ♦ QJ2 ♣ 1064</p>	<p><b>THROWING QUEEN ON PARTNER'S ACE</b> <b>♦A LEAD</b></p> <p>Unless east plays ♦Q (to show ♦J) there is no defence.* West continues ♦9 to ♦J and the spade switch sets the contract</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> *With Qx, you cannot show the doubleton.</p>	<p><b>M.U.D.</b> <b>♦7 LEAD</b></p> <p>East wins ♦Q and ♦A.</p> <p>West's ♦9 shows <b>THREE</b> cards.</p> <p>With no ruff available, east leads up to weakness in dummy, (clubs) to set the contract.</p>	<p>♠ 6432 ♥ J4 ♦ 972 ♣ AQ83</p>	<p>♠ AKJ5 ♥ Q87 ♦ K105 ♣ 102</p> <p>♠ Q8 ♥ AK1062 ♦ J8 ♣ KJ54</p>	<p>♠ 1097 ♥ 953 ♦ AQ643 ♣ 976</p>																		
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<p>♠ A2 ♥ AQ8 ♦ QJ108 ♣ 9742</p>	<p>♠ Q97 ♥ K75 ♦ K52 ♣ KQ85</p> <p>♠ KJ1064 ♥ 1092 ♦ A ♣ AJ106</p>	<p>♠ 853 ♥ J643 ♦ 97643 ♣ 3</p>	<p><b>LISTEN TO THE BIDDING</b> <b>♣7 LEAD</b></p> <p>(Partner has a singleton club).</p> <p>Win trick 2 immediately with ♠A.</p> <p>Return ♣9 to tell east you want a heart return. (A McKenney signal).</p>	<p><b>NO RUFF</b> <b>♦A LEAD</b></p> <p>East plays ♦4, low from THREE.</p> <p>Declarer should play ♦8 or ♦7 at trick 1 to disguise east's count signal.</p> <p>On ♦K, east plays ♦9, a McKenney signal, asking for heart switch.</p>	<p>♠ 65 ♥ 874 ♦ AK10 ♣ 97653</p>	<p>♠ KJ98 ♥ K652 ♦ QJ52 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ AQ732 ♥ J3 ♦ 873 ♣ KQJ</p>	<p>♠ 104 ♥ AQ109 ♦ 964 ♣ 10842</p>																						
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\*Declarer should play clubs for a spade ditch before playing trumps. Sadly even this play fails on a bad 6-2 club break.

*DECEPTION/FALSE CARDING*

**ESTABLISHING**  
**S9 LEAD to SA**  
**DA & D8 cont.**

**Win DK.**  
**C4 to CA -**  
**Ruff C2 with H7**  
**H2 to HJ -**  
**Ruff C3 with HQ**  
**H6 to H10 -**  
**Ruff C5 with HK**

**Declarer mis-**  
**counted clubs**  
**when west threw**  
**CK on 2nd ruff!**

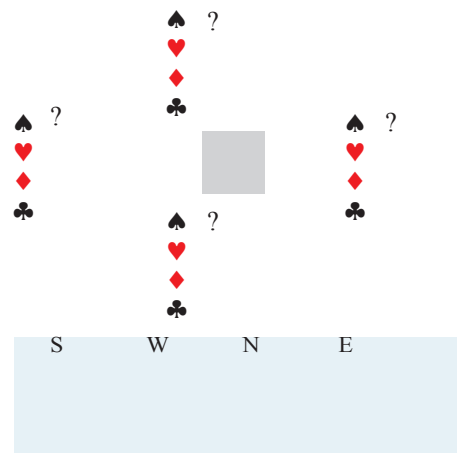
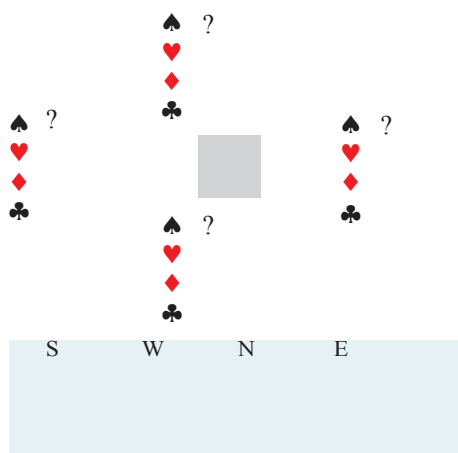
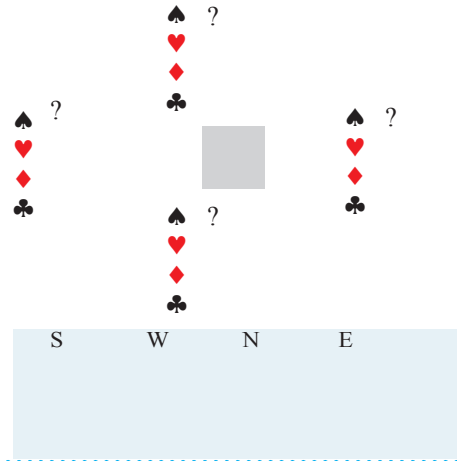
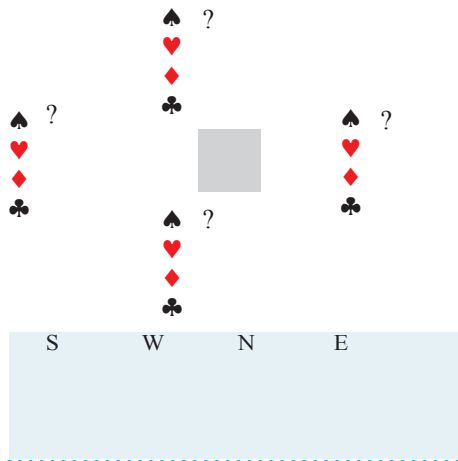
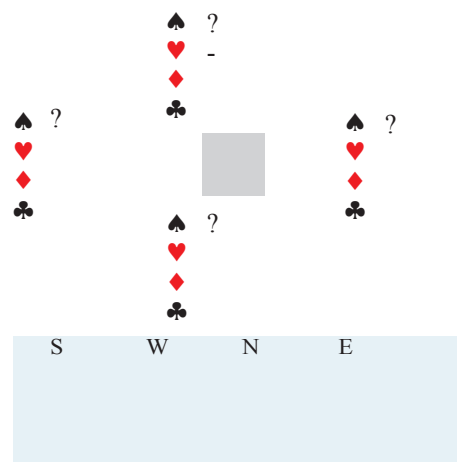
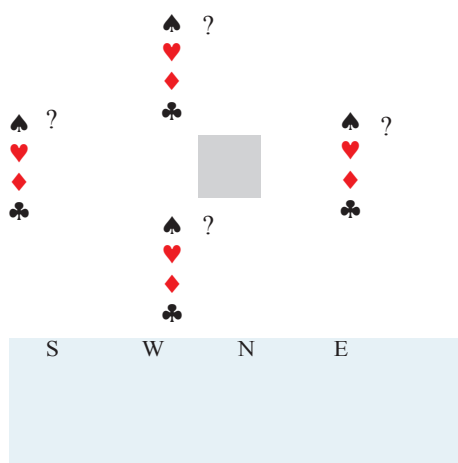
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 ♣ A86532

♠ 95  
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 ♦ 10742  
 ♣ K1097

♠ AK8763  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ AQJ8  
 ♣ QJ

♠ QJ104  
 ♥ KQ762  
 ♦ K96  
 ♣ 4

E	S	W	N
1S	2H	P	4H
4S	X	P	5H
P	P	P	



# TRUMP PROMOTION THE UPPERCUT

South plays in 4♥ UPPERCUT 1.

East cashes SA & SK  
If declarer discards, then west will ruff.  
If declarer ruffs low, west will over-ruff.  
If declarer ruffs with a high heart, west's ♥QJ holding is promoted as the setting trick.

West leads ♠A.  
East plays hi-lo  
West continues with ♠7!!! to dummy's ♠10.  
**East must ruff high.**  
This establishes west's ♦J as the setting trick.

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3H	P
4H			

♠ 65  
♥ QJ  
♦ QJ7653  
♣ 1097  
 ♠ Q432  
♥ 9875  
♦ 108  
♣ AQJ  
 ♠ J10  
♥ AK1043  
♦ AK9  
♣ 863  
 ♠ AK987  
♥ 62  
♦ 42  
♣ K542

S	W	N	E
1D	1S	3D	P
5D			

♠ 1065  
♥ AKJ  
♦ 10976  
♣ K93  
 ♠ 93  
♥ Q95  
♦ AK853  
♣ AQJ  
 ♠ AKQ742  
♥ 763  
♦ J4  
♣ 105  
 ♠ J8  
♥ 10842  
♦ Q2  
♣ 87642

West leads H9.  
East wins two hearts and play back a 3rd South may well ruff with the ♠10.  
West can discard a club or diamond & score two trump tricks later.  
If west makes the mistake of over-ruffing with the ♠K, south can make the contract.

UPPERCUT 2.  
♦K lead, won by ♦A  
A club to dummy & a double finesse in hearts loses to ♥A.  
West cashes ♦Q and plays a 3rd diamond  
East ruffs with the ♥Q, forcing declarer to overruff.  
West's ♥9 then becomes the setting trick.

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2H	P
2NT	P	3S	P
4S			

♠ 875  
♥ Q8432  
♦ 108  
♣ AKQ  
 ♠ 6  
♥ AK65  
♦ QJ62  
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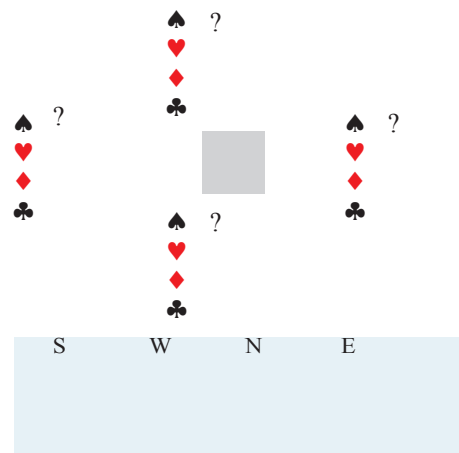
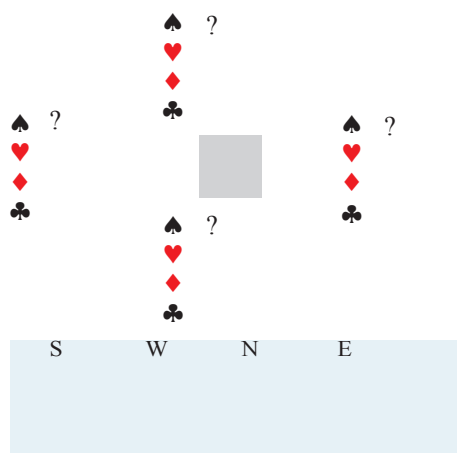
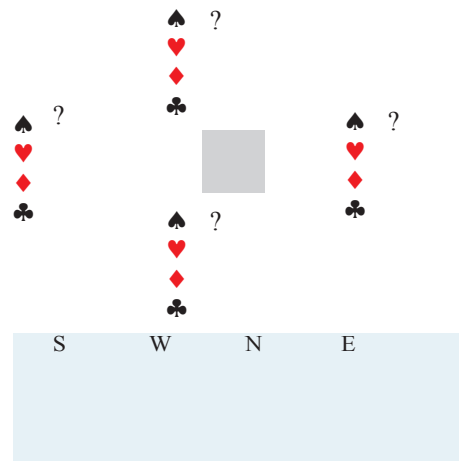
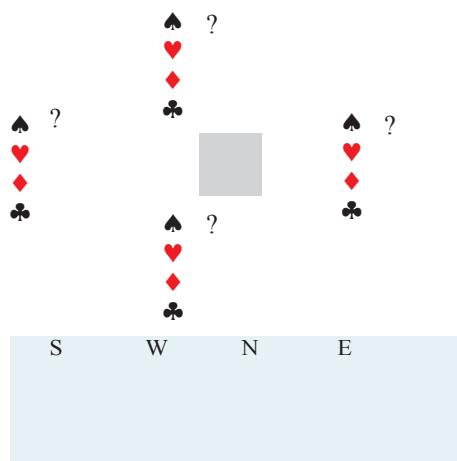
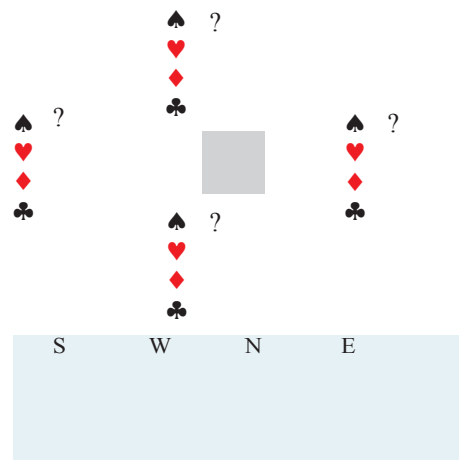
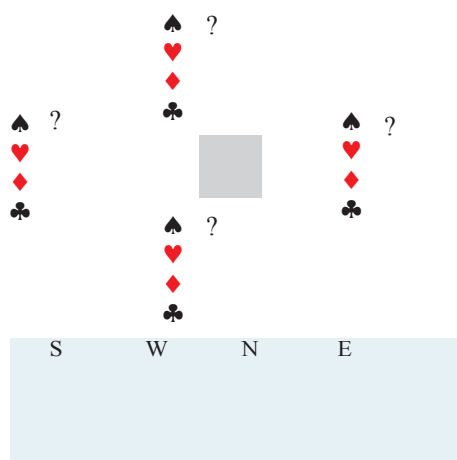
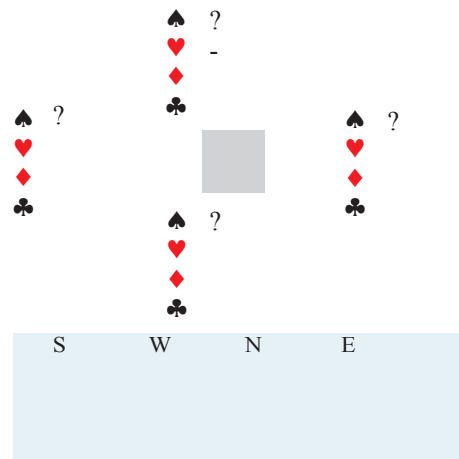
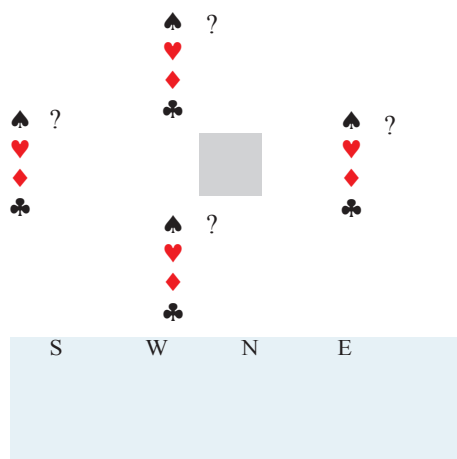
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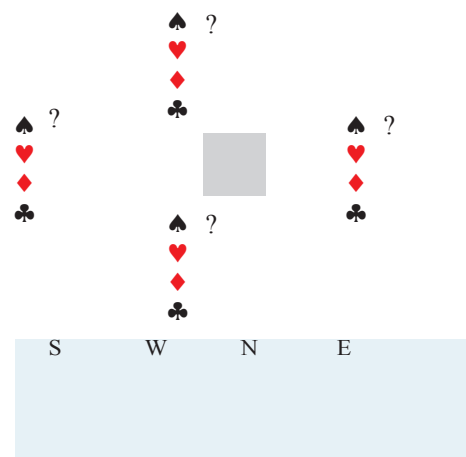
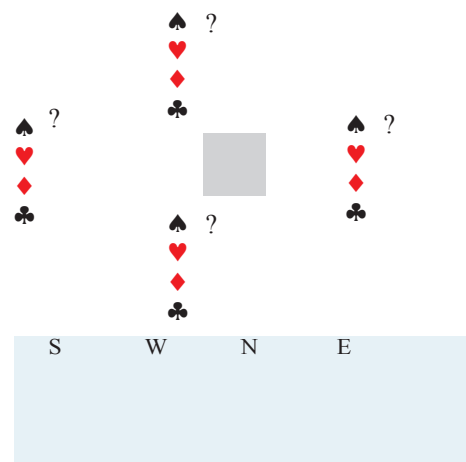
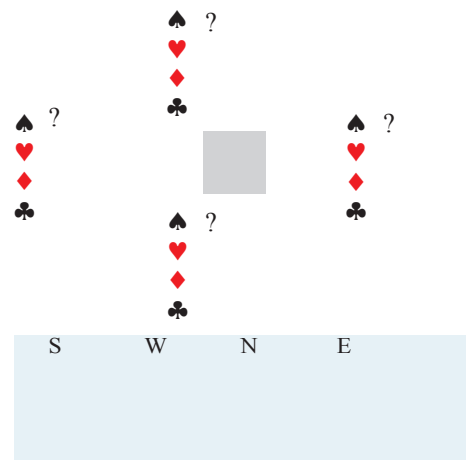
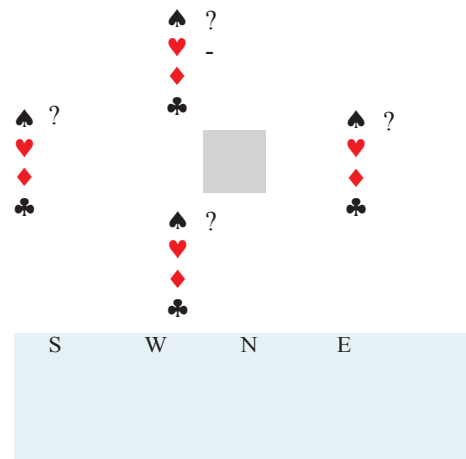
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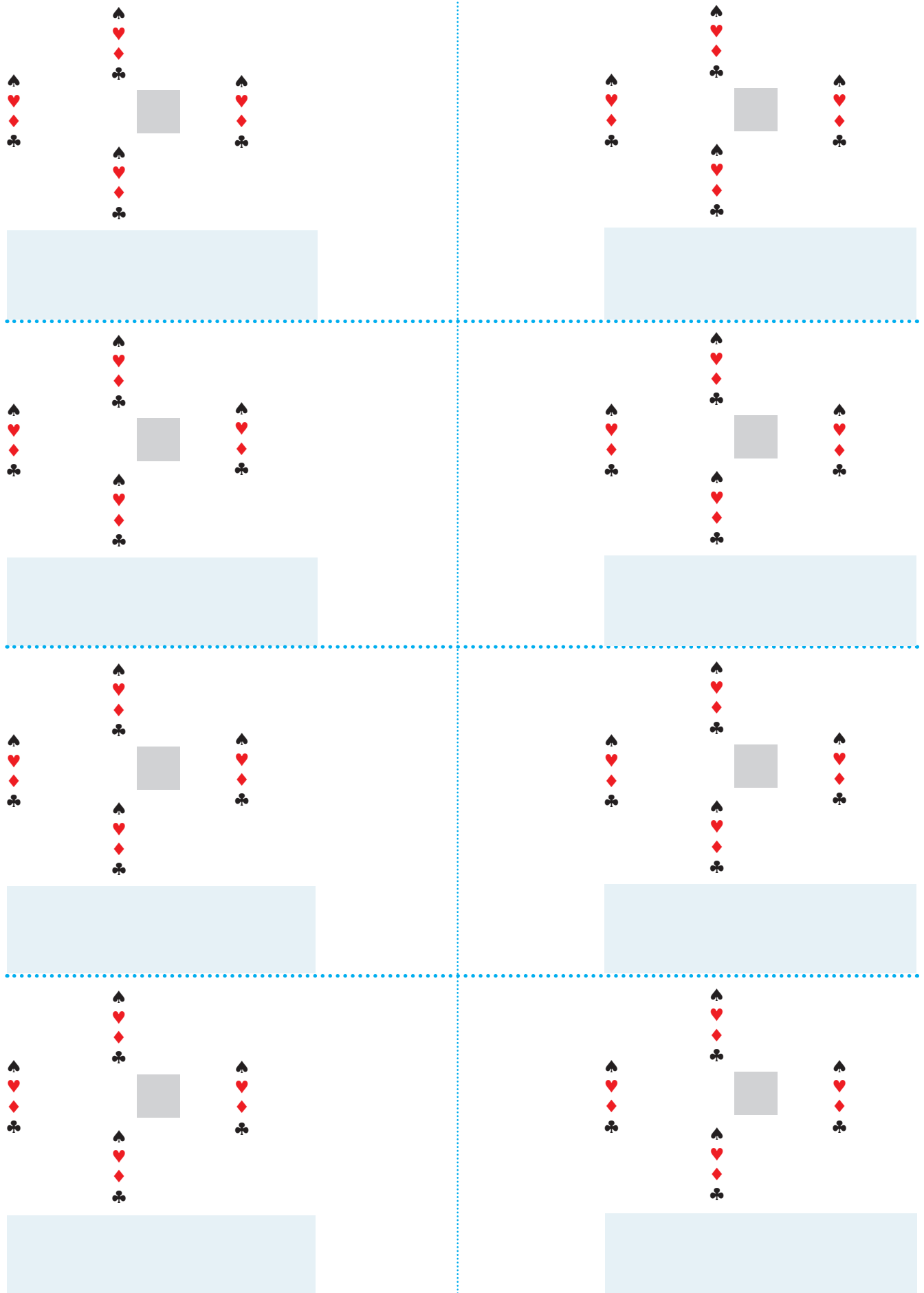
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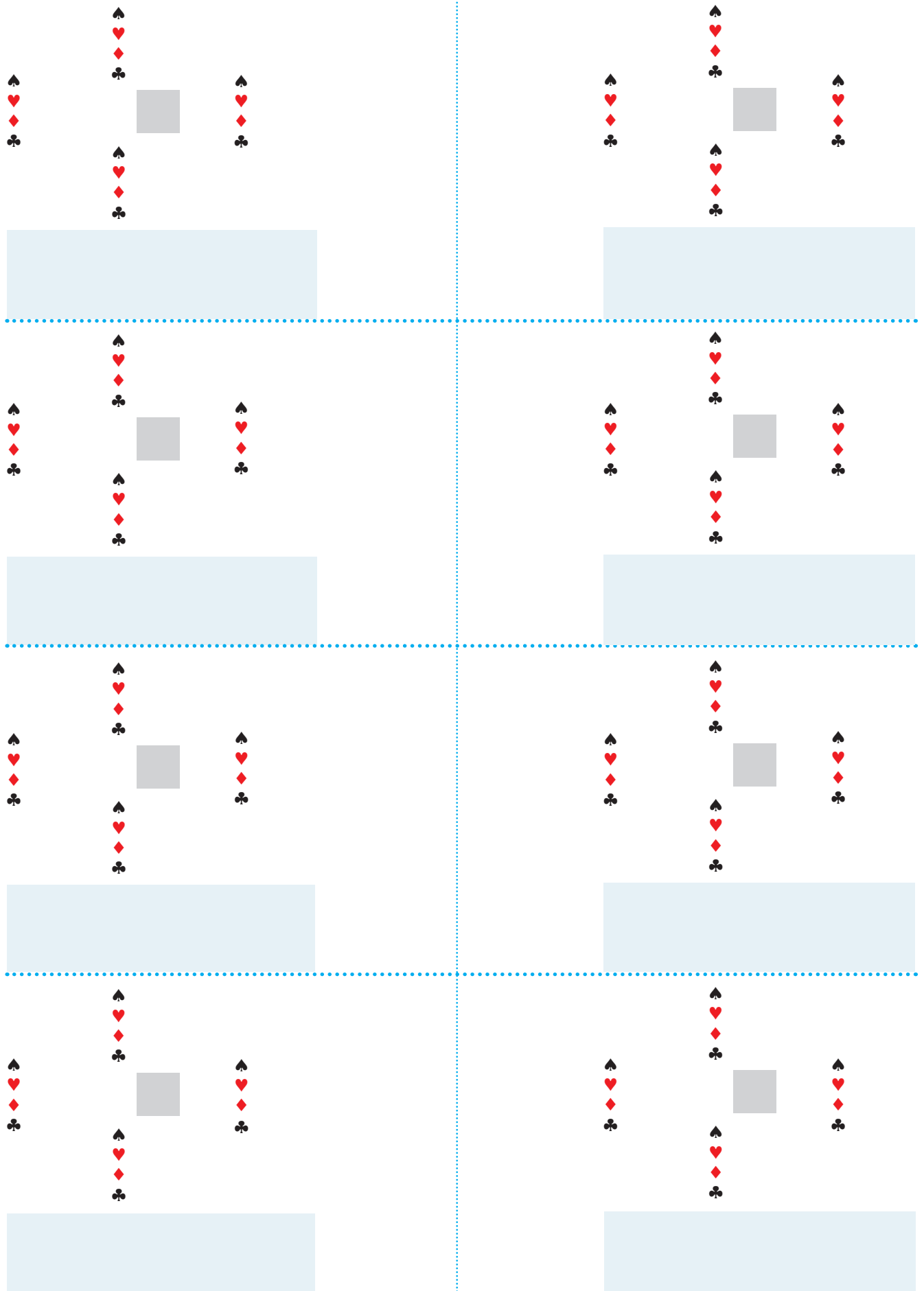
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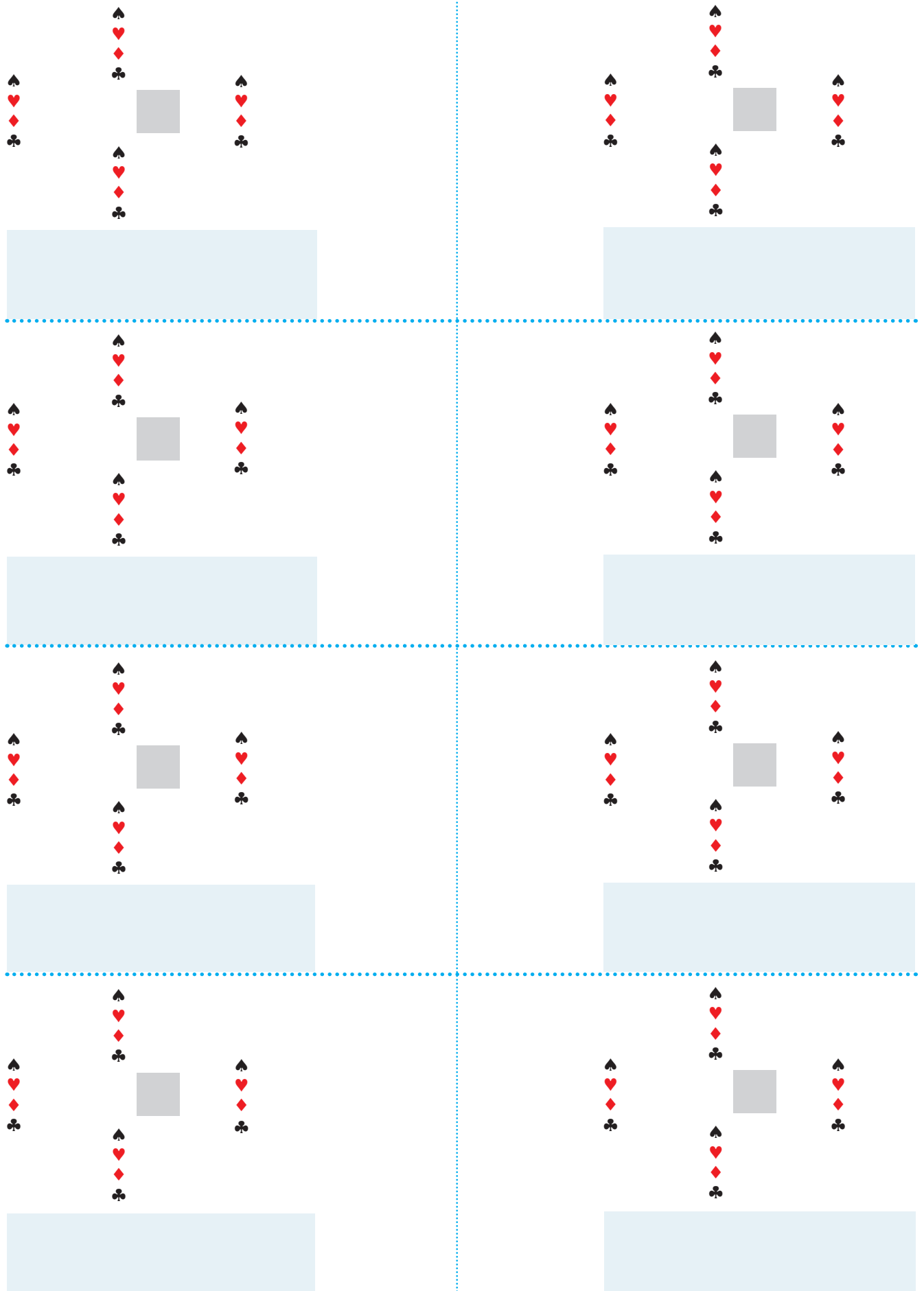












# UNDERSTANDING SCORING & VULNERABILITY

<p>♠ 8632 ♥ 87 ♦ A652 ♣ KQ7</p>		<p>♠ J95 ♥ KQ54 ♦ 1093 ♣ J64</p>		<p>♠ AQ104 ♥ 62 ♦ K84 ♣ 10982</p>		<p><b>E/W Vulnerable</b></p> <p>West's pass would close the auction. N/S would play comfortably in 2H.</p> <p>West must compete with a X. 2H scores -110 2S scores +110</p> <p>On another day even -50 /-100 is better than -110</p>	<p><b>Game all</b></p> <p>West's pass would close the auction. N/S would play comfortably in 2S.</p> <p>West must compete with a X. 2S scores -110 3C +110</p> <p>On another day even -50 /-100 is better than -110</p>	<p>♠ K1097 ♥ Q652 ♦ 1073 ♣ Q6</p>		<p>♠ 85 ♥ K87 ♦ J865 ♣ AJ105</p>		<p>♠ AQJ62 ♥ A4 ♦ K94 ♣ 843</p>		<table><tr><th>S</th><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th></tr><tr><td>1H</td><td>P</td><td>2H</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>P/X</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	W	N	E	1H	P	2H	P	P	P/X				
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## STRONG HANDS

**FORCING TO GAME!**

**HA LEAD**

4S is cold but is your rebid forcing after 2D?

S: ♠ 73, ♥ J872, ♦ 9753, ♣ 983  
W: ♠ J6, ♥ AK964, ♦ QJ4, ♣ J62  
N: ♠ AK10984, ♥ -, ♦ AK108, ♣ AK4  
E: -

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2S?	P	P?	

**LEAD PROHIBITING OPENING BID**

**D2 LEAD**  
The one lead you don't want is a club, so bid it!

(Your rebid and contract is always likely to be NTs)

Diamond lead gives 12 tricks

S: ♠ 973, ♥ 873, ♦ 10852, ♣ K97  
W: ♠ KQJ65, ♥ K95, ♦ K93, ♣ Q8  
N: ♠ 42, ♥ 10642, ♦ Q6, ♣ A6432  
E: ♠ A108, ♥ AQJ, ♦ AJ74, ♣ J105

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1S	P
2NT	P	3NT	

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**TOO STRONG TO OVERCALL 1NT**

**C5 LEAD**  
OK this sequence is once in 4 years

A 1NT overcall shows 16-19 HCPs

With 20+ double 1st then bid NTs at cheapest level.

Responder can use Stayman/transfers

S: ♠ 96, ♥ A652, ♦ J9874, ♣ 42  
W: ♠ Q8753, ♥ 943, ♦ 653, ♣ 53  
N: ♠ A4, ♥ KQJ8, ♦ Q102, ♣ AKQ9  
E: ♠ KJ102, ♥ 107, ♦ AK, ♣ J10876

E	S	W	N
1C	X	P	1D
P	1NT	P	2C
P	2H	P	4H

**JUMP SHIFT**

S: ♠ 1093, ♥ QJ6532, ♦ 986, ♣ 2  
W: ♠ AKQJ42, ♥ K, ♦ Q4, ♣ A1084  
N: ♠ 875, ♥ 187, ♦ 1032, ♣ KJ53  
E: ♠ 6, ♥ A94, ♦ AKJ75, ♣ Q976

S	W	N	E
1D	P	2S	P
3C	P	3H	P
3NT	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6NT	

**JUMP SHIFT**

S: ♠ 2, ♥ KQ, ♦ AKQ9643, ♣ KJ4  
W: ♠ AJ63, ♥ 54, ♦ 872, ♣ Q862  
N: ♠ K108754, ♥ J106, ♦ 10, ♣ 753  
E: ♠ Q9, ♥ A98732, ♦ J5, ♣ A109

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3D	P
3H	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6H	

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**BITING BULLETS**

**DA LEAD**  
Sometimes you have to bite the bullet if there is no logical way to bid your hand.

West must have at least three spades & you are a 4 loser with a void in the pre-empters suit!

S: ♠ A87, ♥ AQJ6, ♦ J6, ♣ Q765  
W: ♠ J94, ♥ 10832, ♦ K1084, ♣ J2  
N: ♠ KQ1063, ♥ K75, ♦ -, ♣ AK983  
E: ♠ 52, ♥ 94, ♦ AQ97532, ♣ 104

S	W	N	E
3D	X	5D	6S

**NIMAN ISRAEL**

**HA LEAD - Ruff.**  
Low to SA  
C4 to CA - E/W follow  
SQ covered.  
Ruff with CQ  
When east follows you are home!  
Ruff D4  
Draw trumps.  
13 tricks.

S: ♠ A, ♥ KJ9753, ♦ QJ84, ♣ Q4  
W: ♠ K107, ♥ AQ1062, ♦ K632, ♣ 2  
N: ♠ 86, ♥ 84, ♦ A10975, ♣ 9865  
E: ♠ QJ95432, ♥ -, ♦ -, ♣ AKJ1073

S	W	N	E
1S	2H	P	P
3C	P	3NT	P
4C	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6C	

S: ♠ ?, ♥ ?, ♦ ?, ♣ ?  
W: ♠ ?, ♥ ?, ♦ ?, ♣ ?  
N: ♠ ?, ♥ ?, ♦ ?, ♣ ?  
E: ♠ ?, ♥ ?, ♦ ?, ♣ ?

S	W	N	E

## MIXTURE OF INTERMEDIATE THEMES

♠ J1094	♠ K82	♠ AQ65	
♥ 6432	♥ QJ7	♥ 8	
♦ 93	♦ Q86	♦ A742	
♣ 542	♣ AJ97	♣ Q1086	
	73		
	♥ AK1095		
	♦ KJ105		
	♣ K3		
S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
2D	P	4H	

**FORCING DEFENCE****LEAD - SJ**

3rd spade ruffed.  
If declarer draws all trumps E/W take DA and a spade. If declarer draws 2 rounds and switches to diamonds east must hold off 1st round and give west a ruff

**KING LEADS AGAINST NTS**

East plays S3 showing 3. So west can continue with SK dropping SJ. Now a 3rd spade

Now as long as east holds up CA on west's count signal, declarer only makes 8 tricks.

♠ KQ1085	♠ A72	♠ 943	
♥ K9	♥ 52	♥ 87643	
♦ J1092	♦ 843	♦ 75	
♣ 95	♣ KQJ72	♣ A83	
	♠ J6		
	♥ AQJ10		
	♦ AKQ6		
	♣ 1064		
S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
2NT	P	3NT	

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**N/S Vul**

N/S Vul		♠ Q10643	
		♥ J107	
		♦ KJ64	
		♣ J	
♠ 92			♠ AKJ5
♥ Q			♥ 84
♦ A1095			♦ Q872
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		♠ 87	
		♥ AK96532	
		♦ 3	
		♣ AK6	
S	W	N	E
1H	2C	X	2S
3H	P	4H	

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**LOSER ON LOSER S9 LEAD**

SK cashed. 3rd spade for ruff. Instead of ruffing with H9 south should simply throw D3.  
East's bid gave a great start to the defence.

**DUCKING IN DEFENCE HJ LEAD**

won by south. D7 to D3, DK and ?

If east wins this trick declarer makes!

♠ Q97	♠ J54	♠ 863	
♥ J10943	♥ A62	♥ 75	
♦ 843	♦ KQ1095	♦ AJ6	
♣ AJ	♣ 106	♣ 98532	
	♠ AK102		
	♥ KQ8		
	♦ 72		
	♣ KQ74		
S	W	N	E
1S	P	2D	P
2NT	P	3NT	

♠ KQJ76	♠ 52	♠ 1093	
♥ A2	♥ 943	♥ 865	
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	♥ KQJ107		
	♦ AK		
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S	W	N	E
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**PUPPET STAYMAN**

Without this you would not find the 5-3 fit. 3NT cannot make. In 4H, be careful to preserve the H9 as an entry to dummy after unblocking DA and DK.

**SUIT PREFERENCE SJ LEAD**

Tell partner not to return spades!

Throw 9S on 1st club lead to say hearts, not spades (or diamonds)

♠ J10952	♠ A8	♠ 764	
♥ AKJ2	♥ 1073	♥ 984	
♦ 10972	♦ A843	♦ 65	
♣ -	♣ Q1076	♣ A9854	
	♠ KQ3		
	♥ Q65		
	♦ KQJ		
	♣ KJ32		
S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2NT	P
3NT			

♠ 74	♠ AQJ6	♠ K2	
♥ 2	♥ QJ94	♥ 10875	
♦ Q10752	♦ 86	♦ J943	
♣ Q9865	♣ K42	♣ J107	
	♠ 109853		
	♥ AK63		
	♦ AK		
	♣ A3		
S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT*	P
3NT	P	4NT	P
5C	P	6S	
*Jacoby	2NT		

Klinger

\*Jacoby 2NT

Klinger

**JACOBY & NO FINESSE (avoiding a ruff) H2 LEAD**

12 tricks are safe if you win and play low to SA.

If east wins 2nd round west will have no trumps for the ruff.

**THROWING A QUEEN DA LEAD**

Unless east plays DQ (to show DJ) there is no defence.\*

West continues D9 to DJ and the spade switch sets the contract

\*With Q2, play 2

♠ AQ5	♠ 86	♠ 107432	
♥ 10	♥ KQJ5	♥ 86	
♦ AK9753	♦ 104	♦ QJ2	
♣ 953	♣ KQJ82	♣ 1064	
	♠ KJ9		
	♥ A97432		
	♦ 86		
	♣ A7		
S	W	N	E
1H	2D	4H	P

## TRANSFER QUIZ HANDS

## UNIT 9

**5 HEARTS,  
4 SPADES.  
11+ HCPs  
INVITATIONAL**

2♠ shows 11+pts.  
It is forcing for one round.

3♥ is a limit bid  
with only 12 HCPs

Pass = I Trust partner

♠ KQ108  
♥ KJ1054  
♦ QJ  
♣ 109

♠ 7643  
♥ 32  
♦ AK32  
♣ 653

♠ A92  
♥ Q98  
♦ 1097  
♣ KQJ8

♠ J5  
♥ A76  
♦ 8654  
♣ A742

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2D	P
2H	P	2S	P
3H	P	P	P

**6 HEARTS  
11+ HCPs  
GAME TRY**

Responder has  
a 6 loser and at  
least an 8 card  
trump suit

♠ 52  
♥ AK10875  
♦ 86  
♣ AQ10

♠ J10974  
♥ 2  
♦ 9543  
♣ 964

♠ K85  
♥ J96  
♦ AKJ2  
♣ J53

♠ AQ6  
♥ Q43  
♦ Q107  
♣ K872

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2D	P
2H	P	4H	P

**6 HEARTS  
9 HCPs**

After the  
completion of  
the transfer,  
3♥ shows a  
6 card suit  
& is invitational  
**only to 4♥.**  
(NOT 3NT!)

♠ J32  
♥ KQJ1087  
♦ K109  
♣ 5

♠ A864  
♥ 643  
♦ A2  
♣ 9864

♠ 75  
♥ A2  
♦ 7654  
♣ AQ1032

♠ KQ109  
♥ 95  
♦ QJ83  
♣ KJ7

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2D	P
2H	P	3H	P
P	P		

**WRIGGLE**  
After the X, all bids  
by north *would* be  
transfers.

Pass is forcing, so  
must be alerted!

"XX" as requested!

2D = lower of two  
4 card suits.

Pass = our best  
spot

♠ J85  
♥ 10975  
♦ Q1092  
♣ Q10

♠ K73  
♥ KQ6  
♦ AJ3  
♣ A983

♠ 10962  
♥ A432  
♦ 84  
♣ J74

♠ AQ4  
♥ J8  
♦ K765  
♣ K652

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	PASS	P
XX	P	2D	P
P	P		

**5 CARD MAJOR  
5 CARD MINOR**  
After the completion  
of the transfer,  
bidding a minor  
usually shows 5.  
(Unsuitable for NTs)

BUT if opener bids  
3NT, respect it and  
pass.

♠ 2  
♥ AK962  
♦ KJ1083  
♣ A6

♠ K9854  
♥ 754  
♦ 74  
♣ 1085

♠ J63  
♥ J83  
♦ AQ5  
♣ 9742

♠ AQ107  
♥ Q10  
♦ 962  
♣ KQJ3

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2D	P
2H	P	3D	P
3NT			

**WRIGGLE AFTER  
X IN PROTECTIVE  
POSITION**  
Responder is weak.

Opener could bid  
with a 5 card suit.

After opener's  
pass, responder's  
XX shows a 5 card  
minor.

South bids clubs.  
North is content!

♠ 632  
♥ 32  
♦ J102  
♣ QJ976

♠ 10985  
♥ J1096  
♦ 873  
♣ A2

♠ AK4  
♥ A85  
♦ AQ65  
♣ 854

♠ QJ7  
♥ KQ74  
♦ K94  
♣ K103

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	X
P	P	XX	P
2C	?	P	?

**MILD SLAM TRY**  
Any 3 level re-  
sponse is,  
(by agreement,) a  
mild slam try.

4NT agrees hearts.  
and is RKCB.  
5♠ = 2 key cards  
with ♥Q.

6♣ = 1 king

♠ A104  
♥ AKJ874  
♦ 6  
♣ A43

♠ Q753  
♥ 953  
♦ K75  
♣ QJ6

♠ J986  
♥ 6  
♦ J10984  
♣ 752

♠ K2  
♥ Q103  
♦ AQ32  
♣ K1098

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3H	P
4NT	P	5S	P
5NT	P	6C	P
6H			

**WRIGGLE AFTER  
X IN PROTECTIVE  
POSITION**  
Responder is weak.

In this sequence,  
when responder  
bids a suit, it  
shows the lower of  
**two** 4 card suits.

This gives opener  
a simple bid of 2♠

♠ J876  
♥ J1094  
♦ 109  
♣ 942

♠ 532  
♥ KQ3  
♦ J32  
♣ 7653

♠ K4  
♥ A765  
♦ Q874  
♣ AKQ

♠ AQ109  
♥ 82  
♦ AK65  
♣ J109

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	X
P	P	2H	X
2S	P	P	?

# LIGHT OPENING BIDS (3 criteria)

**YES**

17 tables passed this hand out. Yet south has 4 controls and is a 4.5 loser with a void. The game invitation was rejected **BECAUSE** it was known that others wouldn't open.

♠ K1073  
♥ Q85  
♦ K4  
♣ K642

♠ 964  
♥ KJ9  
♦ 976  
♣ AJ75

♠ J8  
♥ A106  
♦ QJ2  
♣ Q10983

♠ AQ52  
♥ 7432  
♦ A10853  
♣ -

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S	P
2S	P	3S	P
P	P		

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**NO**

South does not have 3 controls, 12 HCPs and is worse than a 7 loser. Losing -500♦ is a just reward for this opening bid!

Opening bids promise two of these: 3 controls 12 HCPs 7 loser.

♠ 5  
♥ A105  
♦ 9753  
♣ QJ653

♠ A6432  
♥ 743  
♦ K62  
♣ K9

♠ 97  
♥ Q962  
♦ AQ8  
♣ A742

♠ KQJ108  
♥ KJ8  
♦ J104  
♣ 108

S	W	N	E
1S	P	1NT	X
2S	X	P	P
P			

Brunton Teams of 8-09/08

**YES**

With an ace missing and two small doubletons north took a small risk, in bidding the slam, but south HAD opened. It was reasonable to expect more than 9 pts.

♠ AKQ4  
♥ AQJ43  
♦ 106  
♣ 82

♠ 3  
♥ 10972  
♦ 743  
♣ KQJ93

♠ J8  
♥ K865  
♦ J52  
♣ A1054

♠ 1097652  
♥ -  
♦ AKQ98  
♣ 76

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT	P
3D	P	4NT	P
5D	P	6S	

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**YES**

Opening bids promise two of these: 3 controls, 12 HCPs 7 loser. Short on pts. but 6 loser & 3 controls. With 18 pts in north, slam is investigated by four pairs & bid. by only two.

♠ A42  
♥ Q8  
♦ AK653  
♣ KQ9

♠ Q3  
♥ 10975432  
♦ 104  
♣ A4

♠ 107  
♥ KJ  
♦ QJ9872  
♣ 863

♠ KJ9865  
♥ A6  
♦ -  
♣ J10752

S	W	N	E
1S	?	2D	P
2S	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6H	

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**YES -**

and in protective position should make a ropening double after south's overall.

♠ J9862  
♥ 9732  
♦ 83  
♣ KJ

♠ AK73  
♥ J10865  
♦ -  
♣ Q965

♠ Q5  
♥ 4  
♦ QJ10642  
♣ A743

♠ 104  
♥ AKQ  
♦ AK975  
♣ 1082

S	W	N	E
2D	P	P	1H
P	P	P	X

17 Kempson Vases qualifier

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

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♦ ?  
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♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

# TAKEOUT & OTHER DOUBLES

<p>♠ A9 ♥ AJ10972 ♦ KQ6 ♣ 74</p>	<p>♠ Q752 ♥ 63 ♦ A9 ♣ AKJ92</p>	<p>♠ 1083 ♥ KQ85 ♦ 52 ♣ 10653</p>
<p>W 1H 4H 1H 4H</p>	<p>N X 4S 2C This 2nd auction is poor</p>	<p>E 2H ? 2H P/3D</p>
<p>S 2S</p>	<p>♠ KJ64 ♥ 4 ♦ J108743 ♣ Q8</p>	

## X OR BID

Traditionally a takeout double promises support for the other three suits. This hand may illustrate the importance of using a X to promise four of the other major.

## 4NT TAKEOUT

T.O. doubles are usually played up to 3S. So how do you ask partner to takeout after 4 level pre-empts?

4C, 4D and 4H are tricky but after 4S use 4NT as takeout. Double for penalties.

<p>♠ AKQJ8654 ♥ 53 ♦ 5 ♣ Q</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ AQ1072 ♦ KQ6 ♣ AJ1063</p>	<p>♠ 1032 ♥ J984 ♦ A1098 ♣ 842</p>
<p>W 4S P</p>	<p>N 4NT P</p>	<p>E P ?</p>
<p>S 5C//5D</p>	<p>♠ 97 ♥ K6 ♦ J7432 ♣ K975</p>	

<p>♠ AQ4 ♥ KJ8632 ♦ 107 ♣ J7</p>	<p>♠ 963 ♥ 5 ♦ AK43 ♣ 86532</p>	<p>♠ 1087 ♥ 10 ♦ QJ965 ♣ AQ94</p>
<p>S 1H 2H P</p>	<p>W P X</p>	<p>N 1NT P</p>
<p>E P</p>	<p>♠ KJ52 ♥ AQ974 ♦ 82 ♣ K10</p>	

## LOW LEVEL PENALTY

We suggest that you should play this double as a PENALTY double. NOT for takeout!

IF you do play this for penalty, you will need to alert it!

## OTHER TWO SUITS

East opens 1C. West responds 1D. North, with the other two suits, can double!

East supports hearts and south can now compete with 2S.

<p>♠ Q65 ♥ A8763 ♦ J9 ♣ 652</p>	<p>♠ KJ72 ♥ 10 ♦ KQ8652 ♣ 43</p>	<p>♠ 43 ♥ K942 ♦ A7 ♣ AK1097</p>
<p>W P 1H ?</p>	<p>N P X</p>	<p>E 1C 2H</p>
<p>S P 2S</p>	<p>♠ A1098 ♥ QJ5 ♦ 1043 ♣ QJ8</p>	

<p>♠ AQ1085 ♥ K9 ♦ A52 ♣ Q98</p>	<p>♠ K6 ♥ AQ87 ♦ J1076 ♣ 542</p>	<p>♠ J974 ♥ 432 ♦ 8 ♣ KJ1076</p>
<p>W 1S P 3S</p>	<p>N P X 4H</p>	<p>E 2S P</p>
<p>S 3H</p>	<p>♠ 32 ♥ J1065 ♦ KQ943 ♣ A3</p>	

## COMPETE WHEN THEY FIND FIT.

Points split 20/20 North makes a take-out X in protective position

4H makes 4S is 1 off

## RESPONDING

SK LEAD East has no pts, so win and finesse H10. Use diamonds to get back for 2 more heart finesses.

You must not give lead away!

<p>♠ KQJ107 ♥ K862 ♦ 94 ♣ A10</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ AQJ10 ♦ AQ52 ♣ K872</p>	<p>♠ 642 ♥ 95 ♦ 10763 ♣ 9643</p>
<p>W 1S P</p>	<p>N X 3NT</p>	<p>E P</p>
<p>S 2NT</p>	<p>♠ A983 ♥ 743 ♦ KJ8 ♣ QJ5</p>	

<p>♠ 92 ♥ 543 ♦ 1092 ♣ Q10865</p>	<p>♠ AJ63 ♥ KJ108 ♦ 863 ♣ A2</p>	<p>♠ Q1074 ♥ 62 ♦ AKQJ5 ♣ 74</p>
<p>E 1D P</p>	<p>S X 2H</p>	<p>W P P</p>
<p>N 2D 4H</p>	<p>♠ K85 ♥ AQ97 ♦ 74 ♣ KJ93</p>	

## CUE BID ASKS

South makes a T.O. double.

With both majors, north asks for preference to ensure best contract.

## COMPETE!

When opponents stop in a 2 level contract with a fit - you must compete. Here with other two suits, a double after your pass will not get partner too excited!

<p>♠ 108653 ♥ AQJ8 ♦ 104 ♣ 108</p>	<p>♠ AJ72 ♥ 93 ♦ K83 ♣ QJ75</p>	<p>♠ K9 ♥ K742 ♦ QJ965 ♣ A3</p>
<p>E 1D 2H P P</p>	<p>S P P 3C</p>	<p>W 1H P P</p>
<p>N P X P</p>	<p>♠ Q4 ♥ 1065 ♦ A72 ♣ K9642</p>	

## BLUNDERS AT THE TABLE

<p>♠ 862 ♥ K ♦ AKJ53 ♣ A1053</p> <p>♠ A4 ♥ Q9862 ♦ 10982 ♣ K7</p> <p>♠ J ♥ J10753 ♦ Q64 ♣ QJ82</p> <p>♠ KQ109753 ♥ A4 ♦ 7 ♣ 964</p> <table><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td><td>S</td><td>W</td></tr><tr><td>1D?</td><td>P</td><td>2S</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>3C</td><td>P</td><td>3S</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>4NT</td><td>P</td><td>5S</td><td>P</td></tr><tr><td>6S</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Brunton 09/08</p>	N	E	S	W	1D?	P	2S	P	3C	P	3S	P	4NT	P	5S	P	6S				<p>Game all NO JUMP SHIFT!</p> <p>South's re-sponse should show 17+ and a solid 6 cards suit. North's bidding was perfect but -50 was a bottom against +450 by everyone else. via</p> <table><tr><td>1D</td><td>1S</td></tr><tr><td>2C</td><td>4S</td></tr></table>	1D	1S	2C	4S	<p>Game all CONVERT!</p> <p>East makes a silly bid at this vulnerability. South passes and north makes a takeout double which should be passed like a shot. At the table she bid 2NT converted to 3NT for -200 on a spade lead instead of +800</p>	<p>♠ KQ10 ♥ Q10764 ♦ 54 ♣ AK2</p> <p>♠ 97 ♥ 32 ♦ KQ10632 ♣ J74</p> <p>♠ J63 ♥ A5 ♦ AJ987 ♣ 853</p> <table><tr><td>E</td><td>S</td><td>W</td><td>N</td></tr><tr><td>2D!?</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td></td><td>P/2NT!?</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Brunton 09/08</p>	E	S	W	N	2D!?	P	P	X	P		P/2NT!?	
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## JUMP BIDS WEAK OR STRONG

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## WEAK JUMP OVERCALL

♠ 932	♠ K8	♠ Q5
♥ AQ109	♥ 763	♥ KJ84
♦ J7	♦ Q1032	♦ AK654
♣ J1092	♣ AK63	♣ Q4
	♠ AJ10764	
	♥ 52	
	♦ 98	
	♣ 875	

E	S	W	N
1D	2S	?	

WJU makes it awkward for west.

Neg. double will solve problem but can they stop in 3H.

E/W can make 3H and N/S can make 2S

## GAMBLING 3NT

## S2 LEAD

West finds the S2 lead and the contract goes off.

BUT poor matchpoints for E/W as most were in 3 or 4 spades after a 3D pre-empt.

♠ K852	♠ 94	♠ AJ1063
♥ KJ10	♥ A96432	♥ Q5
♦ 1098	♦ 32	♦ 6
♣ KQ5	♣ A32	♣ 109764
	♠ Q7	
	♥ 87	
	♦ AKQJ754	
	♣ J8	

S	W	N	E
3NT	P	P	P

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## SPLINTER RKCB.

♠ KQJ6	♠ A53	♠ 10874
♥ 95	♥ KQ864	♥ 102
♦ 1084	♦ KJ52	♦ 763
♣ J872	♣ 5	♣ KQ63
	♠ 92	
	♥ AJ73	
	♦ AQ9	
	♣ A1094	

S	W	N	E
1H	P	4C	P
4D	P	4S	P
4NT	P	5S	P
6H			

The 4C splinter bid shows a 4+ fit, 12+ pts. and a singleton or void in clubs.

## FAST ARRIVAL

5C = - 400

4S = - 450

4H = +420

♠ K32	♠ 8	♠ AQ10974
♥ 5	♥ Q98432	♥ 7
♦ K74	♦ Q9865	♦ 103
♣ AKJ1075	♣ 9	♣ Q642
	♠ J65	
	♥ AKJ106	
	♦ AJ2	
	♣ 83	

S	W	N	E
1H	2C	4H	?

## RKCB

## DQ LEAD

♠ J875	♠ A942	♠ -
♥ 9432	♥ 6	♥ KQ105
♦ QJ10	♦ A7	♦ 98532
♣ J3	♣ AKQ965	♣ 10742
	♠ KQ1063	
	♥ AJ87	
	♦ K64	
	♣ 8	

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4NT	P
5S		7S	

The direct jump to 4NT after a major suit open, is Blackwood or RKCB.

(Roman Key Card Blackwood)

## BENJI 2C

2C OPEN  
2D RELAY

## 2S Natural

## 2NT Negative

3S to play.  
4S = can offer two tricks.

♠ 105	♠ 762	♠ J9
♥ 9743	♥ KQ52	♥ J108
♦ KQ5	♦ 8763	♦ J1094
♣ AK43	♣ 109	♣ Q652
	♠ AKQ843	
	♥ A6	
	♦ A2	
	♣ J87	

S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4S	

## PRE-EMPT

♠ 42	♠ Q1087	♠ J
♥ J10532	♥ 64	♥ AKQ987
♦ J9752	♦ K8643	♦ Q
♣ 8	♣ 75	♣ KJ1042
	♠ AK9653	
	♥ -	
	♦ A10	
	♣ AQ963	

E	S	W	N
4H	5H	4NT/X/5H/5S	P
P	6S		

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South has a 2C opener, a 3 loser.

Is double for penalty or Takeout or optional.

## JUMP SHIFT

Don't jump shift unless you have:

1. 17+
2. Solid 6 card suit.
3. Secondary support for partner

♠ AJ63	♠ 2	♠ K108754
♥ 54	♥ KQ	♥ J106
♦ 872	♦ AKQ9643	♦ 10
♣ Q862	♣ KJ4	♣ 753
	♠ Q9	
	♥ A98732	
	♦ J5	
	♣ A109	

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3D	P
3H	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6H	

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## MICHAELS CUE BIDS &amp; U.N.T.

**U.N.T.**

9 pts. and the two lower unbid suits.

4♠ can make. Lead twice towards your ♠KQ

5♣X is one off.

♠ 10432  
♥ K1085  
♦ K865  
♣ Q

♠ AJ9  
♥ Q2  
♦ 932  
♣ K10942

♠ 86  
♥ A9643  
♦ 4  
♣ AJ873

♠ KQ75  
♥ J7  
♦ AQJ107  
♣ 65

S	W	N	E
1D	2NT	X	3C
3S	4C	4S	?

**UNT/LANDY Cramlington**

Not what east wanted to hear but 3♦ scores a top.

If west had passed, east could have used 'Landy' (2♣ to show both majors).

2♠ making makes 8 for a 2nd top!

♠ 1032  
♥ QJ103  
♦ 1042  
♣ K92

♠ K9  
♥ 8  
♦ K8765  
♣ AJ1084

♠ Q8764  
♥ A962  
♦ QJ3  
♣ 6

♠ AJ5  
♥ K754  
♦ A9  
♣ Q753

S	W	N	E
1NT	2NT	P	3D
P	P	P	

**MICHAELS**

4♠ is one off.  
5♥ makes.

♠ Q9  
♥ Q1074  
♦ AK8  
♣ KJ107

♠ J7432  
♥ 532  
♦ QJ  
♣ 842

♠ A10865  
♥ 8  
♦ 965432  
♣ A

♠ K  
♥ AKJ96  
♦ 107  
♣ Q9653

S	W	N	E
1H	2H	4H	4S
?			

**U.N.T.**

Both minors.

4♥ is one off.  
5♣ can make.

♠ QJ10  
♥ K108  
♦ Q85  
♣ 9642

♠ 3  
♥ 74  
♦ A10762  
♣ KJ1075

♠ A865  
♥ 962  
♦ KJ93  
♣ A8

♠ K9742  
♥ AQJ53  
♦ 4  
♣ Q3

S	W	N	E
1S	2NT	P	2NT
3H	4C	?	4D

**MICHAELS**

North could make a pre-emptive jump to game before east can support hearts.

4♠ makes.  
5♥ is two off.

♠ 109854  
♥ 6  
♦ A986  
♣ J52

♠ K3  
♥ KQ4  
♦ J10532  
♣ K107

♠ 2  
♥ AJ982  
♦ 74  
♣ Q9863

♠ AQJ76  
♥ 10753  
♦ KQ  
♣ A4

S	W	N	E
1S	2S	4S	?

**MICHAELS**

After a minor opening the cue bid shows both majors.

4♥ makes.  
5♣ is two or three off!

♠ J72  
♥ 876  
♦ KQ107  
♣ Q102

♠ A10843  
♥ QJ1032  
♦ 9  
♣ 74

♠ K9  
♥ AK9  
♦ J8654  
♣ 983

♠ Q65  
♥ 54  
♦ A32  
♣ AKJ652

S	W	N	E
1C	2C	P	3H
?	4H	?	

**MICHAELS**

West's 5 pts are shapely.

With a 10 card trump fit east bids game.

At equal vulnerability north has a good save in 5♦

♠ 1093  
♥ KQ  
♦ Q1084  
♣ KJ92

♠ K  
♥ AJ1074  
♦ 9732  
♣ 1076

♠ AJ8743  
♥ 98632  
♦ -  
♣ 84

♠ Q65  
♥ 5  
♦ AKJ65  
♣ AQ53

S	W	N	E
1D	2D	3D	4H
P	P	?	

**MICHAELS**

West is strong.

East will bid 3♥ and now whether south bids again will depend on vulnerability. West bids game but do N/S sacrifice.

♠ J8  
♥ 653  
♦ Q10842  
♣ 743

♠ 92  
♥ AKJ104  
♦ 7  
♣ AKJ106

♠ A964  
♥ 987  
♦ 953  
♣ Q85

♠ KQ753  
♥ Q2  
♦ AKJ6  
♣ 92

S	W	N	E
1S	2S	P	3H
P/4D	4H	P/5D	

## VARIOUS CUE BIDS

♠ KJ963	♠ 52	♠ Q87	
♥ K4	♥ AQJ62	♥ 10973	
♦ 97	♦ KJ4	♦ 86	
♣ KJ84	♣ A63	♣ 10972	
	♠ A104		
	♥ 85		
	♦ AQ10532		
	♣ Q5		
S	W	N	E
1D	1S	2H	P
3D	P	3S	P
3NT			

## HAVE YOU A STOP IN THE ENEMY SUIT?

You can count nine top tricks.

After cashing diamonds, a heart finesse will bring home 11 tricks at pairs.

## SHOWING 1ST ROUND CONTROL WHEN SUIT IS AGREED

If north raises to 3H rather than 4H south should cue bid SA

♠ 5432	♠ K76		♠ QJ98
♥ 86	♥ K10974		♥ J
♦ QJ98	♦ 543		♦ K1072
♣ QJ5	♣ A7		♣ 9642
	♠ A10		
	♥ AQ532		
	♦ A6		
	♣ K1083		
S	W	N	E
1H	P	3H	P
3S	P	4C	P
4NT	P	5H	P
6H			

♠ A10982	♠ J65	♠ K7	
♥ QJ1065	♥ 872	♥ AK3	
♦ 8	♦ AQ1073	♦ J9542	
♣ 54	♣ Q10	♣ 972	
	♠ Q43		
	♥ 94		
	♦ K6		
	♣ AKJ863		
S	W	N	E
1C	2C	P	3H
?	4H	?	

## IF YOU PLAY MICHAEL'S CUE BIDS

After a minor opening the cue bid shows both majors.

4H makes.  
5C is two or three off!

## TELL ME MORE

North realises that game should be on and with this holding, 3NT is the spot.

On another day 4S/5C will be the contract.

		♠ AK982	
		♥ J2	
		♦ 85	
		♣ KQ52	
♠ QJ6			♠ 10753
♥ Q9			♥ 10876
♦ AJ10972			♦ 43
♣ 109			♣ J86
		♠ 4	
		♥ AK543	
		♦ KQ6	
		♣ A743	
S	W	N	E
1H	2D	2S	P
3C	P	3D	P
3NT			

	♠ AK1063		
	♥ 3		
	♦ AKQ1095		
	♣ A		
♠ 842			♠ QJ97
♥ AKQ76			♥ J104
♦ 2			♦ 63
♣ KJ107			♣ 8532
	♠ 5		
	♥ 9852		
	♦ J874		
	♣ Q964		
W	N	E	S
1H	2H	P	3C
P	3H	P	4D
?			

## ROCK CRUSHER OR MICHAELS

6D is cold and you should get there whether you play Michaels or not!

## HAVE YOU A STOP?

## C7 LEAD

1S bid is constructive! As long as south holds up CA for 2 rounds, it makes.

Is a 1NT opening an option?

♠ J1074	♠ AK965	♠ Q83	
♥ Q642	♥ 105	♥ K7	
♦ 954	♦ A763	♦ Q10	
♣ 75	♣ J10	♣ KQ9642	
	♠ 2		
	♥ AJ983		
	♦ KJ82		
	♣ A83		
E	S	W	N
1C	1H	P	1S
2C	2D	P	3C
X	3NT		

♠ 94	♠ K65		♠ 1083
♥ Q985	♥ 72		♥ AKJ10
♦ 10985	♦ Q43		♦ AJ72
♣ 1085	♣ AK762		♣ 3
	♠ AQJ72		
	♥ 43		
	♦ K6		
	♣ QJ94		
E	S	W	N
1H	1S	P	2H
P	3D	P	4S

## UNASSUMING CUE BID - HOW GOOD WAS YOUR OVER-CALL

## LEAD H5

With a 13 count south can bid the diamond feature and north bids game.

## UNASSUMING ENEMY STOP

## LEAD H7

Unusual but with the heart stop and a strongish overcall south can rebid 2NT which north converts to game

♠ J7654	♠ AQ		♠ K983
♥ 74	♥ 952		♥ AQ863
♦ 74	♦ 653		♦ Q8
♣ 10632	♣ AKJ98		♣ Q5
	♠ 102		
	♥ KJ10		
	♦ AKJ1092		
	♣ 74		
E	S	W	N
1H	2D	P	2H
P	2NT	P	3NT

**X, AS A REBID**

♠ AK987  
 ♥ Q102  
 ♦ K106  
 ♣ J9

♠ Q4  
 ♥ 85  
 ♦ 9832  
 ♣ Q7542

♠ J10  
 ♥ AK764  
 ♦ AJ7  
 ♣ A103

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	P	P
X	P	2C	?

**REOPENING DOUBLE**

South makes a reopening double asking north to compete.

North was forced to bid, so south must pass 2C.

East should have competed with 2S

♠ 6532  
 ♥ J93  
 ♦ Q54  
 ♣ K86

**X - AS A REBID!**

With a singleton heart, south makes a takeout double asking north to compete

North can simply show secondary support for south's opening suit

♠ A87  
 ♥ AKQ102  
 ♦ 642  
 ♣ J9

♠ 9  
 ♥ J765  
 ♦ 983  
 ♣ Q7542

♠ Q6532  
 ♥ 983  
 ♦ Q5  
 ♣ K86

♠ KJ104  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ AKJ107  
 ♣ A103

S	W	N	E
1D	1H	P	2H
X	P	3D	

♠ AQ1062  
 ♥ 764  
 ♦ Q4  
 ♣ A86

♠ K943  
 ♥ J5  
 ♦ K98  
 ♣ 7542

♠ 87  
 ♥ AK109  
 ♦ AJ52  
 ♣ KQ10

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	P	P
X	P	1NT	

**REOPENING DOUBLE**

South makes a reopening double asking north to compete.

North's response of 1NT shows a poor hand with a stop in spades.

♠ J5  
 ♥ Q832  
 ♦ 10763  
 ♣ J93

**NOT MERELY 6-9**

North's direct bid of 1NT shows a good 9 HCPs with a spade stop.

South excites with 3H and north can bid game.

♠ K943  
 ♥ J52  
 ♦ K98  
 ♣ Q42

♠ J8  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ 10543  
 ♣ 10853

♠ AQ765  
 ♥ 108  
 ♦ QJ7  
 ♣ K76

♠ 102  
 ♥ AK9743  
 ♦ A6  
 ♣ AJ9

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	1NT	P
3H	P	4H	

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

S	W	N	E
1C	1S(*2C)	P	P
X	P	?	

**REOPENING DOUBLE**

North probably has just enough to pass south's takeout double for penalties.

\*2C  
There is an alternative MCB that shows 5 spades & 5 of a minor.

♠ KQ853  
 ♥ Q109  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ Q64

♠ 74  
 ♥ K873  
 ♦ A1052  
 ♣ J73

♠ AJ1062  
 ♥ 42  
 ♦ KQ764  
 ♣ 10

♠ 9  
 ♥ AJ65  
 ♦ J3  
 ♣ AK9852

S	W	N	E
1C	1S(*2C)	P	P
X	P	?	

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

S	W	N	E
1C	1S(*2C)	P	P
X	P	?	

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

S	W	N	E
1C	1S(*2C)	P	P
X	P	?	

# THE WRIGGLE - HANDS TO PLAY

**FINDING A FIT.**

North's pass requests a XX from opener.

North bids the lower of two 4 card suits.

A fit is found immediately.

♠ AJ72  
 ♥ 754  
 ♦ 107  
 ♣ 10743  
 ♠ A102  
 ♥ K92  
 ♦ A53  
 ♣ KQ96  
 ♠ K653  
 ♥ A2  
 ♦ J42  
 ♣ AJ52

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P
XX	?P	2C	?

## OPENER'S 5 CARD SUIT

North's pass requests a XX from opener.

Opener breaks the request to XX and bids the FIVE card diamond suit.

♠ 82  
 ♥ Q1076  
 ♦ 874  
 ♣ QJ76  
 ♠ KQJ105  
 ♥ K32  
 ♦ A32  
 ♣ A8  
 ♠ A74  
 ♥ J84  
 ♦ KQ1095  
 ♣ K9  
 ♠ 963  
 ♥ A95  
 ♦ J6  
 ♣ 105432

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P
2D	?	P	?

## AT THE 2ND ATTEMPT

North's pass requests a XX from opener.

North bids the lower of two 4 card suits.

With only a doubleton, south must bid again and the heart fit is found.

♠ 32  
 ♥ A765  
 ♦ 532  
 ♣ 9765  
 ♠ A1054  
 ♥ K103  
 ♦ AQ9  
 ♣ K104  
 ♠ J87  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ KJ64  
 ♣ QJ32  
 ♠ KQ96  
 ♥ QJ94  
 ♦ 1087  
 ♣ A8

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P
XX	P	2C	?X
2H	?X	P	?P

## SIMPLE TRANSFER

After 1NT is doubled, all bids by responder are Transfers.

♠ J10632  
 ♥ Q96  
 ♦ 109  
 ♣ 743  
 ♠ K94  
 ♥ AKJ8  
 ♦ Q753  
 ♣ A8  
 ♠ A87  
 ♥ 105  
 ♦ A42  
 ♣ KQ952  
 ♠ Q5  
 ♥ 7432  
 ♦ KJ86  
 ♣ J106

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	2H	?
2S	?X	P	

## SIMPLE TRANSFER

After 1NT is doubled, all bids by responder are Transfers.

This one should make - and 4♥ would make for E/W

♠ 76  
 ♥ 852  
 ♦ K108  
 ♣ J10953  
 ♠ KQJ2  
 ♥ AQ9  
 ♦ 6432  
 ♣ A9  
 ♠ 1054  
 ♥ K10764  
 ♦ Q9  
 ♣ K76  
 ♠ A983  
 ♥ J3  
 ♦ AJ75  
 ♣ Q42

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	XX	P
2C	?	P	?

## WHY NOT PASS?

After 1NT is doubled, all bids by responder are Transfers.

Sometimes you get lucky!

♠ 75  
 ♥ 764  
 ♦ AQ9643  
 ♣ 102  
 ♠ AKQ10  
 ♥ 932  
 ♦ K2  
 ♣ QJ96  
 ♠ 642  
 ♥ AQ108  
 ♦ J105  
 ♣ AK8  
 ♠ J983  
 ♥ KJ5  
 ♦ 87  
 ♣ 7543

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	2C	P
2D	?2S	3D	?P
?	?	?	

## NO NEED TO TRANSFER

Your side are NOT in trouble. North should see that 1NT XX is an easier way to make game than attempting 4♥.

North should PASS

♠ 109  
 ♥ KJ954  
 ♦ 6532  
 ♣ A2  
 ♠ AQ3  
 ♥ AQ8  
 ♦ 1098  
 ♣ K875  
 ♠ K865  
 ♥ 76  
 ♦ J74  
 ♣ 9634  
 ♠ J742  
 ♥ 1032  
 ♦ AKQ  
 ♣ QJ10

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P
XX	P	P	?

## OUTGUNNED!

After 1NT is doubled, all bids by responder are Transfers.

Although your wriggle works, opponents find their big fit and bid game.

♠ 74  
 ♥ Q9843  
 ♦ 73  
 ♣ J1065  
 ♠ AQ109  
 ♥ A72  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ Q742  
 ♠ 53  
 ♥ KJ10  
 ♦ KQJ84  
 ♣ A83  
 ♠ KJ862  
 ♥ 65  
 ♦ 10965  
 ♣ K9

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	2D	2S
P	4S	P	