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INT OPENINGS & RESPONSES

HK LEAD

North should pass with 0-10 HCPs.

♠ AKJ7 ♥ 943 ♦ 875 ♣ 642	♠ 942 ♥ 852 ♦ QJ10 ♣ KQ105
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♠ 10865 ♥ <u>K</u> QJ10 ♦ K96 ♣ J8	♠ Q3 ♥ A76 ♦ A432 ♣ A973
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S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

HJ LEAD

With a balanced 13 pts. bid game in 3NT

♠ 876 ♥ K6 ♦ 943 ♣ AKQJ2	♠ KQ109 ♥ 32 ♦ J6 ♣ 98754
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♠ 542 ♥ AJ10987 ♦ Q1087 ♣ -	♠ AJ3 ♥ Q54 ♦ AK52 ♣ 1063
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S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

HQ LEAD

With 11/12 pts invite partner to bid game with 14 or a good 13, and to pass on 12

♠ AK102 ♥ A4 ♦ 643 ♣ 8532	♠ 986 ♥ K875 ♦ A97 ♣ 974
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♠ 7543 ♥ <u>Q</u> J109 ♦ KQ10 ♣ 106	♠ QJ ♥ 632 ♦ J852 ♣ AKQJ
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S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2NT	P
3NT			

S5 LEAD

Overtake diamond jack.

♠ KQ ♥ J43 ♦ A10653 ♣ QJ4	♠ A64 ♥ 10985 ♦ 84 ♣ A1075
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♠ 108753 ♥ Q76 ♦ 972 ♣ K9	♠ J92 ♥ AK2 ♦ KQJ ♣ 8632
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S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

HK LEAD

Jump with 5 of major and 13+ pts.

♠ A643 ♥ 942 ♦ K3 ♣ KQJ8	♠ 7 ♥ 10865 ♦ A10982 ♣ 763
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♠ Q85 ♥ KQJ ♦ Q74 ♣ 10952	♠ KJ1092 ♥ A73 ♦ J65 ♣ A4
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N	E	S	W
1NT	P	3S	P
4S			

S10 LEAD

3H shows the 5 card major & 13+ pts.
Opener must choose between 3NT and 4H

♠ Q10983 ♥ 86 ♦ 972 ♣ K95	♠ J7 ♥ AK2 ♦ KQJ43 ♣ 862	♠ A542 ♥ 1095 ♦ 85 ♣ A1074
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♠ K6 ♥ QJ743 ♦ A106 ♣ QJ3	
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N	E	S	W
1NT	P	3H	P
4H			

S7 LEAD

Partner, east cannot have any pts. and leading from your honours is likely to cost.
Make a safe MUD lead and let declarer find the honours.

♠ AQ2 ♥ 965 ♦ J1085 ♣ A98	♠ J1064 ♥ J82 ♦ 643 ♣ J64
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♠ 873 ♥ AQ4 ♦ KQ2 ♣ K752	♠ K95 ♥ K1073 ♦ A97 ♣ Q103
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S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2NT	P
P			

HK LEAD

Top of a sequence.
With only 2 spades, choose to play in 3NT.
Win heart lead and drive out SA to make your contract

♠ KJ1062 ♥ AJ4 ♦ A4 ♣ 852	♠ A98 ♥ 75 ♦ 10962 ♣ KJ96
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♠ 743 ♥ KQ1082 ♦ 83 ♣ 1073	♠ Q5 ♥ 963 ♦ KQJ75 ♣ AQ4
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S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3S	P
3NT	P	P	P

STAYMAN

♠ 1098
♥ J94
♦ 53
♣ J10932
LEAD ♣ J

♠ J742
♥ AQ5
♦ KQ107
♣ Q8

♠ Q6
♥ 108632
♦ J92
♣ AK4

♠ AK53
♥ K7
♦ A864
♣ 765

If you don't use Stayman, the auction will go 1NT - 3NT.

West leads ♣3
East wins ♣K
and returns ♣9.
E/W take the 1st 5 tricks.

In 4♠ declarer only loses 2 club tricks and maybe a trump.

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

If you don't use Stayman, the auction will go 1NT - 3NT.

West leads ♣8
East wins ♣A
and returns ♣6.
E/W take the 1st 5 tricks.

In 4♥ declarer only loses two club tricks and a trump.

♠ J975
♥ 65
♦ 108
♣ KQ984
LEAD ♣ K

♠ AK
♥ 10842
♦ KQJ94
♣ 75

♠ 10864
♥ A97
♦ 763
♣ A62

♠ Q32
♥ KQJ3
♦ A52
♣ J103

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

♠ 732
♥ KJ95
♦ 102
♣ Q1054
LEAD ♦ 10

♠ 10986
♥ 64
♦ AKQ75
♣ KJ

♠ A5
♥ A1082
♦ 984
♣ 9876

♠ KQJ4
♥ Q73
♦ J63
♣ A32

Ignoring the good diamond suit, responder uses Stayman and gets the perfect reply of 2♠.

With 13 pts. responder bids game in 4♠

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

With both majors, north hopes that south has at least one!

South's rebid of 2♦ is disappointing but north has the strength to bid game in NTs

♠ 32
♥ A962
♦ 97532
♣ A7
LEAD ♦ 3

♠ 10976
♥ KQJ4
♦ AK4
♣ J10

♠ QJ84
♥ 53
♦ QJ
♣ 98654

♠ AK5
♥ 1087
♦ 1086
♣ KQ32

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

♠ J1065
♥ K3
♦ J10
♣ KQ762
LEAD ♣ K

♠ AK3
♥ A1052
♦ Q542
♣ 103

♠ 842
♥ 874
♦ A63
♣ J854

♠ Q97
♥ QJ96
♦ K987
♣ A9

On a club lead, 3NT fails. When south shows four hearts north has an 8 card fit with at least 25 pts. and must bid to game in 4♥.

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

North's response of 2NT, shows 11/12 HCPs with NO four card major.

South has only 12 pts. so the 25 pts. needed to bid game are not there!!

♠ 852
♥ Q532
♦ 95
♣ AQ97
LEAD ♣ 7

♠ J64
♥ AK6
♦ 8432
♣ KJ2

♠ A103
♥ J107
♦ QJ107
♣ 854

♠ KQ97
♥ 984
♦ AK6
♣ 1063

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

♠ 987
♥ AQJ75
♦ J2
♣ 643
LEAD ♥ 7

♠ Q652
♥ 864
♦ K543
♣ K7

♠ AJ3
♥ K109
♦ Q1096
♣ J85

♠ K104
♥ 32
♦ A87
♣ AQ1092

Opponents probably take the 1st five tricks in hearts and ♠A, but then declarer can make five clubs, ♦A & ♦K for 7 tricks.

S	W	N	E
1NT	p	p	p

North uses Stayman but south's rebid is not what s/he had hoped for & signs off in 3NT.

South *nearly* passed but then realised that if north didn't have four hearts, north **MUST** have four spades because **Stayman was used!**

♠ 985
♥ 953
♦ J6
♣ AK864
LEAD ♣ 6

♠ AQJ4
♥ J8
♦ A1082
♣ J93

♠ 32
♥ A1062
♦ 9753
♣ Q52

♠ K1076
♥ KQ74
♦ KQ4
♣ 107

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

REBIDS WITH BALANCED HANDS 15+

♠ AQ109
 ♥ J52
 ♦ 43
 ♣ QJ76
 ♠ K742
 ♥ 9863
 ♦ 105
 ♣ 853
 ♠ J86
 ♥ AQ107
 ♦ AQ8
 ♣ K109
 ♠ 53
 ♥ K4
 ♦ KJ9762
 ♣ A42

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

♦ 6 LEAD

After east overcalls 2♦, south must have a stop in diamonds as well as 15/16 pts. With 10 pts. north goes for game showing 3 hearts. South shows 3♠ but with no fit 3NT is the contract.

♠ A32
 ♥ J1042
 ♦ K95
 ♣ 1063
 ♠ K105
 ♥ 875
 ♦ QJ862
 ♣ 74
 ♠ 876
 ♥ KQ3
 ♦ A43
 ♣ AKQ2
 ♠ QJ94
 ♥ A96
 ♦ 107
 ♣ J985

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

♦ Q LEAD

Opener's rebid is above the barrier of 2♣. It therefore shows 17/18 and a balanced hand.

♠ 9863
 ♥ AK83
 ♦ 862
 ♣ K3
 ♠ QJ52
 ♥ 54
 ♦ A43
 ♣ J985
 ♠ AK
 ♥ 1062
 ♦ QJ109
 ♣ AQ72
 ♠ 1074
 ♥ QJ97
 ♦ K75
 ♣ 1064

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

♠ 2 LEAD

South's rebid shows a balanced hand, 15/16 and NOT four spades.

♠ 964
 ♥ QJ102
 ♦ A2
 ♣ 7632
 ♠ Q3
 ♥ K543
 ♦ 108765
 ♣ J4
 ♠ A75
 ♥ A6
 ♦ KJ43
 ♣ AK95
 ♠ KJ1082
 ♥ 987
 ♦ Q9
 ♣ Q108

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1H	
3NT			

♦ 6 LEAD

With north's 6 pts., south can rebid 3NT with this strong 19 HCPs. (19+6 = 25)

♠ QJ6
 ♥ K10842
 ♦ J106
 ♣ A5
 ♠ 108
 ♥ J975
 ♦ Q72
 ♣ KQJ10
 ♠ AK
 ♥ AQ6
 ♦ K94
 ♣ 87632
 ♠ 975432
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A853
 ♣ 94

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

♥ K LEAD

South's rebid shows a balanced 15/16. North's 3♥ invites south to bid 3NT with only two hearts or 4♥ with three or four hearts.

♠ A3
 ♥ K105
 ♦ K96
 ♣ Q9762
 ♠ 986
 ♥ AQJ92
 ♦ J32
 ♣ 53
 ♠ KQ105
 ♥ 86
 ♦ AQ74
 ♣ AJ4
 ♠ J742
 ♥ 743
 ♦ 1085
 ♣ K108

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

♥ Q LEAD

Opener's rebid of 2NT is forcing to game because N has shown 10+. If west leads the H9 (4th highest), it makes. ♥Q is top of a near internal sequence.

♠ AJ72
 ♥ Q53
 ♦ 942
 ♣ J62
 ♠ 1043
 ♥ A82
 ♦ QJ107
 ♣ Q74
 ♠ KQ8
 ♥ K76
 ♦ A63
 ♣ A983
 ♠ 965
 ♥ J1094
 ♦ K85
 ♣ K105

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

♦ K LEAD

Opener's rebid of 1NT shows 15/16, and no obvious fit for partner's spades. With 7 pts., north knows that a game is not possible.

♠ AQJ
 ♥ 1052
 ♦ 93
 ♣ QJ976
 ♠ K874
 ♥ 863
 ♦ 1075
 ♣ 832
 ♠ 1096
 ♥ AKJ97
 ♦ KQ8
 ♣ K10
 ♠ 532
 ♥ Q4
 ♦ AJ642
 ♣ A54

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

♦ 6 LEAD

After east overcalls 2♦, south's 2NT shows a stop in diamonds as well as 15/16 pts. With 10 pts. north goes for game showing 3 hearts. With 5 hearts south bids game in 4♥.

REBIDS WITH 2 SUITED HANDS

5/4 WITH 17+

♦ Q LEAD
Opener must rebid ABOVE the barrier to show the strong 17+ hand.

North is just worth a try for game. (7 pts. fit & doubleton)

♠ 764	♠ 852
♥ 7643	♥ J98
♦ A864	♦ K732
♣ K7	♣ J82

♠ AJ	♠ KQ1093
♥ 102	♥ AKQ5
♦ QJ109	♦ 5
♣ Q10654	♣ A93

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

8 CARD FIT

♠ 10 LEAD
When north finds an 8 card spade fit, THAT becomes the priority.

The six card heart suit may be useful to partner.

Finesse clubs!

♠ 102	♠ Q83	♠ J96
♥ Q1076	♥ AKJ843	♥ 52
♦ AQ6	♦ 74	♦ J10983
♣ 7652	♣ J10	♣ K43

♠ AK754	♠ 9	♠ 96
♥ 9	♥ K52	♥ 52
♦ K52	♦ AQ98	♦ J10983
♣ AQ98		♣ K43

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

RAISE TO GAME

♠ 10 LEAD
When the fit is revealed north, with 13 pts., must raise to game.

♠ K64	♠ QJ75
♥ K943	♥ Q7
♦ AK1062	♦ J54
♣ 10	♣ Q752

♠ 10983	♠ A2
♥ J86	♥ A1052
♦ 973	♦ Q8
♣ KJ9	♣ A8643

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

DRAW TRUMPS!

♥ A LEAD
Spades as usual wins out in this competitive auction.

Declarer should draw trumps then enjoy the long diamond suit.

♠ K86	♠ J7542
♥ AK972	♥ 108
♦ 97	♦ KJ
♣ Q93	♣ KJ54

♠ Q1093	♠ A
♥ 4	♥ QJ653
♦ AQ1064	♦ 8532
♣ A62	♣ 1087

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

5/3 FIT

♦ Q LEAD
North has an opening hand and when south rebids 2♦ to show 5/4, north can bid game with the eight card major suit fit.

♠ K43	♠ J102
♥ A85	♥ Q94
♦ K7	♦ 986
♣ A10952	♣ Q863

♠ AQ965	♠ 87
♥ 72	♥ KJ1063
♦ QJ104	♦ A532
♣ 74	♣ KJ

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

GAME VALUES

♥ J LEAD
When south rebids 2♦ to show 5/4 north can bid 4♠ with 3 card support and 13 pts.

♠ J4	♠ Q97
♥ J108	♥ Q72
♦ 86542	♦ A3
♣ 842	♣ KQ963

♠ AK832	♠ 1065
♥ 654	♥ AK93
♦ KJ109	♦ Q7
♣ A	♣ J1075

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

SHOW YOUR 2ND SUIT

♥ 10 LEAD
If you simply rebid 2♠ you score -50. 2♦ makes easily by ruffing two spades.

♠ 5	♠ K9
♥ AJ4	♥ K8763
♦ Q1098	♦ 32
♣ K10652	♣ Q973

♠ AJ108	♠ Q76432
♥ 1095	♥ Q2
♦ 764	♦ AKJ5
♣ A84	♣ J

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

PART SCORE

♠ J LEAD
South should open the hand with 11 pts and a good rebid.

It would be wrong to rebid 2♦. Rebid 2♣ to show 5/4 and find a fit!

♠ KJ106	♠ Q43
♥ J75	♥ A932
♦ Q1093	♦ 74
♣ A9	♣ K1063

♠ 87	♠ A952
♥ K6	♥ Q1084
♦ AK652	♦ J8
♣ J542	♣ Q87

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

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RESPONDING BIDS & REBIDS

2 LEVEL BIDS NEED 10+ pts.

LEAD ♥7

After opening 1♠ partner, makes a limit bid of 1NT showing 6-9 pts

So game cannot be possible.

Pass with your balanced 15 pts.

♠ Q6
♥ 32
♦ 842
♣ A109753

♠ 10432
♥ KJ87
♦ K107
♣ Q8

♠ AJ9
♥ A954
♦ J963
♣ 62

♠ K875
♥ Q106
♦ AQ5
♣ KJ4

S	W	N	E
1S	P	1NT	P
P			

NEW SUIT AT 2 LEVEL

LEAD ♠J

When north bids at the 2 level, south knows game is on. South's 2NT rebid shows 15+.

North now knows game is on.

3♥ shows 3 card support. South with only 4 hearts bids 3NT.

♠ Q65
♥ 1094
♦ AK654
♣ Q4

♠ J10932
♥ AQ5
♦ 7
♣ 8753

♠ A74
♥ J82
♦ J98
♣ J1092

♠ K8
♥ K763
♦ Q1032
♣ AK6

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

1♠ - 2♥ = FIVE HEARTS

LEAD ♣K

After an opening bid of 1♠ by opener, responder need 5 hearts to bid 2♥.

♠ 109
♥ KJ843
♦ QJ82
♣ A7

♠ K752
♥ Q7
♦ 76
♣ KQ1053

♠ 843
♥ 952
♦ A105
♣ 8642

♠ AQJ6
♥ A106
♦ K943
♣ J9

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

REBID BALANCED HAND

LEAD ♠J

After opening the lower of two 4 card suits (of the same rank), rebid NTs to describe BALANCED hands of 15+.

♠ 82
♥ K6
♦ K962
♣ AJ1075

♠ J109764
♥ 105
♦ AJ
♣ Q93

♠ 3
♥ AJ943
♦ 10873
♣ 642

♠ AKQ5
♥ Q872
♦ Q54
♣ K8

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

NO FIT - BUT PTS. FOR GAME

LEAD ♥2

When south rebids 1NT there is no heart fit.

Despite the singleton, with 12 HCPs bid 3NT.

♠ A82
♥ KJ103
♦ KJ1095
♣ 5

♠ Q96
♥ AQ92
♦ 62
♣ 8742

♠ 10543
♥ 87
♦ A873
♣ 963

♠ KJ7
♥ 654
♦ Q4
♣ AKQJ10

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

REBID NTS - NOT HEARTS

LEAD ♠4

Although south has five hearts, south's hand is balanced.

Bid it as such.

♠ KJ2
♥ Q10
♦ KJ54
♣ J976

♠ A964
♥ 652
♦ AQ10
♣ 1082

♠ 873
♥ 974
♦ 9862
♣ A54

♠ Q105
♥ AKJ83
♦ 73
♣ KQ3

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

BREAK RULES

LEAD ♣4

You are advised to bid 2♥ even though you have only 4 pts. You will be able to ruff clubs and spades.

♠ 73
♥ A10763
♦ 8764
♣ 98

♠ 1096
♥ Q4
♦ A1095
♣ K1054

♠ Q542
♥ K8
♦ K2
♣ QJ732

♠ AKJ8
♥ J952
♦ QJ3
♣ A6

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

OPENER JUMPS WITH 17+

LEAD ♦2

South's jump to 3S, shows a fit 17+ pts.

With the fit, north can add 3 points for the singleton.

♠ K10832
♥ Q87
♦ K987
♣ 2

♠ J5
♥ J92
♦ Q432
♣ AQ93

♠ 97
♥ 1064
♦ J105
♣ KJ1084

♠ AQ64
♥ AK53
♦ A6
♣ 765

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

MORE RESPONDING BIDS & REBIDS

♠ AQ5
 ♥ 985
 ♦ 73
 ♣ A10754

♠ 64
 ♥ J7643
 ♦ J1096
 ♣ K9

LEAD ♠ J

When north bids a new suit at the 2 level, showing 10+ pts. south can bid game in 3NT

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

♠ K7
 ♥ J1084
 ♦ J63
 ♣ A654

♠ 632
 ♥ A76
 ♦ 752
 ♣ KQ98

♠ 9854
 ♥ Q532
 ♦ A104
 ♣ J10

♠ AQJ10
 ♥ K9
 ♦ KQ98
 ♣ 732

LEAD ♥ 2

South only has 12-14 HCPs so north knows that game is not possible.

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

♠ 107
 ♥ A1094
 ♦ 643
 ♣ Q1073

♠ J93
 ♥ J62
 ♦ AJ82
 ♣ 542

LEAD ♦ K

With 6 pts., north has to respond.

South shows the 2nd suit and north can pass this because north has TWO more hearts than spades

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

♠ J632
 ♥ Q8543
 ♦ A107
 ♣ 8

♠ K95
 ♥ AJ10
 ♦ J62
 ♣ K1092

♠ 4
 ♥ K962
 ♦ KQ95
 ♣ J654

♠ AQ1087
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 843
 ♣ AQ73

LEAD ♥ 2

North returns south to spades at the level he can afford.

1-2 that'll do!

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

♠ KQ84
 ♥ K85
 ♦ A1064
 ♣ 62

♠ AJ1076
 ♥ 73
 ♦ 93
 ♣ Q1097

LEAD ♦ K

When south rebids a 2nd suit, it guarantees FIVE of the 1st suit. With an 8 card fit, north can bid game!

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

♠ A1053
 ♥ K72
 ♦ J1098
 ♣ 97

♠ K86
 ♥ J104
 ♦ KQ62
 ♣ A54

♠ J94
 ♥ 85
 ♦ A754
 ♣ Q632

♠ Q76
 ♥ AQ963
 ♦ 3
 ♣ KJ108

LEAD ♥ 8

North returns south to his suit at the level he can afford.

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

♠ Q74
 ♥ Q7
 ♦ A83
 ♣ AK963

♠ 10653
 ♥ K82
 ♦ Q74
 ♣ 852

LEAD ♥ 5

With 12+ pts. and a balanced hand, north can bid directly to game.

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ K65
 ♥ J43
 ♦ AK95
 ♣ J103

♠ QJ10843
 ♥ 108
 ♦ 103
 ♣ A85

♠ 9
 ♥ Q9762
 ♦ QJ64
 ♣ 972

♠ A72
 ♥ AK5
 ♦ 872
 ♣ KQ64

LEAD ♥ 6

Souths REBID of 1NT shows a balanced hand with 15/16 pts.

When this is shown, north can bid directly to game

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

OVERCALLS

♠ Q103
♥ 85
♦ J10954
♣ KQ7

♠ 76
♥ QJ1076
♦ AQ63
♣ A2

♠ 542
♥ A932
♦ 82
♣ J986

♠ AKJ98
♥ K4
♦ K7
♣ 10543

North can compete with three card support and 9 pts (1 for the doubleton).

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

♠ AJ32
♥ K98
♦ K9
♣ Q432

♠ 10854
♥ 53
♦ 10754
♣ J109

♠ Q76
♥ A42
♦ AQJ86
♣ 87

♠ K9
♥ QJ1076
♦ 32
♣ AK65

Overcalling opponents 1NT opening requires the same kind of hand as for a suit overcall at the 2 level. Normally, after opening 1NT you would not take any further initiative.

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

♠ 542
♥ 9
♦ Q84
♣ AK10743

♠ A8
♥ KQJ74
♦ K732
♣ Q2

♠ J96
♥ 10632
♦ A965
♣ 96

♠ KQ1073
♥ A85
♦ J10
♣ J85

Don't just count HCPs. This 2 level overcall is sound because of the very good trump suit. East shows initial support in this competitive auction.

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

♠ Q982
♥ Q43
♦ 10984
♣ K6

♠ J4
♥ 976
♦ A63
♣ A8753

♠ 76
♥ AK1052
♦ KJ72
♣ J9

♠ AK1053
♥ J8
♦ Q5
♣ Q1042

Choose to overcall with a five card major with 8-15 pts. rather than doubling. West should bid 3H to compete for the part score.

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

♠ 953
♥ KQ764
♦ K10
♣ AQ2

♠ KQJ72
♥ A93
♦ 84
♣ 875

♠ 86
♥ 852
♦ J976
♣ J943

♠ A104
♥ J10
♦ AQ532
♣ K106

SK LEAD
If you lead the S7 (4th highest), declarer makes!
He can afford to lose the HA because he still has the spade suit stopped.

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

♠ A105
♥ 10972
♦ AQ
♣ KQJ5

♠ K8
♥ K6
♦ K109862
♣ A109

♠ 97432
♥ 54
♦ J73
♣ 764

♠ QJ6
♥ AQJ83
♦ 54
♣ 832

1NT OVERCALL
D2 LEAD
1NT shows 16-18. South forces to game with 9 pts.
3H shows 5

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

♠ J6
♥ 872
♦ 10543
♣ K762

♠ A
♥ J10643
♦ K72
♣ Q843

♠ 875
♥ KQ5
♦ AQJ986
♣ J

♠ KQ109432
♥ A9
♦ -
♣ A1095

SHAPE NOT POINTS
D2 LEAD
Recognize the playing power of such shapely hands with aces and voids. E/W can make 5H

E	S	W	N
1D	4S		

♠ A63
♥ QJ9
♦ Q84
♣ A1082

♠ Q1094
♥ A1073
♦ J72
♣ 95

♠ KJ875
♥ 64
♦ AK96
♣ J6

♠ 2
♥ K852
♦ 1053
♣ KQ743

THEY ARE WEAK
D2 LEAD
When opponents find a fit yet stop at the 2 level, your side will have as many pts as them. Compete!

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

1NT & STRONG JUMP OVERCALLS

♠ A7 ♥ KJ3 ♦ KQ10984 ♣ 86	♠ K98 ♥ A74 ♦ AJ3 ♣ KJ53 ♠ QJ10652 ♥ 652 ♦ 62 ♣ AQ	♠ 43 ♥ Q1098 ♦ 75 ♣ 109742	
GAME IS ON The 1NT overcall shows 16-18 pts. Game is on but better in spades			
W 1D	N 1NT	E P	S 4S

♠ 8742 ♥ 103 ♦ 1062 ♣ 10964	♠ Q96 ♥ 85 ♦ AJ73 ♣ K853 ♠ KJ105 ♥ KJ6 ♦ K95 ♣ AJ2	♠ A3 ♥ AQ9742 ♦ Q84 ♣ Q7	
GAME IS ON Balanced hands with values for game.			
E 1H	S 1NT	W P	N 3NT

♠ AQ987 ♥ 72 ♦ AQ ♣ K987	♠ KJ4 ♥ AQ ♦ KJ94 ♣ A1032 ♠ 2 ♥ K109653 ♦ 1032 ♣ J54	♠ 10653 ♥ J84 ♦ 8765 ♣ Q6	
TRANSFER			
W 1S P	N 1NT 2H	E P P	S 2D P

♠ 854 ♥ J74 ♦ 1096 ♣ 7432	♠ J96 ♥ Q532 ♦ 75 ♣ AQ85 ♠ A103 ♥ AK106 ♦ KJ3 ♣ J104	♠ KQ72 ♥ 98 ♦ AQ842 ♣ K9	
STAYMAN 1NT overcall with Stayman			
E 1D P	S 1NT 2H	W P P	N 2C 4H

♠ Q76 ♥ AQJ1042 ♦ AQJ ♣ 8	♠ K109 ♥ 85 ♦ 8632 ♣ KJ97 ♠ AJ532 ♥ K9 ♦ K9 ♣ Q432	♠ 84 ♥ 763 ♦ 10754 ♣ A1065	
STRONG JUMP OVERCALL Shows 16+ and a good six card heart suit. Does north bid 3S? Does east bid 4H?			
S 1S	W 3H	N ?	E ?

♠ KJ6 ♥ Q4 ♦ J72 ♣ 87543	♠ 1042 ♥ J9872 ♦ 1053 ♣ K10 ♠ AQ875 ♥ A1063 ♦ 4 ♣ QJ9	♠ 93 ♥ K4 ♦ AKQ986 ♣ A62	
STRONG JUMP OVERCALL expecting a spade lead, and with two good stops in spades, west bids 3NT.			
S 1S P	W P 3NT	N P	E 3D

♠ KQ8 ♥ K106 ♦ AK1092 ♣ J10	♠ 1096 ♥ J9 ♦ J754 ♣ 7432 ♠ AJ63 ♥ AQ8543 ♦ - ♣ Q98	♠ 745 ♥ 72 ♦ Q863 ♣ AK65	
GAME IS ON 9+16 = 25 BUT if you do not play the diamond suit correctly you are DOWN!!			
S 1H	W 1NT	N P	E 3NT

♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?	♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?	♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?	
(This hand is a variation of the previous one, showing a different bidding sequence.)			
S	W	N	E

OPENING & RESPONDING TO 2NT

♠ 9765
 ♥ QJ7
 ♦ QJ105
 ♣ 76

♠ 43
 ♥ 862
 ♦ 932
 ♣ AJ1053

♠ AQ108
 ♥ 1095
 ♦ 876
 ♣ Q82

♠ KJ2
 ♥ AK43
 ♦ AK4
 ♣ K93

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

With 5 pts north simply bids game in NTs

♠ J4
 ♥ 1093
 ♦ AJ732
 ♣ J73

♠ AQ1065
 ♥ 86
 ♦ 985
 ♣ 942

♠ 832
 ♥ QJ542
 ♦ K106
 ♣ 108

♠ K97
 ♥ AK7
 ♦ Q4
 ♣ AKQ65

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

With 5 spades north bids 3S and with three spades, south chooses to play game in 4S

♠ A7
 ♥ J76
 ♦ KQJ532
 ♣ 62

♠ J1093
 ♥ K52
 ♦ 86
 ♣ Q975

♠ 852
 ♥ Q1083
 ♦ 1094
 ♣ J103

♠ KQ64
 ♥ A94
 ♦ A7
 ♣ AK84

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

STAYMAN

3NT would fail on DK lead In 4S we lose 1 spade 1 heart 1 diamond.

♠ 5432
 ♥ K2
 ♦ 10987
 ♣ AQ5

♠ 76
 ♥ AQ107
 ♦ 65432
 ♣ 82

♠ 1098
 ♥ 984
 ♦ A
 ♣ J107643

♠ AKQJ
 ♥ J653
 ♦ KQJ
 ♣ K9

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

STAYMAN

3NT would fail on D10 lead and a club switch.

♠ 963
 ♥ A87
 ♦ AQJ95
 ♣ 43

♠ 105
 ♥ 653
 ♦ K4
 ♣ Q109765

♠ QJ842
 ♥ 1092
 ♦ 1073
 ♣ J8

♠ AK7
 ♥ KQJ4
 ♦ 862
 ♣ AK2

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

South must risk the DK at trick 1. As long as club honours are played correctly south can run for home.

♠ 1087
 ♥ 932
 ♦ 84
 ♣ A1065

♠ K4
 ♥ 7654
 ♦ Q73
 ♣ J987

♠ 9653
 ♥ J108
 ♦ A65
 ♣ 432

♠ AQJ2
 ♥ AK
 ♦ KJ1092
 ♣ KQ

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

STAYMAN but no fit!

♠ QJ1073
 ♥ 986
 ♦ K52
 ♣ A8

♠ K54
 ♥ J7
 ♦ QJ10976
 ♣ 54

♠ 98
 ♥ Q1042
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 1097632

♠ A62
 ♥ AK53
 ♦ A43
 ♣ KQJ

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	P

2NT OPEN

Win SQ lead in hand to keep an entry to the long diamonds if they break 3-1

♠ J109873
 ♥ 72
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 10762

♠ AK
 ♥ 9654
 ♦ A1072
 ♣ J43

♠ 52
 ♥ KJ108
 ♦ J963
 ♣ 985

♠ Q64
 ♥ AQ3
 ♦ KQ54
 ♣ AKQ

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	4NT	P
6NT			

2 NT OPEN Quantitative 4NT raise.

STRONG TWOS

<p>♠ A98 ♥ 754 ♦ 94 ♣ J9432</p> <p>♠ QJ72 ♥ 106 ♦ J762 ♣ A107</p> <p>OPENER 2H 3D</p>	<p>NEGATIVE</p> <p>Responder can SEE two tricks to add to opener's eight. (SA and diamond ruff)</p>	<p>♠ K653 ♥ J8 ♦ Q1053 ♣ 865</p> <p>RESPONDER 2NT 4H</p>
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<p>♠ 532 ♥ AQJ43 ♦ Q4 ♣ 652</p> <p>♠ KJ974 ♥ 765 ♦ 87 ♣ Q73</p> <p>OPENER 2D 2NT</p>	<p>POSITIVE</p> <p>With 8+pts responder bids a positive 2H.</p> <p>When opener cannot support hearts but can bid 2NT responder bids game in 3NT</p>	<p>♠ Q86 ♥ K98 ♦ 963 ♣ J1084</p> <p>RESPONDER 2H 3NT</p>
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<p>♠ 52 ♥ Q952 ♦ J43 ♣ 10532</p> <p>♠ 107 ♥ J87 ♦ A762 ♣ QJ97</p> <p>OPENER 2S 3S</p>	<p>NEGATIVE</p> <p>Responder can see no tricks to contribute, so passes</p>	<p>♠ K83 ♥ K10643 ♦ 1085 ♣ K4</p> <p>RESPONDER 2NT pass</p>
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<p>♠ A ♥ 987 ♦ K10642 ♣ J874</p> <p>♠ J10953 ♥ 1032 ♦ J95 ♣ A5</p> <p>OPENER 2H</p>	<p>POSITIVE</p> <p>With 8+pts and a fit, responder bids game.</p> <p>(Advanced play technique creates a trump promotion for H10 after the 3rd round of clubs).</p>	<p>♠ 8642 ♥ J ♦ Q73 ♣ KQ1096</p> <p>RESPONDER 4H</p>
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<p>♠ Q10543 ♥ 974 ♦ 5 ♣ AKQ3</p> <p>♠ 862 ♥ - ♦ Q9743 ♣ J8742</p> <p>OPENER 2H</p>	<p>POSITIVE</p> <p>Even with 5 spades, responder has a heart fit and shows it.</p> <p>With 4 tricks in responder's hand and 8 tricks promised by opener, responder bids directly to 6H.</p>	<p>♠ 97 ♥ J852 ♦ AK108 ♣ 1096</p> <p>RESPONDER 6H</p>
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<p>♠ A96 ♥ Q10853 ♦ 54 ♣ A86</p> <p>♠ KQJ7 ♥ 96 ♦ 73 ♣ K10752</p> <p>OPENER 2D 3H</p>	<p>POSITIVE</p> <p>Responder with 10 pts bids 2H. Opener supports with a forcing 3H.</p> <p>With 2 aces, HQ and a diamond ruff, that is 4 tricks on top of the 8 that opener promised, responder bids 6H hoping to make 12 tricks and a big bonus.</p>	<p>♠ 108543 ♥ 74 ♦ A9 ♣ QJ94</p> <p>RESPONDER 2H 6H</p>
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<p>♠ K42 ♥ 1096 ♦ 109653 ♣ A3</p> <p>♠ Q96 ♥ - ♦ QJ8742 ♣ J1072</p> <p>OPENER 2H</p>	<p>POSITIVE</p> <p>With an ace and king responder should bid positively.</p> <p>Here the game can be bid directly.</p>	<p>♠ J10873 ♥ J732 ♦ AK ♣ 86</p> <p>RESPONDER 4H</p>
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<p>♠ 83 ♥ Q752 ♦ A852 ♣ 873</p> <p>♠ 95 ♥ 1094 ♦ Q1097 ♣ KQJ5</p> <p>OPENER 2S 3H</p>	<p>NEGATIVE</p> <p>With only 6 pts. and no fit, the 1st response is negative, but when opener rebids in hearts responder can SEE two extra tricks and bids game.</p>	<p>♠ Q62 ♥ 63 ♦ KJ3 ♣ 109642</p> <p>RESPONDER 2NT 4H</p>
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2 LEVEL OPENING BIDS - MIXTURE

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<p>♠ K8754 ♥ A7 ♦ 765 ♣ 1094</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ 10965 ♦ 432 ♣ Q8765</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ AJ ♥ KQJ84 ♦ KQJ ♣ AKJ</p>	<p>♠ Q9632 ♥ 32 ♦ A1098 ♣ 32</p>	<p>2♣ OPEN</p> <p>Good fit ♦6 LEAD (MUD)</p> <p>Draw trumps immediately.</p>
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S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
2H	P	4H	P

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<p>♠ J108 ♥ 1054 ♦ 76 ♣ QJ1075</p>	<p>♠ 9643 ♥ J8632 ♦ 43 ♣ K3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ AKQ ♥ Q9 ♦ AKJ1085 ♣ A6</p>	<p>♠ 752 ♥ AK7 ♦ Q92 ♣ 9842</p>	<p>2♣ OPEN is forcing to game</p> <p>2♦ = 0-7</p> <p>No fit but opener is happy to play in 3NT!</p> <p>♣Q LEAD Declarer can finesse ♦J</p>
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S	W	N	E
2C	P	2D	P
3D	P	3H	P
3NT			

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<p>♠ J1062 ♥ 109 ♦ 852 ♣ KQJ9</p>	<p>♠ 543 ♥ 762 ♦ Q643 ♣ 764</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ A9 ♥ AKQJ43 ♦ AJ10 ♣ 82</p>	<p>♠ KQ87 ♥ 85 ♦ K97 ♣ A1053</p>	<p>2♥ OPEN</p> <p>Responder cannot see any help for partner and passes.</p> <p>♣K LEAD</p> <p>When trumps break, declarer can get to dummy to finesse ♦Q.</p>
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S	W	N	E
2H	P	2NT	P
3H	P	P	P

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<p>♠ 92 ♥ QJ1053 ♦ Q1094 ♣ 109</p>	<p>♠ 1074 ♥ 4 ♦ AJ72 ♣ J7632</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ AKQ653 ♥ A98 ♦ 6 ♣ KQ5</p>	<p>♠ J8 ♥ K762 ♦ K853 ♣ A84</p>	<p>2♠ OPEN</p> <p>North can see 2 tricks to go with the 8 south promises. (♦A and a heart ruff).</p> <p>♥Q LEAD</p> <p>Declarer can ruff both losing hearts.</p>
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S	W	N	E
2S	P	4S	

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<p>♠ Q9642 ♥ J10 ♦ AQ6 ♣ Q103</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ 854 ♦ J875 ♣ 98752</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ AK3 ♥ AKQ9732 ♦ 42 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ J1087 ♥ 6 ♦ K1093 ♣ AK64</p>	<p>2♥ OPEN</p> <p>2NT = 0-7</p> <p>When opener rebids hearts responder thinks he can offer two spade ruffs so bids game.</p> <p>♥J LEAD</p>
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S	W	N	E
2H	P	2NT	P
3H	P	4H	

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<p>♠ 84 ♥ QJ96432 ♦ 863 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ J1076 ♥ AK ♦ AKQ ♣ 10732</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ AKQ5 ♥ 1087 ♦ J10 ♣ AKQJ</p>	<p>♠ 932 ♥ 5 ♦ 97532 ♣ 9865</p>	<p>2NT OPEN</p> <p>With a minimum 37 pts. between the two hands north bids the Grand Slam.</p> <p>♥Q LEAD</p>
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S	W	N	E
2NT	P	7NT	

32

<p>♠ 107 ♥ J87 ♦ A762 ♣ QJ97</p>	<p>♠ 52 ♥ Q952 ♦ J43 ♣ 10532</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ AQJ964 ♥ A ♦ KQ9 ♣ A86</p>	<p>♠ K83 ♥ K10643 ♦ 1085 ♣ K4</p>	<p>2♠ OPEN</p> <p>2NT = 0-7</p> <p>Responder can see no tricks to contribute, so passes.</p> <p>♣Q LEAD</p>
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S	W	N	E
2S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	P	P

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<p>♠ QJ1073 ♥ J86 ♦ K52 ♣ A8</p>	<p>♠ K54 ♥ 97 ♦ QJ10976 ♣ 54</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p> <p>♠ A62 ♥ AK53 ♦ A43 ♣ KQJ</p>	<p>♠ 98 ♥ Q1042 ♦ 8 ♣ 1097632</p>	<p>2NT OPEN</p> <p>♠Q LEAD</p> <p>Win ♠A. Leave SK in dummy as an entry to the long diamonds if they break 3-1</p>
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S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	P

STAYMAN

♠ 95	♠ AK83	♠ QJ6
♥ 10643	♥ AJ8	♥ 52
♦ J1095	♦ 2	♦ A87643
♣ 1032	♣ K8765	♣ A9
	10742	
	♥ KQ97	
	♦ KQ	
	♣ QJ4	

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

***With both majors bid hearts first.**

***4/4 heart fit with 13 pts. bid game.**

♠ 94	♠ 94	♠ K753
♥ AQJ8	♥ AQJ8	♥ 107
♦ 10954	♦ 10954	♦ A32
♣ AQJ	♣ AQJ	♣ 10985
♠ QJ1062		
♥ K43		
♦ J6		
♣ 762		
	♠ A8	
	♥ 9652	
	♦ KQ87	
	♣ K43	

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

♠ 103	♠ A875	♠ QJ4
♥ A10763	♥ 982	♥ J4
♦ QJ107	♦ 5	♦ A942
♣ 32	♣ AKQ105	♣ 9876
	K962	
	♥ KQ5	
	♦ K863	
	♣ J4	

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

PLAY
Draw two rounds of trumps.

Leave the last (highest one) alone.

Run your long side suit.

***Do not bid your diamonds until you have checked for a 4/4 heart fit.**

♠ J975	♠ AK2	♠ 10864
♥ 65	♥ 10842	♥ A97
♦ 1087	♦ KQ943	♦ J65
♣ KQ864	♣ A	♣ J103
	Q3	
	♥ KQJ3	
	♦ A2	
	♣ 9752	

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

♠ KJ107	♠ 98	♠ 6542
♥ AJ7	♥ Q1098	♥ 642
♦ 965	♦ AK	♦ QJ43
♣ 863	♣ KQ954	♣ 102
	AQ3	
	♥ K53	
	♦ 10872	
	♣ AJ7	

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

***North uses Stayman. South bids 2D saying "no major suit".**

****With 13 pts north bids game in NTs.**

2C is Stayman?

***4S shows a 4 card fit and pts. for game. (25+)**

♠ K105	♠ J943	♠ 87
♥ KQJ62	♥ A5	♥ 1084
♦ 93	♦ AQ106	♦ K8542
♣ 832	♣ K105	♣ J64
	AQ62	
	♥ 973	
	♦ J7	
	♣ AQ97	

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

♠ 732	♠ 10986	♠ A5
♥ KJ95	♥ 64	♥ A108
♦ 103	♦ AKQ75	♦ 9842
♣ QJ104	♣ K5	♣ 9876
	KQJ4	
	♥ Q732	
	♦ J6	
	♣ A32	

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

2C is Stayman. South shows heart suit first.

Wrong major!? for north - BUT Why did north use Stayman?

***South knows that north must have four spades!**

2C is Stayman. No fit.

So, with 13 pts. bid game in NTs

♠ A82	♠ Q104	♠ K73
♥ 972	♥ A643	♥ J105
♦ J865	♦ K3	♦ Q104
♣ 763	♣ KJ84	♣ Q952
	J953	
	♥ KQ8	
	♦ A972	
	♣ A10	

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

BLACKWOOD

♠ 85
♥ 8732
♦ A863
♣ A52

♠ KJ76
♥ AKJ
♦ KQJ109
♣ 9

♠ 432
♥ 9654
♦ 75
♣ 10763

♠ AQ109
♥ Q10
♦ 42
♣ KQJ84

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

With 18 pts, north stays calm.

When south rebids spades slam looks certain.

4NT checks for aces and 5♦ shows one. (Two aces missing)

After transferring to hearts, north rebids a forcing 2♠.

South shows a fit by bidding 4♠.

North bids 4NT and finds that south has 2 aces and slam is bid.

♠ 53
♥ Q95
♦ Q9832
♣ 543

♠ KQJ10
♥ AK764
♦ 10
♣ KQ10

♠ 872
♥ 1032
♦ 7654
♣ A62

♠ A964
♥ J8
♦ AKJ
♣ J987

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

♠ A865
♥ A543
♦ 875
♣ 65

♠ K7
♥ KQJ
♦ AQJ
♣ A10987

♠ 1092
♥ 972
♦ 6432
♣ 432

♠ QJ43
♥ 1086
♦ K109
♣ KQJ

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	4NT	P
P			

Not Blackwood. Just like 1NT 2NT asks partner to bid the game on a maximum 1NT - 4NT asks partner to bid 6NT on a maximum.

You usually need 33 HCPs to bid a slam in NT

At present your only way to show a fit with this big hand is to bid game.

(Eventually you will find better ways).

Thankfully south also has a big hand and the slam is bid

♠ 65
♥ QJ6
♦ 1062
♣ 109875

♠ Q9842
♥ K43
♦ AJ87
♣ A

♠ 73
♥ 9852
♦ Q943
♣ Q64

♠ AKJ10
♥ A107
♦ K5
♣ KJ32

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

♠ 10
♥ KQ102
♦ 1063
♣ QJ1087

♠ J875
♥ A97
♦ KQJ92
♣ 4

♠ 32
♥ J653
♦ 754
♣ 9652

♠ AKQ964
♥ 84
♦ A8
♣ AK3

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

2♠ promises 8 playing tricks with spades as trumps. Once south shows three aces, North can SEE 13 tricks and bids 7NT

Easy Peesy!

Only ask for kings when you have all the aces.

♠ 1032
♥ 10972
♦ 105
♣ J1097

♠ AQJ
♥ AKQ86
♦ AKQ
♣ K5

♠ 98754
♥ 4
♦ J863
♣ Q63

♠ K6
♥ J53
♦ 9742
♣ A842

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

♠ KQJ8
♥ Q9
♦ 8754
♣ 952

♠ 7
♥ AJ107632
♦ QJ10
♣ 43

♠ 106432
♥ -
♦ K932
♣ 10876

♠ A95
♥ K854
♦ A6
♣ AKQJ

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

SK lead.

13 tricks on top

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♥J LEAD

Win & lead ♠K.

When south shows out - finesse ♠J.

Draw last trump and play low to ♣K

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♠ Q109
♥ J1098
♦ Q109
♣ 965

♠ AJ73
♥ KQ
♦ 873
♣ QJ104

♠ -
♥ 765432
♦ J62
♣ A732

♠ K86542
♥ A
♦ AK54
♣ K8

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

TAKEOUT DOUBLES

♠ QJ105
 ♥ AK9
 ♦ J5
 ♣ A876

♠ 742
 ♥ 87653
 ♦ Q7
 ♣ Q32

♠ A8
 ♥ 102
 ♦ AK986
 ♣ KJ104

♠ K963
 ♥ QJ4
 ♦ 10432
 ♣ 95

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD DA

With only 6 pts, south bids his best suit at the cheapest level.

North competes to 2S which will probably win the contract. Make sure to ruff the 3rd diamond high.

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

♠ KQ65
 ♥ KQ54
 ♦ AJ64
 ♣ 4

♠ 9
 ♥ AJ10
 ♦ Q872
 ♣ AK987

♠ J108743
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 1095
 ♣ 1053

♠ A2
 ♥ 98732
 ♦ K3
 ♣ QJ62

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD CA

South with 10ish pts. should jump a level of bidding.

Win the spade switch with SA and lead towards your H KQ twice.

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

♠ AQ106
 ♥ K83
 ♦ 52
 ♣ A974

♠ J972
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 10973
 ♣ J853

♠ K543
 ♥ AQ2
 ♦ KQJ84
 ♣ 10

♠ 8
 ♥ J109654
 ♦ A6
 ♣ KQ62

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD DK

When it is clear what the contract should be, south bids game directly.

Win DA and finesse HJ. West must have the HA & probably HQ.

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

♠ AKQJ
 ♥ A753
 ♦ K
 ♣ Q1098

♠ 85
 ♥ Q9
 ♦ QJ752
 ♣ AK53

♠ 109742
 ♥ J84
 ♦ 1093
 ♣ J4

♠ 63
 ♥ K1062
 ♦ A864
 ♣ 762

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD CA & CK

Even with 0 pts, south must bid at the cheapest level. North knows that south may have 0 pts. but still raises to 3H. South bids on with a good 7! East plays hi-lo with CJ & C4 & ruffs 3rd round.

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

♠ 5
 ♥ AQJ10
 ♦ AQ52
 ♣ Q872

♠ 864
 ♥ 952
 ♦ 1076
 ♣ 9643

♠ KQ1097
 ♥ K86
 ♦ J43
 ♣ A10

♠ AJ32
 ♥ 743
 ♦ K98
 ♣ KJ5

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD SK

With 11/12 pts and a good stop in the enemy suit, south bids 2NT.

North is happy to raise to game. South must duck the opening lead & finesse hearts

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

♠ K108
 ♥ KJ1074
 ♦ AQ6
 ♣ 62

♠ 73
 ♥ AQ986
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ Q1094

♠ J642
 ♥ 532
 ♦ 754
 ♣ J75

♠ AQ95
 ♥ -
 ♦ 109832
 ♣ AK83

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD C6

North must pass smoothly. South makes a takeout double.

Holding hearts AND pts., north will pass the takeout double FOR PENALTIES

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

♠ A1075
 ♥ AK9
 ♦ 5
 ♣ AQ876

♠ Q42
 ♥ J8763
 ♦ QJ
 ♣ J32

♠ K8
 ♥ 102
 ♦ AK10976
 ♣ K104

♠ J963
 ♥ Q54
 ♦ 8432
 ♣ 95

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD DA

When east bids, south doesn't have to bid, but when north doubles again, it is still for takeout. South reluctantly bids spades. North is still interested and invites. South declines.

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

♠ A
 ♥ 542
 ♦ 10876
 ♣ AKJ107

♠ 107532
 ♥ 63
 ♦ J54
 ♣ 862

♠ K964
 ♥ KJ98
 ♦ AQ3
 ♣ 93

♠ QJ8
 ♥ AQ107
 ♦ K92
 ♣ Q54

TAKEOUT X
 LEAD S3

West panics when east doubles, but south bids!

When north simply rebids clubs, south jumps to game in NTs.

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

PENALTY DOUBLES

♠ 109	♠ Q86		♠ AKJ53
♥ AKQ103	♥ 9652		♥ 4
♦ J64	♦ 85		♦ 9732
♣ AK9	♣ 8643		♣ 752
	♠ 742		
	♥ J87		
	♦ AKQ10		
	♣ QJ10		

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

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

East with 8 pts. should pass!

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

East with 8 pts. should pass!

♠ A94	♠ Q106		♠ J753
♥ 95	♥ 763		♥ AK82
♦ KQJ63	♦ 972		♦ 84
♣ AJ5	♣ Q864		♣ 1093
	♠ K82		
	♥ QJ104		
	♦ A105		
	♣ K72		

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P

♠ A63	♠ Q954		♠ K72
♥ KQ106	♥ 983		♥ J74
♦ K85	♦ Q63		♦ 102
♣ A104	♣ 987		♣ QJ654
	♠ J108		
	♥ A52		
	♦ AJ974		
	♣ K2		

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

East with 7 pts. should pass!

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

East cannot support west's X but has a 5 card suit and bids it.

♠ AJ107	♠ KQ64		♠ 32
♥ QJ93	♥ 754		♥ 1086
♦ QJ	♦ K82		♦ 654
♣ A83	♣ 1075		♣ QJ942
	♠ 985		
	♥ AK2		
	♦ A10973		
	♣ K6		

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

♠ A1076	♠ 4		♠ QJ92
♥ AKJ9	♥ 754		♥ 1082
♦ J85	♦ 742		♦ K1063
♣ K9	♣ AJ10862		♣ 75
	♠ K854		
	♥ Q63		
	♦ AQ9		
	♣ Q43		

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	2C	

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

This time it is opener's partner who, despite being weak, has a 6 card suit which can be bid.

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

With 10 pts. north has no need to remove the double.

♠ AQ3	♠ 974		♠ 852
♥ KQ1073	♥ 642		♥ 985
♦ Q74	♦ A9		♦ J1062
♣ K2	♣ AQ875		♣ 1094
	♠ KJ106		
	♥ AJ		
	♦ K853		
	♣ J43		

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

If east bids - north should X for penalties

♠ Q32	♠ 875		♠ AJ96
♥ AJ102	♥ Q76		♥ 985
♦ A4	♦ 652		♦ J93
♣ AJ54	♣ K1097		♣ 632
	♠ K104		
	♥ K43		
	♦ KQ1087		
	♣ Q8		

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

East should cross fingers and pass.

West's x shows 15-18 pts. and is for penalties.

♠ 853	♠ 1097		♠ K642
♥ AK10	♥ Q654		♥ 987
♦ K42	♦ 65		♦ A97
♣ AQ87	♣ 10652		♣ J94
	♠ AQJ		
	♥ J32		
	♦ QJ1083		
	♣ K3		

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	P	P

PRE-EMPTIVE BIDS

LEAD CK

♠ 9
♥ AKQ4
♦ KQJ7
♣ A643

♠ 742
♥ 9853
♦ A43
♣ 1085

♠ AJ
♥ J76
♦ 1052
♣ KQJ97

♠ KQ108653
♥ 102
♦ 986
♣ 2

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

LEAD CK

North should not be tempted to bid 3NT

LEAD CK

South's pre-empt buys the contract. It will go two off but E/W can make 4H.

-200 is better than -620

♠ QJ7
♥ K864
♦ 73
♣ 6542

♠ A8
♥ Q752
♦ J2
♣ KQ1087

♠ K6542
♥ AJ93
♦ 95
♣ AJ

♠ 1093
♥ 10
♦ AKQ10864
♣ 93

S	W	N	E
3D	P	P	P

LEAD SA

♠ 42
♥ J109
♦ K865
♣ A1076

♠ QJ75
♥ A865
♦ QJ103
♣ 3

♠ AK10863
♥ K32
♦ A94
♣ 4

♠ 9
♥ Q74
♦ 72
♣ KQJ9852

S	W	N	E
3C	3S	P	4S
P	P	5C	?
P	?		

LEAD SA

West can bid 3S and north passes. East bids to game. South & west pass, but now north enters the auction with 5C.

LEAD D10 to DA

D9 returned to south's DK. S2 towards SJ. West wins SA & returns H9 to HA and a diamond ruff!

♠ 1073
♥ 652
♦ QJ95
♣ AK4

♠ A4
♥ A10984
♦ 104
♣ J983

♠ 5
♥ KQJ7
♦ A932
♣ Q1062

♠ KQJ9862
♥ 3
♦ K86
♣ 75

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

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LEAD H8

♠ AK4
♥ Q63
♦ 9654
♣ 1083

♠ Q8532
♥ A
♦ K1084
♣ A64

♠ J976
♥ 82
♦ AQ7
♣ Q975

♠ 10
♥ KJ109754
♦ J3
♣ KJ2

S	W	N	E
3H	P	4H	?

LEAD H8

Without north's 4H bid, east is likely to bid 3S and 4S makes!

LEAD SK

Pre-emptive bids make it hard for the opponents.

Here they are forced to bid at a level that is too high!

♠ A10
♥ AQ106
♦ KJ10
♣ Q1087

♠ KQJ8652
♥ 4
♦ 874
♣ 54

♠ 3
♥ K853
♦ AQ53
♣ A962

♠ 974
♥ J972
♦ 962
♣ KJ3

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

LEAD CJ

♠ K9874
♥ 98
♦ AJ9
♣ K63

♠ Q63
♥ Q74
♦ KQ1083
♣ Q7

♠ AJ10
♥ 5
♦ 754
♣ J108542

♠ 52
♥ AKJ10632
♦ 62
♣ A9

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

LEAD CJ

Too strong to open 3H!

LEAD CK

Too weak, particularly if you are vulnerable

Note that a X of 3S would be for takeout, so west must pass originally.

♠ 93
♥ AJ972
♦ J962
♣ K73

♠ AQ107
♥ Q106
♦ K10
♣ QJ8

♠ -
♥ K853
♦ AQ53
♣ A10962

♠ KJ86542
♥ 4
♦ 874
♣ 54

S	W	N	E
3S	P	P	X
P			

MIXTURE

(Overcalls, Stayman, doubles, 2♣ opening.)

♠ QJ1076	♠ A8	♠ 542
♥ 853	♥ KQJ74	♥ 9
♦ J10	♦ A732	♦ Q84
♣ J85	♣ Q2	♣ AK9743
	♠ K93	
	♥ A1062	
	♦ K965	
	♣ 106	

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

LEAD ♣A

East's good 6 card suit allows a 2 level overcall.

South can bid 3♥ with 10-12 pts. inviting game.

♠ K9	♠ 10854	♠ AJ32
♥ QJ1076	♥ 53	♥ K98
♦ 32	♦ 10754	♦ K9
♣ AK65	♣ J109	♣ Q432
	♠ Q76	
	♥ A42	
	♦ AQJ86	
	♣ 87	

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

LEAD ♦5

West KNOWS that game is on and jumps to 3♥. (2♥ would simply be competing for a part score.)

With no overcall west would transfer then bid 3NT.

♠ K98	♠ 43	♠ QJ10652
♥ A74	♥ Q1098	♥ 652
♦ AJ3	♦ 75	♦ 62
♣ KJ53	♣ 109742	♣ AQ
	♠ A7	
	♥ KJ3	
	♦ KQ10984	
	♣ 86	

S	W	N	E
1D	1NT	P	4S

LEAD ♦K

The 1NT overcall shows 16-18 pts.

East can bid game in spades with 9 pts. & six spades

♠ A9	♠ Q875	♠ 1042
♥ 102	♥ AK93	♥ J876
♦ AK1096	♦ 5	♦ QJ7
♣ KJ104	♣ A876	♣ Q32
	♠ KJ63	
	♥ Q54	
	♦ 8432	
	♣ 95	

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

LEAD ♦A

After the double, south is forced to bid and with 0-8 pts. bids at the cheapest level.

When west bids again, north can compete

♠ 8	♠ J543	♠ AK106
♥ KJ9654	♥ A32	♥ Q108
♦ A6	♦ KQJ84	♦ 52
♣ J962	♣ Q	♣ AK74
	♠ Q972	
	♥ 7	
	♦ 10973	
	♣ 10853	

N	E	S	W
1D	X	P	4H

LEAD ♦K

After east's double, west can count his hand as 13 pts, so bids game.

3 for singleton 1 for doubleton

♠ 864	♠ AJ32	♠ KQ1097
♥ 95	♥ 743	♥ K862
♦ 10763	♦ K98	♦ J4
♣ 9643	♣ QJ5	♣ A10
	♠ 5	
	♥ AQJ10	
	♦ AQ52	
	♣ K872	

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

LEAD ♠K

After the double, north's 2NT shows 11/12 pts. a good stop and no suit of his own.

♠ J10	♠ K987	♠ Q543
♥ A74	♥ KQ102	♥ J53
♦ 875	♦ 109	♦ QJ42
♣ J10976	♣ AK3	♣ 42
	♠ A62	
	♥ 986	
	♦ AK63	
	♣ Q85	

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

LEAD ♣J

After 1NT, 2♣ = Stayman 2♦ = no 4 card major.

With no major fit north must now bid game with 13+pts.

♠ AQ86	♠ J10754	♠ K
♥ AQJ	♥ 3	♥ 1098754
♦ AKQ	♦ 10832	♦ J74
♣ J85	♣ A62	♣ 1043
	♠ 932	
	♥ K62	
	♦ 965	
	♣ KQ97	

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

LEAD ♣K

2♣ = 23+ pts. (or forcing to game.)
 2♦ = 0-7 pts.
 2NT = 23/24 pts
 4♥ = the best game.

LIMIT BIDS - RESPONDER & OPENER

<p>♠ 105 ♥ AK106432 ♦ J76 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ 9842 ♥ 87 ♦ 1092 ♣ AK82</p> <p>♠ AKQ76 ♥ Q95 ♦ A3 ♣ J106</p>	<p>♠ J3 ♥ J ♦ KQ854 ♣ Q9754</p>	<p>MAJOR FIT HA LEAD</p> <p>West's overcall is OK. (Shape) North's bid of 2S limits the hand to 6-9 pts. With no fit east should pass. With 17 pts. south may bid on, but north should decline. (Too flat).</p>												
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<p>♠ K102 ♥ KJ94 ♦ 865 ♣ 982</p>	<p>♠ 643 ♥ 876 ♦ Q2 ♣ AQJ105</p> <p>♠ QJ97 ♥ AQ10 ♦ AJ74 ♣ 63</p>	<p>♠ A85 ♥ 532 ♦ K1093 ♣ K74</p>	<p>NO GAME H4 LEAD</p> <p>1NT will play as well as 2C.</p>								
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<p>♠ 954 ♥ 10862 ♦ AQ654 ♣ 842</p>	<p>♠ QJ73 ♥ A3 ♦ 972 ♣ KJ53</p> <p>♠ AK8 ♥ KQ75 ♦ J10 ♣ A109</p>	<p>♠ 1062 ♥ J94 ♦ K83 ♣ Q762</p>	<p>JUMP REBID D5 LEAD</p> <p>South's rebid shows a balanced hand of 17/18 pts.</p> <p>A reverse!</p>												
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<p>♠ A4 ♥ 1073 ♦ 1076 ♣ KQ752</p>	<p>♠ QJ97 ♥ KQ ♦ K92 ♣ 10643</p> <p>♠ K8653 ♥ AJ84 ♦ 53 ♣ A8</p>	<p>♠ 102 ♥ 9652 ♦ AQJ84 ♣ J9</p>	<p>MAJOR FIT CK LEAD</p> <p>North's bid of 3S limits the hand to 10/11pts.</p> <p>South has a minimum opener and passes.</p>								
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<p>♠ AQ102 ♥ A53 ♦ 84 ♣ Q642</p>	<p>♠ K976 ♥ QJ6 ♦ Q109 ♣ K73</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ K108742 ♦ AJ63 ♣ A10</p>	<p>♠ J853 ♥ 9 ♦ K752 ♣ J985</p>	<p>H3 LEAD</p> <p>North makes a LIMIT raise of 3H (10/11 pts.) after finding 5/3 FIT.</p> <p>South with a bit extra bids on to game. (3 pts. for the singleton club make 15 pts.)</p>																
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<p>♠ J7 ♥ 108642 ♦ 103 ♣ 832</p>	<p>♠ 642 ♥ AQ ♦ J86 ♣ KQJ109</p> <p>♠ AKQ10 ♥ 975 ♦ AK97 ♣ 76</p>	<p>♠ 9853 ♥ KJ3 ♦ Q43 ♣ A54</p>	<p>H4 LEAD</p> <p>GAME BID on finding 5/3 FIT</p>												
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<p>♠ QJ109 ♥ 864 ♦ 92 ♣ Q1076</p>	<p>♠ A3 ♥ J107 ♦ QJ1075 ♣ 983</p> <p>♠ 8752 ♥ AKQ ♦ K83 ♣ AKJ</p>	<p>♠ K64 ♥ 9532 ♦ A64 ♣ 542</p>	<p>SQ LEAD</p> <p>IF east holds up DA for two rounds south cannot get to two extra diamonds.</p>								
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<p>♠ 862 ♥ 632 ♦ AQ53 ♣ K107</p>	<p>♠ J7 ♥ Q1094 ♦ 976 ♣ A652</p> <p>♠ AQ105 ♥ KJ85 ♦ K42 ♣ Q3</p>	<p>♠ K943 ♥ A7 ♦ J108 ♣ J984</p>	<p>H3 LEAD</p> <p>South opens the lower of two 4 card suits of the same rank. North shows support at the 2 level (6-9).</p> <p>Game is not possible.</p>								
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MIXTURE - 2C - 2S - Blackwood - Stayman

2 CLUB OPEN

D6 LEAD (MUD)

Good fit! Draw trumps

♠ 10
♥ 10965
♦ 432
♣ Q8765

♠ K8754
♥ A7
♦ 765
♣ 1094

♠ Q9632
♥ 32
♦ A1098
♣ 32

♠ AJ
♥ KQJ84
♦ KQJ
♣ AKJ

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

T.O.DOUBLE DK LEAD

With 11 pts, south bids 3H. (3 for singleton, 1 for doubleton)

With a better heart holding north could ask for aces.

♠ AQ106
♥ K83
♦ 52
♣ AK74

♠ J543
♥ AQ2
♦ KQJ84
♣ J

♠ K972
♥ 7
♦ 10973
♣ 10853

♠ 8
♥ J109654
♦ A6
♣ Q962

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

BLACKWOOD

S7/D3/C3 LEAD

Lay down Grand Slam.

♠ K6
♥ J53
♦ 974
♣ A8432

♠ 98754
♥ 4
♦ J8632
♣ Q6

♠ 1032
♥ 1092
♦ 105
♣ J10975

♠ AQJ
♥ AKQ876
♦ AKQ
♣ K

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

2S OPEN

HQ LEAD

North can see 2 tricks to go with the 8 south promises. (DA and a heart ruff.)

♠ 1074
♥ J4
♦ A72
♣ J7632

♠ 92
♥ Q1053
♦ QJ1094
♣ 109

♠ J8
♥ K762
♦ K853
♣ A84

♠ AKQ653
♥ A98
♦ 6
♣ KQ5

S	W	N	E
2S	P	4S	

STAYMAN

DJ LEAD

With both majors, south rebids hearts first.

♠ AK83
♥ AJ8
♦ 2
♣ K8765

♠ 95
♥ 10643
♦ J1095
♣ 1032

♠ QJ6
♥ 52
♦ A87643
♣ A9

♠ 10742
♥ KQ97
♦ KQ
♣ QJ4

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

STAYMAN

SQ LEAD

4/4 heart fit with 13 pts. Bid game

♠ 94
♥ AQJ8
♦ 10954
♣ AQJ

♠ QJ1062
♥ K43
♦ J6
♣ 762

♠ K753
♥ 107
♦ A32
♣ 10985

♠ A8
♥ 9652
♦ KQ87
♣ K43

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

T.O.DOUBLE

SK LEAD

With 11/12 pts and a good stop in the enemy suit, south bids 2NT. (No major)

North raises to game.

♠ 5
♥ AQJ10
♦ AQ52
♣ K872

♠ KQ1097
♥ K862
♦ J4
♣ A10

♠ 864
♥ 95
♦ 10763
♣ 9643

♠ AJ32
♥ 743
♦ K98
♣ QJ5

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

BLACKWOOD

HJ LEAD

Win and lead SK. When south shows out finesse SJ.

Draw last trump and play low to CK

♠ AJ73
♥ KQ
♦ 873
♣ QJ104

♠ Q109
♥ J1098
♦ Q109
♣ 965

♠ -
♥ 765432
♦ J62
♣ A732

♠ K86542
♥ A
♦ AK54
♣ K8

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

CASHING TOP TRICKS (1ST LESSON)

LEAD ♥Q

8 TOP TRICKS

2 spades
2 hearts
2 diamonds
2 clubs
You can make a 9th trick by leading TOWARDS ♦AJ or ♣AJ and finessing jack.

♠ 10532	♠ Q74
♥ AK4	♥ 75
♦ K83	♦ Q106
♣ A53	♣ Q9764

♠ J98	♠ AK6
♥ QJ108	♥ 9632
♦ 9752	♦ AJ4
♣ 108	♣ KJ2

S	W	N	E
16	4	14	6

SOUTH IN GAME IN NO TRUMPS

LEAD ♥J

10 TOP TRICKS

1 spade
2 hearts
(after the lead)
2 diamonds
5 clubs

IF you play ♣10 1st (honours from the short hand).

♠ 876	♠ AKQJ2	♠ Q1092
♥ K6	♥ J10987	♥ A2
♦ 943	♦ Q1087	♦ J6
♣ 3	♣ 3	♣ 98754

♠ K54	♠ AJ3
♥ J10987	♥ Q543
♦ Q1087	♦ AK52
♣ 3	♣ 106

S	W	N	E
14	6	13	7

SOUTH IN GAME IN NO TRUMPS

LEAD ♦K

7 TOP TRICKS

Win ♦A (or duck the 1st trick and win 2nd).
Play ♠K and ♠Q
Then low to ♠A and ♠J. Now ESTABLISH a heart winner before cashing ♣A

♠ AJ72	♠ 965
♥ Q53	♥ A10942
♦ J42	♦ 85
♣ J62	♣ K105

♠ 1043	♠ KQ8
♥ J8	♥ K76
♦ KQ1097	♦ A63
♣ Q74	♣ A983

S	W	N	E
16	8	9	7

SOUTH IN GAME IN NO TRUMPS

LEAD ♥Q

9 TOP TRICKS

Win ♥A and cash four club winners. Now play ♠Q (honour from short hand) and overtake ♠J to cash two more spades.

♠ AK102	♠ 986
♥ A4	♥ K875
♦ 643	♦ A97
♣ 8532	♣ 974

♠ 7543	♠ QJ
♥ QJ109	♥ 632
♦ KQ10	♦ J852
♣ 106	♣ AKQJ

S	W	N	E
14	8	11	7

SOUTH IN GAME IN NO TRUMPS

LEAD ♠5

9 TOP TRICKS

2 spades
2 hearts
5 diamonds

Win spade return. Cash ♦K, ♦Q and overtake ♦J. Cash diamonds! Now play ♥3 to ♥A and cash ♠J for nine tricks.

♠ KQ	♠ A64
♥ J43	♥ 10985
♦ A10653	♦ 84
♣ QJ4	♣ A1075

♠ 108753	♠ J92
♥ Q76	♥ AK2
♦ 972	♦ KQJ
♣ K9	♣ 8632

S	W	N	E
14	5	13	8

SOUTH IN GAME IN NO TRUMPS

LEAD ♦6

9 TOP TRICKS but - ENTRY PROBLEMS?

Win with ♦K NOT ♦A which is your only entry to dummy.

Play ♥A then low to ♥Q, ♥J, ♥10.

♠ 964	♠ KJ1082
♥ QJ102	♥ 987
♦ A2	♦ Q9
♣ 7632	♣ Q108

♠ Q3	♠ A75
♥ K543	♥ A6
♦ 108765	♦ KJ43
♣ J4	♣ AK95

S	W	N	E
19	6	7	8

SOUTH IN GAME IN NO TRUMPS

LEAD ♦Q

8 TOP TRICKS (10 if spades split no worse than 3/1)

Play in 4♠

Draw trumps 1st!

♠ A763	♠ J98
♥ Q63	♥ J10942
♦ A62	♦ 9
♣ J73	♣ K1096

♠ 10	♠ KQ542
♥ 85	♥ AK7
♦ QJ10875	♦ K43
♣ AQ42	♣ 85

S	W	N	E
15	9	11	5

SOUTH IN GAME IN SPADES

LEAD ♥Q

UNBLOCK

8 TOP TRICKS

Win ♥A and play ♠2 to ♠A. Cash ♠A. Then low to ♣K. Cash ♠K, ♠Q. Now low to ♣A and notice ♣Q falls.

♠ KQ62	♠ 1098
♥ A4	♥ K875
♦ 643	♦ KJ97
♣ K532	♣ Q7

♠ 7543	♠ AJ
♥ QJ109	♥ 632
♦ Q10	♦ A852
♣ 1064	♣ AJ98

S	W	N	E
14	5	12	9

SOUTH IN GAME IN NO TRUMPS

UNBLOCKING

♠ AQJ4
 ♥ 532
 ♦ 73
 ♣ 6532
 3NT
 ♠ K5
 ♥ AK86
 ♦ A865
 ♣ AK7
 ♠ 107
 ♥ QJ4
 ♦ KQJ109
 ♣ 1094
 ♠ 98632
 ♥ 1097
 ♦ 42
 ♣ QJ8

S	W	N	E
21	9	7	3

UNBLOCK ♠K
LEAD ♦K
 9 TOP TRICKS
 4 spades
 2 hearts
 1 diamond
 2 clubs

UNBLOCK ♠J
LEAD ♦K
 9 TOP TRICKS
 4 spades
 3 hearts
 1 diamond
 1 clubs

♠ AKQ3
 ♥ 875
 ♦ 542
 ♣ 653
 3NT
 ♠ J6
 ♥ AKQ
 ♦ A763
 ♣ A874
 ♠ 542
 ♥ J104
 ♦ KQJ108
 ♣ 92
 ♠ 10987
 ♥ 9632
 ♦ 9
 ♣ KQJ10

S	W	N	E
18	7	9	6

♠ 642
 ♥ AQ43
 ♦ 742
 ♣ 854
 3NT
 ♠ AK3
 ♥ KJ2
 ♦ A853
 ♣ AK3
 ♠ 75
 ♥ 65
 ♦ KQ109
 ♣ QJ1098
 ♠ QJ1098
 ♥ 10987
 ♦ J6
 ♣ 62

S	W	N	E
22	8	6	4

UNBLOCK ♥K and ♥J
LEAD ♣Q
 9 TOP TRICKS
 2 spades
 4 hearts
 1 diamond
 2 clubs

UNBLOCK ♥Q and ♥J
LEAD ♣Q
 9 TOP TRICKS
 1 spade
 4 hearts
 1 diamond
 2 clubs

♠ 9864
 ♥ AK43
 ♦ 53
 ♣ 763
 2NT
 ♠ A53
 ♥ QJ2
 ♦ A987
 ♣ AK5
 ♠ KQJ
 ♥ 1075
 ♦ 64
 ♣ QJ1098
 ♠ 1072
 ♥ 986
 ♦ KQJ102
 ♣ 42

S	W	N	E
18	9	7	6

♠ A42
 ♥ QJ32
 ♦ 832
 ♣ 764
 2NT
 ♠ K65
 ♥ AK
 ♦ AQ54
 ♣ A532
 ♠ QJ109
 ♥ 9654
 ♦ 1097
 ♣ 98
 ♠ 873
 ♥ 1087
 ♦ KJ6
 ♣ KQJ10

S	W	N	E
20	5	7	10

UNBLOCK ♥K and ♥A
LEAD ♠Q
 8 TOP TRICKS
 2 spades
 4 hearts
 *1 diamond
 1 club
 You will need to finesse ♦Q.

UNBLOCK ♠Q and ♠A
LEAD ♥Q
 13 TOP TRICKS
 4 spades
 2 hearts
 2 diamonds
 5 clubs
 But can you get to them?

♠ KJ32
 ♥ 542
 ♦ 764
 ♣ 1043
 7NT
 ♠ AQ
 ♥ AK7
 ♦ AK5
 ♣ AKQJ2
 ♠ 875
 ♥ QJ109
 ♦ 832
 ♣ 765
 ♠ 10964
 ♥ 863
 ♦ QJ109
 ♣ 98

S	W	N	E
30	3	4	3

♠ A73
 ♥ 743
 ♦ 5
 ♣ AQJ652
 94
 ♥ J1095
 ♦ QJ93
 ♣ 1097
 ♠ KQJ52
 ♥ K86
 ♦ 742
 ♣ 43
 ♠ 1086
 ♥ AQ2
 ♦ AK1086
 ♣ K8

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

UNBLOCK ♣K
LEAD ♠K
 10 TOP TRICKS
 1 spade
 1 heart
 2 diamonds
 5 clubs

♣10 1ST. HONOUR FROM THE SHORT HAND.
LEAD ♥J
 9 TOP TRICKS
 1 spade
 1 heart
 2 diamonds
 5 clubs

♠ 876
 ♥ K6
 ♦ 943
 ♣ AKQJ2
 ♠ 542
 ♥ AJ10987
 ♦ Q1087
 ♣ -
 ♠ KQ19
 ♥ 32
 ♦ J6
 ♣ 98754
 ♠ AJ3
 ♥ Q54
 ♦ AK52
 ♣ 1063

S	W	N	E
14	7	13	6

♠ K5
 ♥ 8542
 ♦ 103
 ♣ AQJ96
 ♠ J86
 ♥ QJ1063
 ♦ K7
 ♣ K53
 ♠ A109
 ♥ AK
 ♦ A9842
 ♣ 1074
 ♠ Q8743
 ♥ 97
 ♦ QJ65
 ♣ 82

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

**FINESSE
HQ LEAD**

6 TOP TRICKS
No danger to the contract.

Win HA and run the C10 for 10 tricks.

9 tricks is poor!

♠ 932
 ♥ 1054
 ♦ 5
 ♣ AQJ942
 ♠ Q865
 ♥ AJ3
 ♦ 1087
 ♣ K63
 ♠ AK7
 ♥ KQ82
 ♦ AKJ4
 ♣ 105
 ♠ J104
 ♥ 976
 ♦ Q9632
 ♣ 87

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	P

**FINESSE
S5 LEAD**

5 TOP TRICKS
Clubs should provide 5 more. The danger is few entries to dummy.

Win SA and run the C10 when it holds, repeat the finesse

♠ AQ52
 ♥ K84
 ♦ A652
 ♣ 42
 ♠ K643
 ♥ Q95
 ♦ 987
 ♣ 865
 ♠ 98
 ♥ J10763
 ♦ KJ10
 ♣ K97
 ♠ J107
 ♥ A2
 ♦ Q43
 ♣ AQJ103

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**FINESSE
S3 LEAD**

Win SJ. Lead S10-covered. Now finesse CQ. Return to dummy with HK and finesse CJ. Cash CA.

3 spades
2 hearts
1 diamond
5 clubs = 11

♠ Q53
 ♥ 109
 ♦ AQ1074
 ♣ 954
 ♠ AJ64
 ♥ 864
 ♦ K95
 ♣ 732
 ♠ 1097
 ♥ AKQ
 ♦ J632
 ♣ AKJ
 ♠ K82
 ♥ J7532
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q1086

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

**FINESSE
S4 LEAD**

S3 - SK S7. win 3rd spade. Run DJ then finesse DQ. After running diamonds west will discard. clubs telling you he hasn't got the CQ

♠ AJ
 ♥ 9875
 ♦ 97
 ♣ AJ542
 ♠ KQ10
 ♥ 43
 ♦ A104
 ♣ 98763
 ♠ 98764
 ♥ K10
 ♦ QJ865
 ♣ 10
 ♠ 532
 ♥ AQJ62
 ♦ K32
 ♣ KQ

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

**FINESSE
SK LEAD**

Win SA and finesse HQ.

After drawing trumps unblock CK & CQ. Get to dummy with a small trump and discard losing spades on CA & CJ.

♠ AK92
 ♥ 63
 ♦ 9764
 ♣ KQ8
 ♠ Q74
 ♥ QJ104
 ♦ 1052
 ♣ A94
 ♠ 86
 ♥ 9852
 ♦ K83
 ♣ J1062
 ♠ J1053
 ♥ AK7
 ♦ AQJ
 ♣ 753

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

**FINESSE
HQ LEAD**

Win HA and lead SJ.

After drawing trumps finesse DQ and lead TOWARDS CK/Q

♠ 872
 ♥ Q63
 ♦ A7
 ♣ AKJ109
 ♠ Q103
 ♥ 987
 ♦ QJ1092
 ♣ 85
 ♠ J84
 ♥ KJ10
 ♦ 863
 ♣ Q763
 ♠ AK65
 ♥ A542
 ♦ K54
 ♣ 42

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**FINESSE
DQ LEAD**

7 TOP TRICKS

You will need DA as an entry to your clubs. Win DK

Finesse CQ

♠ 754
 ♥ A85
 ♦ Q1082
 ♣ 982
 ♠ KQJ6
 ♥ 1062
 ♦ 754
 ♣ 765
 ♠ 1093
 ♥ Q943
 ♦ A9
 ♣ KQJ10
 ♠ A82
 ♥ KJ7
 ♦ KJ63
 ♣ A43

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

**FINESSE
SK LEAD**

Win SA and lead trumps. Eventually you will finesse HJ for your 8th trick!

LEAD TOWARDS HONOURS

ONLY HOPE!
LEAD UP TO HEART KING

♠ 83	♠ AQ4	♠ J1097
♥ Q63	♥ 874	♥ AJ102
♦ 10863	♦ AK2	♦ J74
♣ QJ53	♣ A972	♣ 106
	♠ K652	
	♥ K95	
	♦ Q95	
	♣ K84	

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

LEAD TWICE TO HEART KQ

♠ 842	♠ KJ7	♠ 10953
♥ AJ5	♥ KQ8	♥ 1094
♦ 96	♦ A1074	♦ QJ32
♣ QJ1086	♣ 753	♣ 94
	♠ AQ6	
	♥ 7632	
	♦ K85	
	♣ AK2	

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

FINESSE SPADE QUEEN

♠ K103	♠ AQ85	♠ J42
♥ QJ103	♥ 765	♥ 984
♦ 942	♦ Q83	♦ J105
♣ K94	♣ 652	♣ QJ73
	♠ 976	
	♥ AK2	
	♦ AK76	
	♣ A108	

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

ONLY HOPE. LEAD TO CLUB KING

♠ QJ1098	♠ 653	♠ 7
♥ 94	♥ A753	♥ QJ1086
♦ 107	♦ QJ42	♦ 983
♣ A865	♣ K2	♣ QJ107
	♠ AK42	
	♥ K2	
	♦ AK65	
	♣ 943	

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

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

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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ESTABLISHING WINNERS 1.

♠ QJ9853	♠ K42	♠ 107	
♥ A7	♥ 1096	♥ 8543	
♦ 1095	♦ 743	♦ QJ8	
♣ J2	♣ AK87	♣ Q1095	
	3NT		
	♠ A6		
	♥ KQJ2		
	♦ AK62		
	♣ 643		
S	W	N	E
1H		2C	
3NT			

SQ LEAD
 You have 2 spade winners, 2 diamonds, and 2 clubs.
 Win and force out heart ace immediately, while you still have control.

SQ LEAD
 You have 2 spade winners, 2 hearts & 1 diamond.
 You must establish two club winners. Win and lead clubs immediately!

♠ QJ1096	♠ 432	♠ 87	
♥ Q97	♥ A52	♥ J1086	
♦ Q108	♦ A765	♦ KJ9	
♣ A8	♣ 754	♣ K632	
	1NT		
	♠ AK5		
	♥ K43		
	♦ 432		
	♣ QJ109		
S	W	N	E
1NT		P	

♠ 875	♠ Q42	♠ J1096	
♥ KQJ9	♥ 754	♥ 108	
♦ Q93	♦ A74	♦ J1086	
♣ 974	♣ KJ62	♣ A85	
	♠ AK3		
	♥ A632		
	♦ K52		
	♣ Q103		
S	W	N	E
1H		2C	
2NT		3NT	

HK LEAD
 You have 3 spade winners, 1 heart, and 2 diamonds.
 Force out ♣A. The 4th club will be your 9th trick.

DQ LEAD
 Your problem will be getting to your club winners IF you win with ♦A.
 WIN with ♦K. ♦A is your entry back to the clubs.

♠ Q103	♠ 872	♠ J94	
♥ 987	♥ Q63	♥ KJ10	
♦ QJ1092	♦ A7	♦ 863	
♣ 85	♣ AKJ109	♣ Q763	
	♠ AK65		
	♥ A542		
	♦ K54		
	♣ 42		
S	W	N	E
1NT		3NT	

♠ QJ1096	♠ 73	♠ 852	
♥ K987	♥ 1052	♥ AJ	
♦ 10	♦ Q86	♦ J97543	
♣ Q106	♣ AK432	♣ J8	
	♠ AK4		
	♥ Q643		
	♦ AK2		
	♣ 975		
S	W	N	E
1H		2C	
2NT		3NT	

SQ LEAD
 You have 7 top tricks. Your low clubs can be established as winners, but keep your ♦Q safe until you have played off ♣A, ♣K and ♣4. Now you can get to ♣3 & ♣2

SQ LEAD
 7 top tricks. Win ♠A and unblock ♣A and ♣K. When both opponents follow, lead a heart to ♥A and play a 3rd club. Use ♥K to get to the established club winners.

♠ QJ1092	♠ 54	♠ 63	
♥ Q94	♥ AK2	♥ 10876	
♦ Q98	♦ 72	♦ K1054	
♣ J9	♣ 865432	♣ Q107	
	♠ AK87		
	♥ J53		
	♦ AJ63		
	♣ AK		
S	W	N	E
2NT		3NT	

♠ Q53	♠ A10876	♠ J42	
♥ J10986	♥ A2	♥ 754	
♦ 103	♦ K654	♦ QJ987	
♣ A74	♣ 92	♣ K8	
	♠ K9		
	♥ KQ3		
	♦ A2		
	♣ QJ10653		
S	W	N	E
1C		1S	
1NT		3S	
3NT			

HJ LEAD
 You have 7 top tricks.
 Win ♥A and play ♣9.
 You are forcing out ♣A and ♣K to establish 4 winning club tricks.

S6 LEAD
 You have 6 top tricks.
 Establish three winning heart tricks by playing hearts immediately.

♠ K85	♠ A32	♠ QJ94	
♥ 875	♥ J1042	♥ A96	
♦ QJ862	♦ K95	♦ 107	
♣ 74	♣ 1063	♣ J985	
	♠ 1076		
	♥ KQ3		
	♦ A43		
	♣ AKQ2		
S	W	N	E
1C		1H	
2NT		3NT	

ESTABLISHING WINNERS

♠ 973
♥ 853
♦ KQJ82
♣ 86

♠ KQ42
♥ A92
♦ 63
♣ KJ104

♠ A85
♥ K76
♦ A74
♣ Q973

1

♠ J106
♥ QJ104
♦ 1095
♣ A52

DK LEAD

Defenders try to establish diamond winners. If east still has a diamond when in with CA a diamond return set the contract.

Hold up DA for 2 rounds.

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

SJ LEAD

♠ J10987
♥ A65
♦ 864
♣ Q5

♠ AQ2
♥ 87
♦ KJ52
♣ A873

♠ K63
♥ QJ109
♦ A3
♣ K642

2

♠ 54
♥ K432
♦ Q1097
♣ J109

7 instant winners. Knock out the HA and HK to establish 2 extra tricks. Note: you can afford to give up the lead twice!!!!

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ KJ964
♥ 105
♦ 1074
♣ K75

♠ 103
♥ KJ983
♦ AKJ
♣ J103

3

♠ Q85
♥ A762
♦ 982
♣ 862

S6 LEAD

Hold up SA. Play on hearts to knock out the HA to establish winners

East wins but has no spades left to lead to partner.

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

SQ LEAD

8 winners! To establish heart winners you need to lose the lead twice but opponents have set up winning spades. Only chance is 3-3 club break establishing a long club.

♠ QJ1065
♥ A32
♦ 10
♣ J76

♠ 32
♥ 876
♦ AKQJ
♣ K985

♠ AK
♥ QJ109
♦ 7652
♣ A32

4

♠ 987
♥ K54
♦ 9843
♣ Q104

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ Q93
♥ Q76
♦ QJ1085
♣ 82

♠ A4
♥ AK32
♦ A943
♣ KJ7

5

♠ K8652
♥ J108
♦ 72
♣ A43

DQ LEAD

Win DA Lead KC to knock out CA to establish winners. Defenders can defeat 3NT by holding up the CA if the DK entry had been taken at trick 1

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

SQ LEAD Not 4th highest. Defenders try to establish winners by knocking out aces and kings. 4th highest lead gives declarer a cheap trick. Play on clubs for extra tricks.

♠ QJ1064
♥ J97
♦ Q108
♣ K8

♠ 832
♥ A52
♦ A765
♣ 754

♠ AK9
♥ K43
♦ 432
♣ QJ109

6

♠ 75
♥ Q1086
♦ KJ9
♣ A632

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

♠ Q9875
♥ A54
♦ 1073
♣ K8

♠ A63
♥ K1082
♦ Q4
♣ A1074

7

♠ J2
♥ Q76
♦ 9865
♣ Q962

S7 LEAD

DUCK 1st trick Count 7 top tricks. Extra from Hearts JH finesse loses to QH now east has no spade to return. When west wins AH it is too late!

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

D5 LEAD

Hold up 2 rounds of diamonds before playing the SJ finesse to establish spade winners

♠ 543
♥ J54
♦ K10954
♣ 98

♠ AQ872
♥ K1097
♦ 62
♣ Q2

♠ J10
♥ AQ3
♦ A87
♣ AK653

8

♠ K96
♥ 862
♦ QJ3
♣ J1074

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

PLAY IN NO TRUMPS

S5 LEAD

**3 spades
2 hearts and
2 diamonds.
Win with SJ
and play a club
Win return and
play another
club. Easy eh?**

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

♠ J87	♠ 32
♥ A10	♥ 876
♦ A754	♦ AKQJ
♣ Q765	♣ K985

S	W	N	E
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SQ LEAD

**2 spades
4 diamonds
2 clubs = 8**

**Only 1 trick
needed.
You have to
give lead away
twice in hearts
so a 3/2 break
in clubs is
best.**

♠ QJ10654	♠ 32	♠ 987
♥ A32	♥ 876	♥ K54
♦ 10	♦ AKQJ	♦ 9843
♣ J76	♣ K985	♣ Q104

♠ AK	♠ 32
♥ QJ109	♥ 876
♦ 7652	♦ AKQJ
♣ A32	♣ K985

S	W	N	E
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**H6 LEAD
FINESSE**

**Win 3rd heart.
You have 6 top
tricks. The best
chance to make
an extra trick is
a spade finesse.
Play S2 and if
west plays low
play SQ. When
this holds play D4
to DA and repeat
spade finesse
FOR 9 TRICKS!**

♠ K87	♠ AQJ4	♠ 1065
♥ K9863	♥ 742	♥ A5
♦ 872	♦ 43	♦ J1096
♣ Q10	♣ 9763	♣ KJ85

♠ 932	♠ A32
♥ QJ10	♥ J84
♦ AKQ5	♦ 54
♣ A42	♣ Q7652

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

**LEAD D8
DUCKING**

**West has led
your weakest
suit. Duck two
rounds then
play a low
heart to HJ.
If east has HA
he will have no
more diamonds
to play!**

♠ 54	♠ A32	♠ 9876
♥ 972	♥ J84	♥ A65
♦ KJ987	♦ 54	♦ Q106
♣ 1094	♣ Q7652	♣ K83

♠ KQJ10	♠ A32
♥ KQ103	♥ J84
♦ A32	♦ 54
♣ AJ	♣ Q7652

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	P

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

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

S	W	N	E
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2N

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

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

S	W	N	E
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DUCKING AS DECLARER

HQ LEAD
Duck a club

♠ J105	♠ 97	♠ Q632
♥ QJ1075	♥ 82	♥ 964
♦ Q98	♦ 765	♦ J32
♣ QJ	♣ AK8653	♣ 1097
	♠ AK84	
	♥ AK3	
	♦ AK104	
	♣ 42	

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

SQ LEAD
Duck a club

♠ QJ1032	♠ 985	♠ 64
♥ 986	♥ J105	♥ 7432
♦ A968	♦ Q7	♦ K1085
♣ Q7	♣ K9632	♣ J105
	♠ AK7	
	♥ AKQ	
	♦ J432	
	♣ A74	

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

HQ LEAD
Duck a diamond

♠ J92	♠ 43	♠ 10875
♥ QJ1097	♥ 42	♥ 8653
♦ J1098	♦ AKQ763	♦ -
♣ 8	♣ 653	♣ QJ1092
	♠ AKQ6	
	♥ AK	
	♦ 542	
	♣ AK74	

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

DQ LEAD
Duck a club
Keeping heart ace as entry
?????

♠ 1095	♠ J32	♠ Q764
♥ 1074	♥ A32	♥ QJ9
♦ QJ1098	♦ 5	♦ 642
♣ 109	♣ A87543	♣ KQJ
	♠ AK8	
	♥ K865	
	♦ AK73	
	♣ 62	

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

SJ LEAD
Do not win with SA.
Win spade return and play C2 to c7.

♠ J10984	♠ A6	♠ K5
♥ K42	♥ 983	♥ J107
♦ 109	♦ 874	♦ QJ6532
♣ J98	♣ AK532	♣ Q10
	♠ Q732	
	♥ AQ65	
	♦ AK	
	♣ 764	

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

SJ LEAD
Duck a diamond

♠ J109875	♠ A2	♠ 3
♥ Q10	♥ 964	♥ K8753
♦ Q109	♦ AK842	♦ J6
♣ 63	♣ J85	♣ KQ1097
	♠ KQ64	
	♥ AJ2	
	♦ 753	
	♣ A42	

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

HJ LEAD
Duck a diamond
TO GUARD AGAINST A 4-2 BREAK

♠ J94	♠ 86	♠ Q1032
♥ J10982	♥ A6	♥ K43
♦ 108	♦ AKQ93	♦ J742
♣ Q109	♣ 8765	♣ KJ
	♠ AK5	
	♥ Q75	
	♦ 65	
	♣ A432	

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

CK LEAD
RULE OF 7
Duck twice!

♠ 9875	♠ AQ10	♠ K6
♥ 854	♥ K73	♥ J96
♦ 5	♦ K976	♦ J10432
♣ KQJ103	♣ A52	♣ 984
	♠ J432	
	♥ AQ102	
	♦ AQ8	
	♣ 76	

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

PLAN THE PLAY IN NO TRUMPS

♠ 876
♥ K6
♦ 943
♣ AKQJ2

♠ 542
♥ AJ10987
♦ Q1087
♣ -

♠ KQ109
♥ 32
♦ J6
♣ 98754

♥ J LEAD
HONOUR FROM THE SHORT HAND

9 TOP TRICKS.
Win with ♥K.
Run for home!
Play ♠10 from short hand first.

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ 104
♥ 10942
♦ K92
♣ Q1082

♠ AJ6
♥ 853
♦ QJ1075
♣ 96

♠ Q952
♥ K76
♦ 863
♣ 543

♠ K873
♥ AQJ
♦ A4
♣ AKJ7

♦ Q LEAD
ENTRIES & FINESSE

7 TOP TRICKS
Win ♦A.
(Entry needed to 4th heart.)
Play clubs 1st.
Use ♣Q & ♠10 as entries to finesse hearts.

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

♠ Q109
♥ K765
♦ A1095
♣ AQ

♠ K87642
♥ AQ3
♦ K64
♣ 8

♠ 5
♥ 10984
♦ 832
♣ J10976

♠ 6 LEAD
FINESSE

6 TOP TRICKS
Win lead in hand.
Run ♦Q (finesse)

S	W	N	E
1NT	2S	3NT	

♠ K74
♥ KJ7
♦ A863
♣ 763

♠ Q963
♥ 1054
♦ 94
♣ AK85

♠ 10852
♥ 962
♦ K1072
♣ J4

♠ AJ
♥ AQ83
♦ QJ5
♣ Q1092

♠ 3 LEAD
FINESSE

8 TOP TRICKS
Win with ♠J.
Play ♦Q towards ♦A.
Finesse loses but establishes ♦J as a winner for your 9th trick.

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

♠ K2
♥ 865
♦ J432
♣ 7653

♠ J1094
♥ 943
♦ 1087
♣ 1094

♠ 753
♥ K1072
♦ 965
♣ AKQ

♥ J LEAD
ENTRIES & FINESSE

DO NOT win in dummy with ♠K. It is your only entry to ♦J.
After unblocking the ♦AKQ, lead to ♠K, cash ♦J.
Now finesse ♥Q

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

♠ 43
♥ J3
♦ KQJ10972
♣ 102

♠ QJ10976
♥ 1087
♦ A3
♣ Q4

♠ 85
♥ K9642
♦ 6
♣ K8763

♠ AK2
♥ AQ5
♦ 854
♣ AJ95

♠ Q LEAD
ESTABLISH WINNERS.

4 TOP TRICKS
Win and play ♦8 immediately.
If ducked, play them again.

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

♠ AK7
♥ A82
♦ AQ3
♣ QJ65

♠ 9654
♥ J10943
♦ 652
♣ 8

♠ 1083
♥ 75
♦ J1098
♣ A1034

♥ J LEAD
PROTECT NEAR TENACE

Play top club honours from hand without tenace (♠Q/♠J)
Now you can finesse ♠10!

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	6NT	

♠ 9863
♥ AK83
♦ 962
♣ K3

♠ QJ52
♥ 54
♦ A43
♣ J985

♠ 1074
♥ QJ97
♦ K87
♣ 1064

♠ AK
♥ 1062
♦ QJ105
♣ AQ72

♠ 2 LEAD
(must be from four!)
SET UP WINNERS.

Win and play ♦Q Win spade return and lead ♦J.
Two more spades can be cashed by E/W but now you have 9 tricks

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

GOOD MIXTURE (END OF YEAR 2)

UNBLOCK

Lead SK
7 top tricks.

Hold up SA for one round.
Make sure to unblock CQ

This means the same as playing the honour from the short hand 1st.

♠ 1073
♥ A43
♦ 5
♣ AK10652

♠ 94
♥ J1095
♦ QJ93
♣ J97

1

♠ A86
♥ Q72
♦ AK1086
♣ Q8

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

UNIT 1 Page 9

ESTABLISH

Lead HQ.
7 top tricks.

establish winners by forcing out CA & CK while you still have stops in the other suits.

This means giving the lead away twice!

♠ A10876
♥ A2
♦ K654
♣ 42

♠ Q53
♥ J10986
♦ 103
♣ A97

2

♠ K9
♥ KQ3
♦ A2
♣ QJ10653

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

DUCK.

Lead H8.
4 top tricks.

Win HQ.
Give up a club immediately.
i.e. C2 to C3

♠ 874
♥ 74
♦ 54
♣ AK8653

♠ J1032
♥ 1063
♦ AJ76
♣ J10

3

♠ KQ6
♥ AQ52
♦ K1083
♣ 42

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

UNIT 1 Page 14

FINESSE.

Lead S5
4 top tricks.

Win SA
'Run' C10.
(If west plays low, so do you).

Then C5 to CQ!

It's your only chance.

♠ Q865
♥ AJ3
♦ 1087
♣ K63

4

♠ AK7
♥ KQ82
♦ AKJ4
♣ 105

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

UNIT 2 Page 18

DRAW TRUMPS

Lead HA.
10 top tricks.

Win trick 3.

When you have a long side suit, draw trumps immediately

♠ AQ74
♥ 76
♦ 95
♣ KJ432

♠ 9
♥ 8542
♦ KJ102
♣ 10876

5

♠ KJ832
♥ J9
♦ A86
♣ AQ5

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

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RUFF LOSERS
before drawing trumps

LEAD CJ
3 losers
Win & ruff C2.
Get back to hand with HQ and ruff C6.

NOW draw trumps.

♠ A43
♥ 1085
♦ KJ2
♣ J1095

3

♠ KQ109
♥ Q
♦ A10864
♣ A62

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

UNIT 1 Page 14

DANGER HAND

Duck SQ.

Play the KING when suit is returned.
IF west wins with HA you are home (after a losing finesse into east.)

♠ 54
♥ A87
♦ KQ62
♣ AJ83

♠ Q73
♥ Q10
♦ J8743
♣ Q104

6

♠ KJ2
♥ K542
♦ A5
♣ K652

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

RUFF LOSERS
before drawing LEAD DK

Win. Ruff D2
Return to hand with SK.
Ruff D10
Cash SA.
Low to CA
Draw trumps.

♠ 98
♥ K103
♦ KQJ54
♣ 764

7

♠ KQJ65
♥ 85
♦ A102
♣ A92

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

UNIT 3 Page 6

2ND AND 3RD HAND PLAYS

KEEP GUARD

LEAD ♠3

If east, 3rd in hand plays ♠A, declarer will always make ♥Q. The ace guards the queen!

East should try to win the trick with the next highest card, the JACK.

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1H	P
1NT	P	3NT	
SHOULD NOT MAKE!			

2ND HAND LOW,

LEAD ♣5

When south leads ♦3, west must NOT play ♦A. Most declarers will finesse ♦J

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

KEEP GUARD

LEAD ♦3

When dummy plays low, play ♦J, NOT ♦A

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

2ND HAND LOW,

LEAD ♦J

When south leads ♠2, towards ♠Q DO NOT play ♠K.

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
2NT	P	3NT	Lead JD
2nd hand low on 2S			

3RD HAND HIGH

LEAD ♥3

With nothing to guard east must play ♥K.

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2NT	P
P			

2ND HAND LOW,

LEAD ♣Q

When south leads ♠4, DO NOT play ♠A

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2S	P	3NT	Lead QC
2nd hand low on 4S			

3RD HAND HIGH

LEAD ♥3

With nothing to guard east must play ♣K. (Not ♣J)

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

2ND HAND LOW

LEAD ♣10

When south leads ♦2, towards ♦K west should NOT play ♦A

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

RUFFING

LEAD ♥K

Win ♥A
Ruff ♥4.
Lead ♦3 to ♦A.
Ruff ♥4 with ♠10
NOW draw trumps!

♠ 107
♥ 2
♦ Q10863
♣ KJ982

♠ 865
♥ KQJ53
♦ K2
♣ 103

♠ 93
♥ 10876
♦ 9754
♣ AQ4

♠ AKQJ42
♥ A94
♦ AJ
♣ 65

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

LEAD ♣J

Ruff two clubs BEFORE drawing trumps

♠ J876
♥ AK972
♦ 973
♣ 3

♠ A432
♥ 1085
♦ KJ
♣ J1095

♠ 5
♥ J643
♦ 852
♣ KQ874

♠ KQ109
♥ Q
♦ AQ1064
♣ A62

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

LEAD ♦Q

Win ♦A.
Throw ♠9 on ♦K.
Play ♥K.
Then ♥3 to ♥A.
Ruff ♥6 with ♠A.
When hearts break 3/3 draw trumps.

♠ A43
♥ K3
♦ AK765
♣ 1053

♠ 976
♥ J42
♦ QJ10
♣ 8762

♠ 85
♥ Q97
♦ 9432
♣ AKQ4

♠ KQJ102
♥ A10865
♦ 8
♣ J9

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

LEAD ♦K

Win.
Draw trumps.
Then ♠K
♣2 to ♠A.
Now ruff a club.
When ♠Q falls you can throw losing spades on three club winners

♠ Q7
♥ Q1054
♦ A
♣ AJ8543

♠ A32
♥ 82
♦ KQJ107
♣ Q76

♠ K10964
♥ 73
♦ 9542
♣ 109

♠ J85
♥ AKJ96
♦ 863
♣ K2

S	W	N	E
1H	2D	4H	

LEAD ♥Q

Draw trumps.
Establish diamond winners with a ruff.

♠ Q985
♥ A3
♦ AK954
♣ 72

♠ 104
♥ QJ108
♦ Q103
♣ A653

♠ J3
♥ 965
♦ J76
♣ KJ1084

♠ AK762
♥ K742
♦ 82
♣ Q9

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

LEAD ♦K

Win and ruff two diamonds before drawing trumps.

♠ A102
♥ Q9764
♦ 6
♣ KQJ3

♠ 98
♥ K103
♦ KQJ54
♣ 764

♠ 743
♥ AJ2
♦ 9873
♣ 1085

♠ KQJ65
♥ 85
♦ A102
♣ A92

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

LEAD ♥A, K, Q

CROSS RUFF

You need to ruff two club losers. So draw only two rounds of trumps. Cash ♣K, ♣A and ruff two club losers.

♠ 9842
♥ 986
♦ Q754
♣ KJ

♠ 7
♥ AKQJ
♦ 10832
♣ 10653

♠ 653
♥ 1052
♦ KJ96
♣ Q97

♠ AKQJ10
♥ 743
♦ A
♣ A842

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

LEAD ♦6

CROSS RUFF

If you do not cash ♠A & ♠K before you cross ruff, you will go down!
*Sometimes hands are very difficult to bid!

♠ A984
♥ Q987
♦ 87
♣ 943

♠ Q1065
♥ 5432
♦ 965
♣ 87

♠ KJ72
♥ 6
♦ QJ104
♣ QJ106

♠ 3
♥ AKJ10
♦ AK32
♣ AK52

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

RUFFING - MINI BRIDGE

♠ 65
♥ AKQ10
♦ Q632
♣ 1062

♠ K43
♥ 9853
♦ J4
♣ A874

♠ AQJ109
♥ 76
♦ AK87
♣ K5

S	W	N	E
17	11	7	5

SPADES

HA LEAD

Ruff 3rd heart.
Play DA & DK
and ruff D7.
Come back to
hand with CK
and ruff D7
with SK.
Now draw
trumps.

HEARTS

DK LEAD

Win & play
S7 to SA. On
spade king
and queen
throw your
two diamond
losers. Now
draw trumps

♠ J1086
♥ 73
♦ KQJ2
♣ K42

♠ AKQ3
♥ J85
♦ 1063
♣ 65

♠ 7
♥ KQ1092
♦ A84
♣ QJ83

♠ 9542
♥ A6
♦ 975
♣ A1097

S	W	N	E
12	10	10	8

♠ AKQ65
♥ 5
♦ KQ42
♣ 975

♠ J2
♥ J104
♦ 1065
♣ AQJ103

♠ 10
♥ AKQ872
♦ J983
♣ K4

♠ 98743
♥ 963
♦ A7
♣ 862

S	W	N	E
13	14	9	4

HEARTS

SA LEAD

Ruff 2nd
spade. You
have a solid
side suit!
Draw trumps
immediately.

CLUBS

SK LEAD

Win and cre-
ate a heart
void (by play-
ing H2 to H8.
Win the return
and now
cross ruff the
hand.

♠ KQJ95
♥ A654
♦ 65
♣ 52

♠ A
♥ J9732
♦ 32
♣ QJ1096

♠ 10842
♥ 8
♦ AK9
♣ AK874

♠ 763
♥ KQ10
♦ QJ10874
♣ 3

S	W	N	E
14	10	8	8

♠ 85
♥ Q1087
♦ KQJ5
♣ J42

♠ QJ76
♥ K5
♦ 3
♣ AK10763

♠ AK32
♥ A642
♦ A102
♣ 95

♠ 1094
♥ J93
♦ 98764
♣ Q3

S	W	N	E
15	8	13	3

SPADES

DK LEAD

cash 2 rounds
of top trumps.
Now CA & CK
and ruff C3.
Draw last
trump by
playing to SQ.
Throw losers
on estab-
lished club
winners.

HEARTS

CK LEAD

Win and play
low spade to
SA. Ruff C3.
Back to hand
with DA and
ruff the 3rd
club. Now
draw trumps

♠ J96
♥ 102
♦ Q10
♣ KQJ864

♠ K872
♥ K76
♦ K9764
♣ A

♠ A10
♥ AQ954
♦ A32
♣ 1032

♠ Q543
♥ J83
♦ J85
♣ 975

S	W	N	E
14	9	13	4

♠ Q4
♥ 1065
♦ K53
♣ J10985

♠ KJ965
♥ KQ92
♦ 1098
♣ 6

♠ A1083
♥ A43
♦ A72
♣ AKQ

♠ 72
♥ J87
♦ QJ64
♣ 7432

S	W	N	E
21	6	9	3

SPADES

CJ LEAD

Win. Throw D9
and D8 on the
king 7 queen of
clubs.

SPADES

CK LEAD

Win and ruff
a club. Play
to HA and
unblock HK.
Ruff the 3rd
club. Draw
trumps end-
ing in Dummy.
Run your
heart winners.

♠ 943
♥ J75
♦ 54
♣ KQJ62

♠ Q1076
♥ Q10986
♦ Q76
♣ 3

♠ AK52
♥ AK
♦ KJ103
♣ A87

♠ J8
♥ 432
♦ A982
♣ 10954

S	W	N	E

TRUMP MANAGEMENT

LEAD SK

♠ 765
♥ J98
♦ AKJ42
♣ 65

♠ KQ103
♥ 6543
♦ 63
♣ QJ1098

♠ AJ42
♥ Q1072
♦ 7
♣ 73

♠ 98
♥ AK
♦ Q10985
♣ AK42

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

LEAD SK

Don't let them ruff your DK. Draw trumps immediately.

After losing 2 spades you only need to ruff 2 clubs losers.

LEAD CK

♠ A102
♥ 964
♦ KJ109
♣ 1065

♠ 97
♥ 10873
♦ A842
♣ KQJ

♠ J83
♥ QJ5
♦ 753
♣ 9872

♠ KQ654
♥ AK2
♦ Q6
♣ A43

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

LEAD CK

There are 4 losers.

Establish diamond winners on which you throw H2. (You could draw ONE round of trumps).

LEAD DJ

♠ 1042
♥ QJ983
♦ K2
♣ KJ6

♠ 76
♥ AK65
♦ J1093
♣ Q107

♠ 983
♥ 1074
♦ 75
♣ A9854

♠ AKQJ5
♥ 2
♦ AQ864
♣ 32

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

LEAD DJ

Win with DK. Play D2 to DA, Ruff a diamond HIGH to establish your diamond suit as winners.

LEAD HQ

♠ KQ4
♥ K64
♦ AJ1032
♣ J4

♠ J
♥ QJ102
♦ 9876
♣ Q1086

♠ 9732
♥ A98
♦ 4
♣ K9752

♠ A10865
♥ 753
♦ KQ5
♣ A3

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

LEAD HQ

Lose first 3 tricks. Win club switch.

Draw trumps. Throw losing club on a diamond winner.

LEAD HA

♠ 9842
♥ 986
♦ Q754
♣ KJ

♠ 7
♥ AKQJ
♦ 10832
♣ 10653

♠ 653
♥ 1052
♦ KJ96
♣ Q97

♠ AKQJ10
♥ 743
♦ A
♣ A842

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

LEAD HA

Lose first 3.

Draw two rounds of trumps and ruff clubs twice.

LEAD CK

♠ K1085
♥ AKQ2
♦ 986
♣ J4

♠ A2
♥ J743
♦ 53
♣ KQ1092

♠ 74
♥ 105
♦ J10742
♣ 8653

♠ QJ963
♥ 986
♦ AKQ
♣ A7

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

LEAD CK

Draw trumps immediately.

If you try to play off top hearts or top diamonds 1st opponents will ruff your winners!

LEAD DQ

♠ 9765
♥ A765
♦ K865
♣ 5

♠ KJ8
♥ K832
♦ QJ
♣ J976

♠ Q10
♥ QJ109
♦ 1092
♣ KQ108

♠ A432
♥ 4
♦ A743
♣ A432

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

LEAD DQ

Cash DA & DK then CROSS RUFF the hand

LEAD H3

♠ A984
♥ Q987
♦ 87
♣ 943

♠ Q1065
♥ 432
♦ 9652
♣ 87

♠ KJ72
♥ 6
♦ QJ104
♣ QJ106

♠ 3
♥ AKJ105
♦ AK3
♣ AK52

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

LEAD H3

Picture dealer's hand as the MASTER hand. You need to ruff a diamond and a club. With all top trumps CROSS RUFF

TRUMP MANAGEMENT

♠ 9832 ♥ J105 ♦ KJ10 ♣ KQJ	♠ AK7 ♥ 873 ♦ 732 ♣ 10865	♠ J1054 ♥ 9 ♦ Q984 ♣ A432	
♠ Q6 ♥ AKQ642 ♦ A65 ♣ 97			
S	W	N	E
1H	P	1NT	P
3H*	P	4H	
(*bit pushy for my liking)			

Zia Mahmood

CK LEAD

Win 3rd club & draw trumps.

Play SQ then S6 to SA.

On SK throw D5

♠ J763 ♥ AK2 ♦ 92 ♣ KQ109	♠ 1052 ♥ J743 ♦ A108 ♣ A64	♠ Q984 ♥ 5 ♦ J6543 ♣ J75	
♠ AK ♥ Q10986 ♦ KQ7 ♣ 832			
S	W	N	E
1H	P	2/3H	P
P/3H	P	P	P

Zia Mahmood

C3 LEAD

You must create a void in hearts in dummy and use one of dummy's trumps for a ruff.

♠ J97 ♥ AJ63 ♦ 64 ♣ KJ83	♠ Q832 ♥ 74 ♦ QJ7 ♣ 7654	♠ K1065 ♥ KQ82 ♦ 532 ♣ Q9	
♠ A4 ♥ 1095 ♦ AK1098 ♣ A102			
S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S	P
2D	P	P	P

Zia Mahmood

DQ LEAD

Win and throw D4. After cashing SA and playing to SK, play your SQ on which the D4 is thrown.

♠ J975 ♥ A6 ♦ QJ10 ♣ J932	♠ KQ6 ♥ 9532 ♦ 963 ♣ Q75	♠ 10432 ♥ 10 ♦ K852 ♣ A1084	
♠ A8 ♥ KQJ874 ♦ A74 ♣ K6			
S	W	N	E
1H	P	2H	P
4H	P	P	P

Zia Mahmood

HQ LEAD

Be careful to win lead with HK otherwise when you try to get back to hand west will ruff/over-ruff.

♠ 10653 ♥ QJ985 ♦ J9 ♣ 86	♠ AQ ♥ K2 ♦ AK764 ♣ AK43	♠ 10764 ♥ Q1083 ♣ QJ752	
♠ KJ98742 ♥ A3 ♦ 52 ♣ 109			
S	W	N	E
3S	P	4NT	P
5D	P	7S	

Zia Mahmood

HQ LEAD

Draw trumps immediately!

♠ AK5 ♥ QJ10 ♦ 98764 ♣ A5	♠ 43 ♥ K43 ♦ Q102 ♣ J10872	♠ QJ ♥ 97652 ♦ A5 ♣ 9643	
♠ 1098762 ♥ A8 ♦ KJ3 ♣ KQ			
S	W	N	E
1S	P	1NT	P
2S	P	P	P

Zia Mahmood

LEAD DQ

Draw two rounds of trumps only. Leave last (highest) trump out and run the club suit. (CJ 1st)

♠ 103 ♥ A10763 ♦ QJ107 ♣ 32	♠ K875 ♥ 982 ♦ 5 ♣ AKQ105	♠ QJ4 ♥ J4 ♦ A942 ♣ 9876	
♠ A962 ♥ KQ5 ♦ K863 ♣ J4			
S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
2S	P	4S	

LEAD CJ

Ruff two diamonds before drawing trumps

♠ A432 ♥ 1085 ♦ J1095 ♣ KJ	♠ J876 ♥ AK972 ♦ 3 ♣ 973	♠ 5 ♥ J643 ♦ KQ874 ♣ 852	
♠ KQ109 ♥ Q ♦ A62 ♣ AQ1064			
S	W	N	E
1C	P	1H	P
1S	P	2S	P
P			

TRUMP MANAGEMENT - RECOGNISE LOSERS

♠ K43
 ♥ 9853
 ♦ 104
 ♣ A874
 ♠ 872
 ♥ J42
 ♦ J95
 ♣ QJ93
 ♠ 65
 ♥ AKQ10
 ♦ Q632
 ♣ 1062
 ♠ AQJ109
 ♥ 76
 ♦ AK87
 ♣ K5
 4♠

Picture south as the MASTER HAND!

Losers with NO high card support in dummy are shown in blue

♥A LEAD

Ruff 3rd heart.
Play ♦A & ♦K
Ruff ♦7.

Come back to hand with ♣K & ruff ♦8 with ♠K.

Now draw trumps.

♦K LEAD

Win ♦A.
Play ♠7 to ♠A.

On ♠K & ♠Q throw ♦84

Now Create a void to ruff one club in case ♣9 does not drop.

♠ AKQ3
 ♥ J854
 ♦ 1063
 ♣ 105
 ♠ 9542
 ♥ A6
 ♦ 975
 ♣ A976
 ♠ J1086
 ♥ 73
 ♦ KQJ2
 ♣ K42
 ♠ 7
 ♥ KQ1092
 ♦ A84
 ♣ QJ83
 4♥

THROW LOSERS 1ST. CREATE VOID

♠ J2
 ♥ J104
 ♦ 654
 ♣ AQJ103
 ♠ 98743
 ♥ 963
 ♦ A7
 ♣ 862
 ♠ AKQ65
 ♥ 5
 ♦ KQ102
 ♣ 975
 ♠ 10
 ♥ AKQ872
 ♦ J983
 ♣ K4
 4♥

DRAW TRUMPS

♠A LEAD

Ruff 2nd spade.

You have a solid side suit! (Clubs) so draw trumps immediately.

Throw ♦983 on club winners

♠K LEAD

Win.
Create a heart void (by playing ♥2 to ♥8).

Win the return and cross ruff the hand.

♠ A
 ♥ J9732
 ♦ 32
 ♣ QJ1096
 ♠ 763
 ♥ KQ10
 ♦ QJ10874
 ♣ 3
 ♠ KQJ95
 ♥ A654
 ♦ 65
 ♣ 52
 ♠ 10842
 ♥ 8
 ♦ AK9
 ♣ AK874
 6♣

CREATE A VOID & CROSS RUFF

♠ QJ76
 ♥ K5
 ♦ 3
 ♣ AK10763
 ♠ 1094
 ♥ J93
 ♦ 98764
 ♣ Q8
 ♠ 85
 ♥ Q1087
 ♦ KQJ5
 ♣ J42
 ♠ AK32
 ♥ A642
 ♦ A102
 ♣ 95
 6♠

ESTABLISH LONG SUIT WINNERS

♦K LEAD

Ruff ♦2.
Now ♣A & ♣K and ruff ♣3.
Draw trumps.

Throw losing ♥4, ♥2 & ♦10 on established club winners.

♣K LEAD

Win and play low spade to ♠A.

Ruff ♣2.
Come back to hand with ♦A and ruff ♣3

Now draw trumps.

♠ K872
 ♥ KJ6
 ♦ K9764
 ♣ A
 ♠ Q543
 ♥ 873
 ♦ 85
 ♣ 9754
 ♠ J96
 ♥ 102
 ♦ Q102
 ♣ KQJ86
 ♠ A10
 ♥ AQ954
 ♦ AJ3
 ♣ 1032
 6♥

RUFF LOSERS FIRST

♠ K10965
 ♥ KQ92
 ♦ 1098
 ♣ 6
 ♠ 72
 ♥ J87
 ♦ QJ64
 ♣ 7432
 ♠ Q4
 ♥ 1065
 ♦ K53
 ♣ J10985
 ♠ AJ83
 ♥ A43
 ♦ A72
 ♣ AKQ
 6♠

THROW LOSERS ON WINNERS

♣J LEAD

Win ♣A.
Throw ♦9 & ♦8 on ♣K & ♣JQ.

Now ♦2 & ♦7 losers can be ruffed.

(8 Ever, 9 Never will catch ♠Q).

♠Q LEAD.

Win with ♠K. (You need ♠A entry to dummy).

Play ♣A and ♣J (to establish ♣Q)

Use ♠A entry & throw ♦6 on ♣Q

♠ A93
 ♥ 53
 ♦ J8432
 ♣ Q72
 ♠ 542
 ♥ 62
 ♦ K95
 ♣ 109543
 ♠ QJ107
 ♥ K98
 ♦ Q107
 ♣ K86
 ♠ 4
 ♥ 886
 ♥ AQJ1074
 ♦ A6
 ♣ AJ
 4♥

ESTABLISH A WINNER

DECLARER PLAY - There IS no shortcut - PLAN

<p>♠ KQ54 ♥ 8762 ♦ J10 ♣ A84</p>	<p>S 1H 4H</p>	<p>N 3H</p>
<p>♠ 762 ♥ K3 ♦ 943 ♣ KQJ92</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4H</div>	<p>♠ 109 ♥ A4 ♦ Q87652 ♣ 1075</p>
<p>♠ AJ83 ♥ QJ1095 ♦ AK ♣ 63</p>		

♣K LEAD
2 heart losers, 1 club loser.
PLAN - Don't let opponents ruff your winning spades DRAW TRUMPS!

<p>♠ J103 ♥ 86 ♦ J972 ♣ AK65</p>	<p>S 1S 2NT 4S</p>	<p>N 2C 3S</p>
<p>♠ 864 ♥ QJ109 ♦ AK8 ♣ Q94</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4S</div>	<p>♠ 75 ♥ 7543 ♦ Q1065 ♣ J82</p>
<p>♠ AKQ92 ♥ AK2 ♦ 43 ♣ 1073</p>		

♦A LEAD
2 diamond losers, 1 slow club loser.
PLAN - Ruff 3rd diamond.
Lead top hearts and ruff ♥2 with ♠J BEFORE drawing trumps.

<p>♠ KJ ♥ QJ10 ♦ Q1092 ♣ J963</p>	<p>S 1S 3H 4S</p>	<p>N 2C 3NT</p>
<p>♠ 73 ♥ 92 ♦ J8743 ♣ Q1082</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4S</div>	<p>♠ A52 ♥ 8754 ♦ K65 ♣ A54</p>
<p>♠ Q109864 ♥ AK63 ♦ A ♣ K7</p>		

♥9 LEAD
1 spade loser, 2 club losers.
PLAN - Don't let opponents ruff your winning hearts. DRAW ALL TRUMPS before playing hearts!

<p>♠ J5 ♥ 105 ♦ A64 ♣ AJ9632</p>	<p>S 1H 3H</p>	<p>N 2C 4H</p>
<p>♠ 9864 ♥ A4 ♦ KQJ85 ♣ 75</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4H</div>	<p>♠ Q1072 ♥ 873 ♦ 1073 ♣ KQ10</p>
<p>♠ AK3 ♥ KQJ962 ♦ 92 ♣ 84</p>		

♦K LEAD
4 losers, 1 in each suit.
PLAN - Win ♦A and ruff 3rd spade BEFORE drawing trumps.

<p>♠ AJ983 ♥ Q3 ♦ AQ5 ♣ K109</p>	<p>S 1S 5H</p>	<p>N 4NT 6S</p>
<p>♠ Q4 ♥ J8652 ♦ 2 ♣ J8742</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6S</div>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ K10974 ♦ K876 ♣ 653</p>
<p>♠ K10765 ♥ A ♦ J10943 ♣ AQ</p>		

♦2 LEAD
PLAN - BECAUSE you have 12 tricks (assuming trumps behave) DON'T FINESSE. Win ♦A and draw trumps immediately!

<p>♠ 9863 ♥ AKQ ♦ AQJJ ♣ 962</p>	<p>S 1S 5D</p>	<p>N 4NT 6S</p>
<p>♠ 54 ♥ 6542 ♦ 64 ♣ KQJ85</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6S</div>	<p>♠ A2 ♥ J10873 ♦ 832 ♣ 1043</p>
<p>♠ KQJ107 ♥ 9 ♦ K10975 ♣ A7</p>		

♣K LEAD
1 spade & 1 club loser. Too many!
PLAN - Throw losing club on ♥K BEFORE drawing trumps!

<p>♠ AJ1065 ♥ AQ ♦ 43 ♣ 9543</p>	<p>S 1S</p>	<p>N 4S</p>
<p>♠ 7 ♥ J10963 ♦ 10852 ♣ Q76</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4S</div>	<p>♠ 82 ♥ K854 ♦ J976 ♣ AK8</p>
<p>♠ KQ943 ♥ 72 ♦ AKQ ♣ J102</p>		

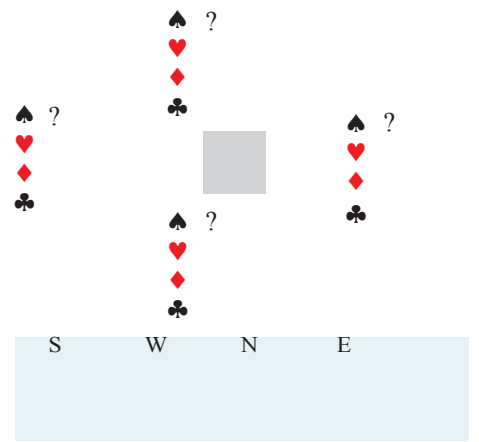
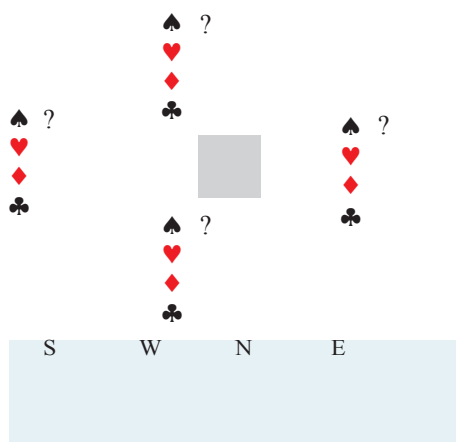
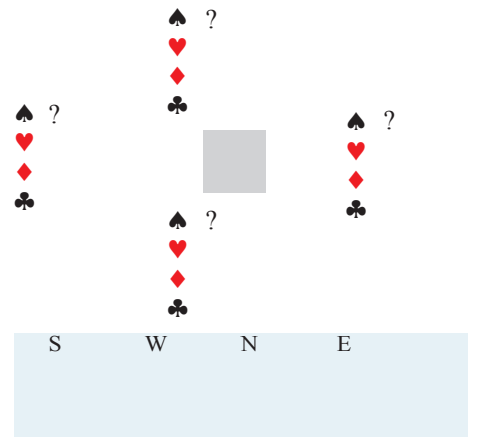
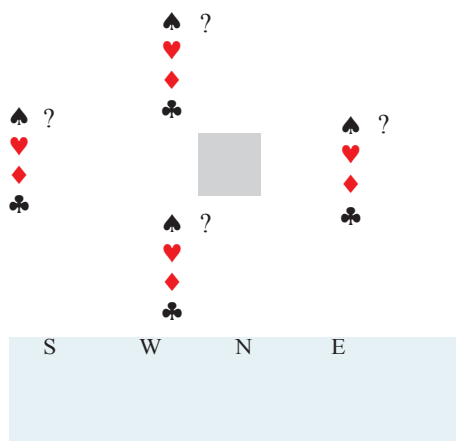
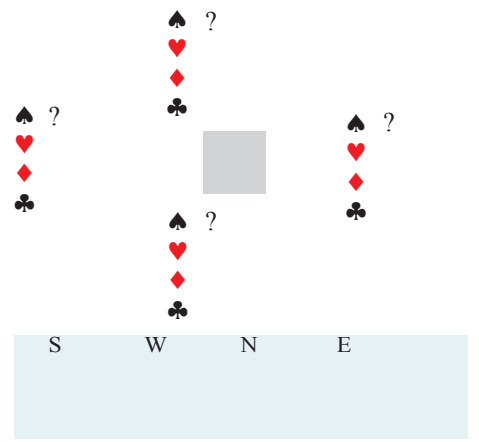
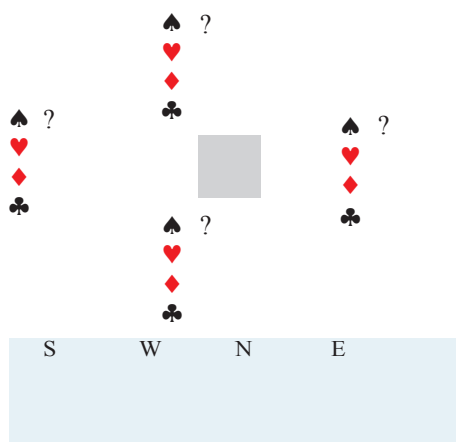
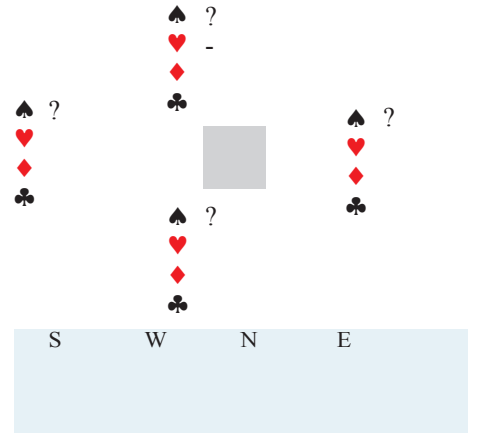
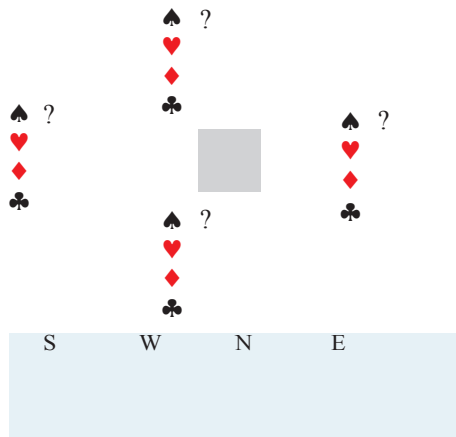
♥J LEAD
3 club losers, 1 potential heart loser
PLAN - Win ♥A, draw trumps, cash ♦A & ♦K, then throw ♥Q on ♦Q

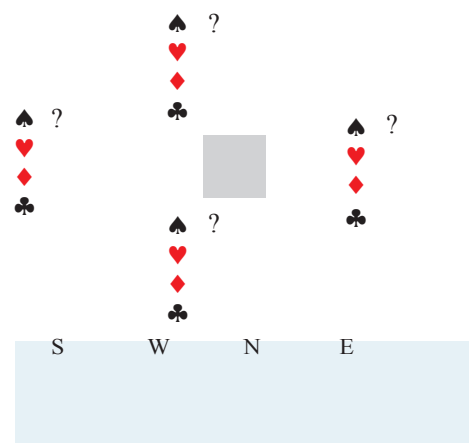
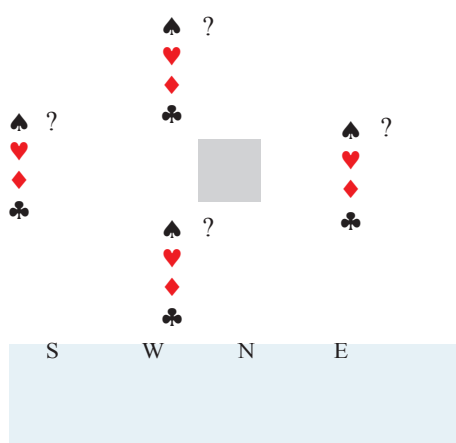
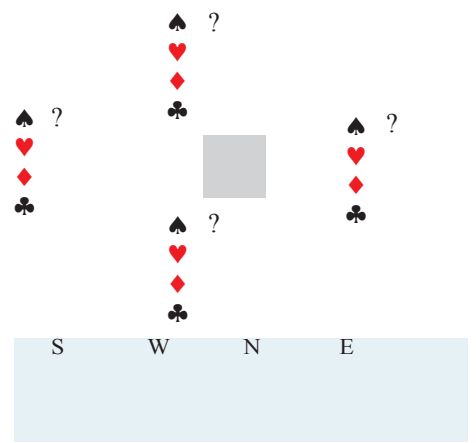
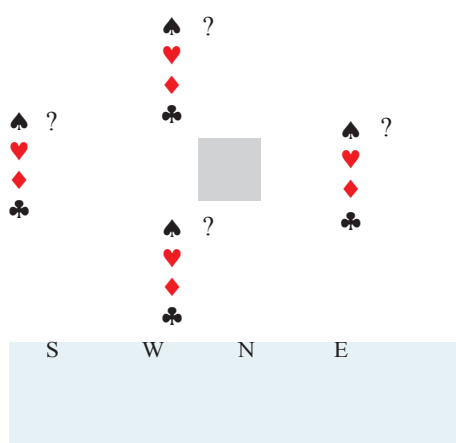
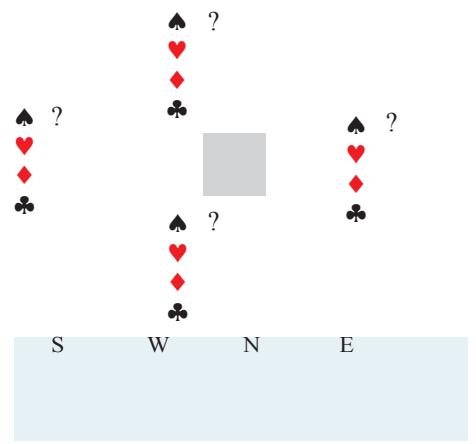
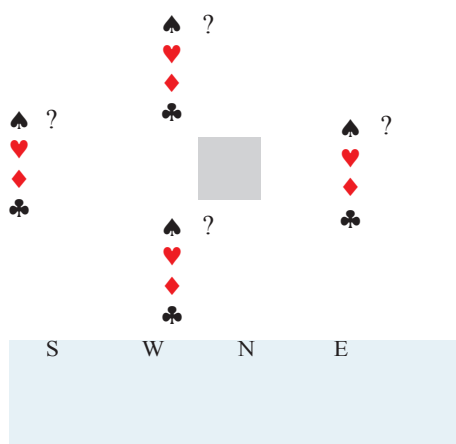
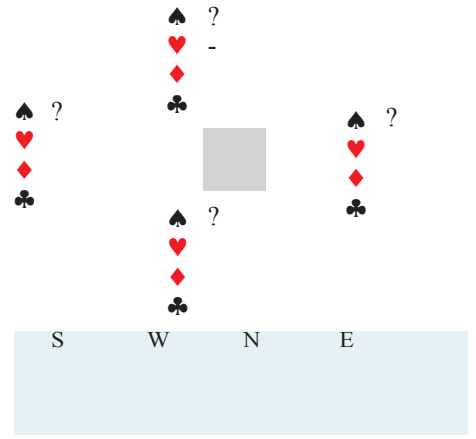
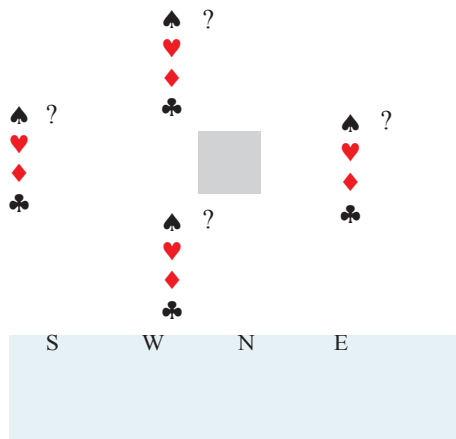
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<p>♠ Q8 ♥ KQ1094 ♦ 4 ♣ A8652</p>		

♠J LEAD
4 losers 1 spade, 1heart, 2 clubs
PLAN. Win ♠A and throw ♠Q on ♦K - BEFORE drawing trumps.

<p>♠ 54 ♥ KJ873 ♦ J105 ♣ 954</p>	<p>S 1H 4H</p>	<p>N 3H</p>
<p>♠ 9763 ♥ 96 ♦ 632 ♣ QJ102</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6H</div>	<p>♠ K1082 ♥ 102 ♦ A987 ♣ 763</p>
<p>♠ AQJ ♥ AQ54 ♦ KQ4 ♣ AK8</p>		

♣Q LEAD
3 losers - 1 diamond, 1 club, 1 spade.
PLAN - Win ♣A. Cash ♥A then low to ♥K. Lead ♠4 & FINESSE ♠Q. Go back to north, & lead ♠5 to ♠J. Throw club loser on ♠A.





OPENING LEADS AGAINST NTS

C7 LEAD

If you lead the CA, you can no longer set the contract because you have no outside entries to make the rest of your clubs!

♠ 743	♠ A52	♠ KJ96
♥ 95	♥ QJ72	♥ 108643
♦ 105	♦ AK73	♦ 96
♣ AK10742	♣ 96	♣ Q5
	♠ Q108	
	♥ AK	
	♦ QJ842	
	♣ J83	

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

H7 LEAD

4th highest is correct here. - H4 - HQ - HK.

(Advanced play by declarer would be to duck the HQ).

♠ K75	♠ AQJ3	♠ 8642
♥ A10975	♥ 84	♥ Q63
♦ 1095	♦ Q73	♦ J862
♣ 52	♣ KJ106	♣ A8
	♠ 109	
	♥ KJ2	
	♦ AK4	
	♣ Q9743	

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

SJ LEAD

Top from two of partner's suit.

IF east plays low on a heart lead from dummy, nine tricks are there

♠ J3	♠ 76	♠ AQ10852
♥ 862	♥ J975	♥ KQ3
♦ 10873	♦ AK64	♦ J9
♣ J975	♣ AQ2	♣ 106
	♠ K94	
	♥ A104	
	♦ Q52	
	♣ K843	

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

SK LEAD

If you lead the S7 (4th highest), declarer makes! He can afford to lose the HA because he still has the spade suit stopped.

♠ KQJ72	♠ 953	♠ 86
♥ A93	♥ KQ764	♥ 852
♦ 84	♦ K10	♦ J976
♣ 875	♣ AQ2	♣ J943
	♠ A104	
	♥ J10	
	♦ AQ532	
	♣ K106	

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

SQ LEAD

If you lead the S7 (4th highest) east will be forced to play SA to win.

When diamonds break 3-3 declarer has his 9 tricks.

♠ QJ1075	♠ K42	♠ A86
♥ QJ7	♥ K102	♥ 863
♦ QJ6	♦ 875	♦ 1093
♣ 108	♣ AK76	♣ J943
	♠ 93	
	♥ A954	
	♦ AK42	
	♣ Q52	

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

S7 LEAD

Partner, east cannot have any pts. and leading from your honours is likely to cost.

Make a safe MUD lead and let declarer find the honours.

♠ 973	♠ AQ2	♠ 10864
♥ AQ4	♥ 965	♥ J82
♦ KQ2	♦ J1085	♦ 643
♣ K752	♣ A98	♣ J64
	♠ KJ5	
	♥ K1073	
	♦ A97	
	♣ Q103	

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

H9 LEAD

With NO pts you should play for your partner who must have pts. With no interest in majors from N/S where are the hearts. Partner knows it cannot be 4th highest!

♠ 6542	♠ K93	♠ Q107
♥ 92	♥ K85	♥ AQ1063
♦ 832	♦ AQ5	♦ 764
♣ J843	♣ Q652	♣ A9
	♠ AJ8	
	♥ J74	
	♦ KJ109	
	♣ K107	

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	P

HQ LEAD

If you lead the H9 (4th highest) you can no longer set the contract. HQ is top of a near internal sequence.

♠ 986	♠ A3	♠ J742
♥ AQJ92	♥ K105	♥ 743
♦ J32	♦ K96	♦ 1085
♣ 53	♣ Q9762	♣ K108
	♠ KQ105	
	♥ 86	
	♦ AQ74	
	♣ AJ4	

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

OPENING LEADS

**LEAD SQ
TOP OF
SEQUENCE**

Notice how leading 4th highest would be wrong!

If dummy plays low and east's SA wins, declarer still has the SK.

♠ K93	♥ K7	♦ A432	♣ J853
♠ QJ1072	♥ Q62	♦ K7	♣ 962
♠ A64	♥ J10854	♦ 1085	♣ 74
♠ 85	♥ A93	♦ QJ96	♣ AKQ10

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

**LEAD C7
MUD**

East wins CQ and cashes CA on which west plays C9. Knowing that west cannot ruff, east switches to a diamond. (Dummy's weakness).

♠ J7	♥ 7632	♦ AQ95	♣ 972
♠ AQ984	♥ QJ	♦ 1064	♣ K105
♠ 62	♥ 10854	♦ 8732	♣ AQ4
♠ K1053	♥ AK9	♦ KJ	♣ J863

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

**LEAD C9
SHORT SUIT
LEAD**

Partner must SEE your HI-LO and play another club to get a ruff

♠ AK94	♥ 108	♦ Q643	♣ K105
♠ 1087	♥ Q64	♦ AJ1095	♣ 92
♠ 6	♥ J7532	♦ 872	♣ AQ74
♠ QJ532	♥ AK9	♦ K	♣ J863

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

**LEAD HK
LEADING
PARTNER'S
SUIT.**

With 2 cards lead HI-LO East cashes three heart tricks and sits back until declarer tries the doomed club finesse!

♠ 72	♥ K7	♦ 1098542	♣ 972
♠ Q1053	♥ 1054	♦ A	♣ AQ1054
♠ J6	♥ AQJ98	♦ J76	♣ K63
♠ AK984	♥ 632	♦ KQ3	♣ J8

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

**LEAD H5
LEADING
PARTNER'S
SUIT.**

Low from an honour. (holding 3 or 4)
Not highest of partner's suit!

Diamond switch sets the contract.

♠ QJ654	♥ 42	♦ K6	♣ AJ97
♠ 10	♥ K75	♦ 10875	♣ 106532
♠ 73	♥ AJ1096	♦ AQJ3	♣ 84
♠ AK982	♥ Q83	♦ 942	♣ KQ

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

**LEAD H5
YOU'RE ON
YOUR OWN!**

With 12 HCPs, partner cannot have anything. So playing for ruffs is a nonsense. Lead a trump and let declarer do the work!

♠ AQ82	♥ 1075	♦ AQ95	♣ 92
♠ J764	♥ KJ63	♦ J32	♣ AJ
♠ 1093	♥ 4	♦ 10764	♣ Q7543
♠ K5	♥ AQ982	♦ K8	♣ K1086

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

**LEAD D6
4TH HIGHEST**

Although the lead gives declarer a trick, you are nearer to establishing your long suit.

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

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

**S9 LEAD
HI-LO**

East wins SA and returns. If South tries to draw trumps. East wins and plays a 3rd spade which you ruff! Declarer must throw a spade on winning diamond

♠ 94	♥ 52	♦ 9762	♣ K10762
♠ K52	♥ QJ96	♦ AK4	♣ 943
♠ AJ1083	♥ A7	♦ J853	♣ 85
♠ Q76	♥ K10843	♦ Q10	♣ AQJ

S	W	N	E
1H	P	4H	P

OPENING LEADS (MIXED)

DQ LEAD

TOP OF SEQUENCE

On this real hand, played at Cramlington, west led D4 (4th highest). This allowed an impossible contract to make!

♠ KQJ4
♥ K1075
♦ A76
♣ 82

♠ 62
♥ Q963
♦ 53
♣ 76543

♠ A107
♥ A82
♦ K98
♣ QJ109

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

D7 LEAD

LEAD TRUMPS

Don't let declarer use his little trumps for extra tricks. You have winners in his spade suit. Make sure he cannot ruff them.

♠ 3
♥ QJ754
♦ K63
♣ J1043

♠ AQ108
♥ 83
♦ 754
♣ K965

♠ KJ974
♥ A
♦ AQJ102
♣ 82

♠ 652
♥ K10962
♦ 98
♣ AQ7

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

H4 LEAD

4TH HIGHEST

When east gets in with SA, a return of the heart suit will set the contract

♠ KQJ4
♥ 653
♦ A73
♣ QJ4

♠ A65
♥ 108
♦ Q109
♣ 109862

♠ 1098
♥ KJ9
♦ K854
♣ AK3

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

S3 LEAD

TRUMP LEAD

Here a heart lead away from your ace will GIVE declarer the contract. You hope that declarer has HK and that you will make TWO heart tricks.

♠ KQJ4
♥ 653
♦ A73
♣ QJ4

♠ 732
♥ AQ942
♦ J62
♣ 75

♠ 10986
♥ KJ7
♦ KQ4
♣ AK3

♠ A5
♥ 108
♦ 10985
♣ 109862

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1S	P	4S	

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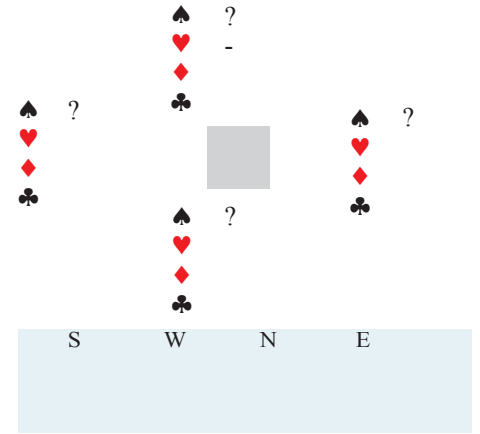
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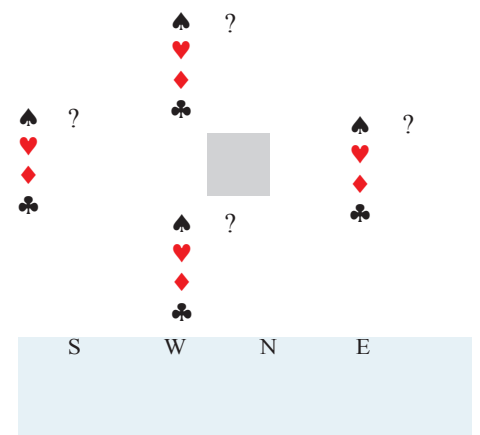
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PLAYING 2ND IN HAND - AFTER DUMMY

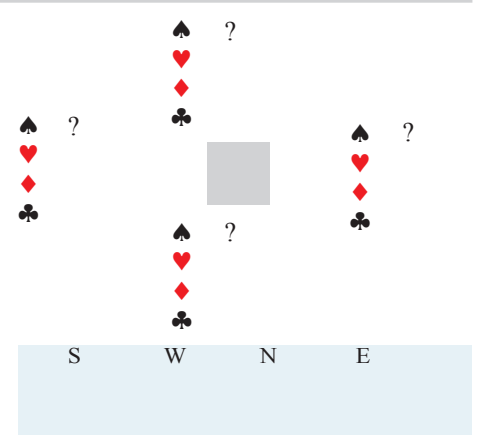
<p>♠ 9532 ♥ A1094 ♦ 10865 ♣ J9</p>	<p>♠ AQJ ♥ 5632 ♦ QJ9 ♣ K74</p>	<p>♠ 876 ♥ K87 ♦ K54 ♣ Q1085</p>	<p>Don't cover touching honours when HQ is led.</p>
<p>S 1NT W P N 3NT E</p>	<p>♠ K104 ♥ QJ ♦ A732 ♣ A632</p>		



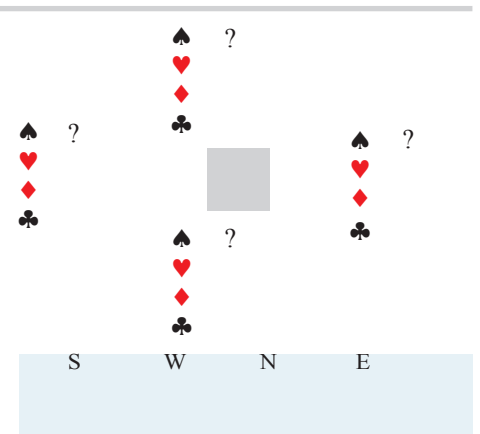
<p>♠ 4 ♥ 956 ♦ KQ653 ♣ K862</p>	<p>♠ AJ92 ♥ AK83 ♦ 1097 ♣ A10</p>	<p>♠ Q75 ♥ Q102 ♦ A842 ♣ AJ7</p>	<p>Duck spade smoothly. Partner can only have one!</p>
<p>S P W P N 1NT E P</p>	<p>♠ K10863 ♥ J74 ♦ J ♣ 9543</p>	<p>2H P 2S</p>	



<p>♠ AJ5 ♥ 1094 ♦ K92 ♣ QJ103</p>	<p>♠ 1076 ♥ J5 ♦ A86 ♣ 86542</p>	<p>♠ 8432 ♥ K32 ♦ 1043 ♣ AK7</p>	<p>Cover HJ from dummy!</p>
<p>S 1H W P N P E P</p>	<p>♠ KQ9 ♥ AQ876 ♦ QJ73 ♣ 9</p>		



<p>♠ 842 ♥ KQ4 ♦ 65 ♣ QJ1053</p>	<p>♠ AJ ♥ AJ7 ♦ 432 ♣ K7642</p>	<p>♠ Q753 ♥ 1093 ♦ J10987 ♣ A</p>	<p>Duck SJ. They cannot catch your SQ</p>
<p>S 1NT W P N 3NT E</p>	<p>♠ K1096 ♥ 8652 ♦ AKQ ♣ 98</p>		



PRACTISING COUNT SIGNALS

♠ K10987
♥ 543
♦ KQ
♣ 632

♠ A52
♥ J98
♦ A32
♣ J875

♠ 643
♥ Q107
♦ 109875
♣ 104

♠ QJ
♥ AK62
♦ J64
♣ AKQ9

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

♦10 LEAD

East wins **♦A**, and returns **♦3**. (to remove the entry). North now leads **♠7** which east ducks. West's **♠3** gives count showing three cards East must win the **2nd round** of spades.

♠ 643
♥ 876
♦ Q2
♣ KQJ105

♠ QJ52
♥ A5
♦ K1093
♣ A74

♠ K10
♥ J10942
♦ 865
♣ 982

♠ A987
♥ KQ3
♦ AJ74
♣ 63

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

LEAD ♥J.
 East overtakes and returns **♥5**. Declarer leads **♣6** towards **♣5** in dummy.

When should east take **♣A**? It depends on West's card! **♣2** promises three cards! East must win the **2nd round**

♠ K976
♥ QJ6
♦ Q109
♣ KQ3

♠ J853
♥ A
♦ KJ52
♣ J985

♠ AQ42
♥ 953
♦ 84
♣ 7642

♠ 10
♥ K108742
♦ A763
♣ A10

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

♦8 LEAD

Doubleton lead High/low looking for a ruff. When east wins **♥A** he should cash top diamond and return **♦5** for west to ruff. West must now cash **♠A** to set the contract

♠ QJ97
♥ KJ
♦ KJ2
♣ J1064

♠ 32
♥ 9652
♦ A9854
♣ 93

♠ A4
♥ 1073
♦ 10763
♣ KQ75

♠ K10865
♥ AQ84
♦ Q
♣ A82

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

♣K LEAD.

With only two clubs east plays **♣9** first. West now knows east can ruff the **3rd round**. So west wins 1st trump lead with **♠A**, cashes **♣Q** and plays **♣7**. East should now cash **♦A**

♠ Q10
♥ KQ54
♦ QJ9
♣ K652

♠ 7652
♥ 873
♦ 873
♣ Q97

♠ K3
♥ A96
♦ K6542
♣ 843

♠ AJ984
♥ J102
♦ A10
♣ AJ10

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

♦4 LEAD

East plays a low card the **♦3** showing an odd number. When on lead again, west knows south started with two diamonds and can play **♦2** to force **♦A**. Diamonds are now all winners.

♠ 642
♥ AQ
♦ J86
♣ KQJ109

♠ 10853
♥ KJ3
♦ Q43
♣ A54

♠ J7
♥ 108642
♦ 1052
♣ 832

♠ AKQ9
♥ 975
♦ AK97
♣ 76

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

♥4 LEAD

Declarer will try the **♥Q**. East wins but must return the **♥J** to UNBLOCK. When west shows three clubs, east wins the **2nd round** of clubs and returns **♥3**.

♠ A3
♥ J107
♦ QJ1075
♣ 983

♠ K64
♥ 9532
♦ A64
♣ 542

♠ QJ109
♥ 864
♦ 92
♣ Q1076

♠ 8752
♥ AKQ
♦ K83
♣ AKJ

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

♠Q LEAD

If declarer ducks, east must overtake with **♠K** and return **♠6**. When declarer plays diamonds west plays. 9-2 showing two cards, so East must win the **3rd round** of diamonds.

♠ 1098
♥ QJ96
♦ KJ
♣ KJ32

♠ 62
♥ 1042
♦ 7652
♣ AQ54

♠ K4
♥ AK875
♦ 843
♣ 1087

♠ AQJ753
♥ 3
♦ AQ109
♣ 96

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

♥A LEAD

East must play **♥2** to show an odd number of hearts (3). East will now switch to clubs and the contract is set. (A heart continuation is fatal.) A diamond switch does not help declarer.)

END OF YEAR 2 MIX

3RD HAND HIGH BUT KEEP GUARD

♣4 LEAD

East tries to win with ♣J keeping ♣A to guard ♣Q in dummy. When it holds cash ♣A and return ♣7.

♠ KQ9
♥ QJ
♦ AQ1095
♣ Q82

♠ 542
♥ 6432
♦ 432
♣ AJ7

♠ 876
♥ 875
♦ 76
♣ K6543

♠ AJ103
♥ AK109
♦ KJ8
♣ 109

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2D	P
2NT	P	3NT	
3NT SHOULD NOT MAKE!			

SIGNAL HI-LO FOR A RUFF.

♠A LEAD

Ruff 3rd club and cash ♦A to set the contract.

♠ KQ
♥ J983
♦ KQJ
♣ QJ83

♠ 10983
♥ 5
♦ 8742
♣ AK104

♠ 1042
♥ 1042
♦ A9653
♣ 92

♠ AJ63
♥ AKQ76
♦ 10
♣ 765

S	W	N	E
1H	P	4H	
4H SHOULD NOT MAKE!			

2ND HAND LOW.

♥Q LEAD

West must play low on ♦5. If declarer finishes ♦9, say well done!

and on ♠6.

♠ KJ95
♥ 542
♦ K98
♣ KQJ

♠ Q874
♥ 876
♦ 642
♣ 1086

♠ A102
♥ QJ103
♦ AJ3
♣ 753

♠ 63
♥ AK9
♦ Q1075
♣ A942

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2C	P
	2D	P	3NT
3NT SHOULD NOT MAKE!			

TRUMP LEAD.

Declarer draws trumps & leads ♦8.

2nd hand must play high or will not make a diamond trick.

♠ A1082
♥ Q6
♦ AJ106
♣ J75

♠ 96
♥ J9732
♦ KQ7
♣ K102

♠ 4
♥ K854
♦ 9543
♣ A863

♠ KQJ753
♥ A10
♦ 82
♣ Q94

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	
4S COULD STILL MAKE!			

2ND HAND PLAY

♠Q LEAD

Loses to DA. West must cover declarer's ♦Q but play low on ♣4 lead from declarer.

♠ 973
♥ 985
♦ AJ63
♣ K86

♠ 642
♥ QJ62
♦ 872
♣ J109

♠ QJ105
♥ 1043
♦ K109
♣ A32

♠ AK8
♥ AK7
♦ Q54
♣ Q754

4TH HIGHEST

♠2 LEAD

With nothing to guard in dummy east must rise with ♠Q. - and obviously return the suit.

♠ 84
♥ QJ65
♦ J106
♣ A542

♠ AK62
♥ 984
♦ 9854
♣ 87

♠ Q1075
♥ A32
♦ 7
♣ Q10963

♠ J93
♥ K107
♦ AKQ32
♣ KJ

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1H	P
2NT	P	3NT	
3NT SHOULD NOT MAKE!			

HAVE A LOOK AT DUMMY!

♥A LEAD

Declarer can never make because of the mirror image in each suit. Unlucky

Switch to another suit when partner plays ♥3

♠

♥

♦

♣

♠

♥

♦

♣

♠ QJ108
♥ 1065
♦ KQ3
♣ QJ10

♠ 963
♥ AKJ2
♦ 972
♣ 754

♠ 42
♥ 873
♦ AJ54
♣ 9863

♠ AK75
♥ Q94
♦ 1086
♣ AK2

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

GOOD TRAINING ON COUNT/LEADS

<p>♠ Q3 ♥ 10642 ♦ 98 ♣ AK962</p>	<p>♠ AK75 ♥ KQ98 ♦ 32 ♣ J75</p>	<p>♠ 82 ♥ J752 ♦ A10754 ♣ 84</p>	<p>♣ A LEAD Better than a risky D9. East follows with C8 & C4 on CK. West sees the hi-lo and gives a ruff.</p>
S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

<p>♠ 96 ♥ 85 ♦ Q10853 ♣ A972</p>	<p>♠ 7532 ♥ 96 ♦ AKJ9 ♣ KQ6</p>	<p>♠ J8 ♥ AK104 ♦ 742 ♣ J1085</p>	<p>♥ 8 LEAD East sees west's peter and continues, hoping that west can ruff higher than the S7</p>
S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

<p>♠ A543 ♥ 864 ♦ 94 ♣ 9862</p>	<p>♠ K10872 ♥ KJ73 ♦ KJ7 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ 96 ♥ 9 ♦ AQ8 ♣ Q107543</p>	<p>♦ 9 LEAD East wins and cashes DQ. and gives the ruff when west plays hi-lo.</p>
S	W	N	E
1H 4H	P	3H	P

<p>♠ 6432 ♥ J4 ♦ 972 ♣ AQ83</p>	<p>♠ AKJ ♥ Q875 ♦ Q1053 ♣ 102</p>	<p>♠ 10975 ♥ 93 ♦ AK64 ♣ 976</p>	<p>♦ 7 LEAD (MUD) East wins DA and DK. West's D9 shows 3 cards and no ruff possible. SO east switches and leads up to weakness in dummy. (C7)</p>
S	W	N	E
1H	P	4H	

<p>♠ K984 ♥ J8 ♦ 76432 ♣ 84</p>	<p>♠ J103 ♥ A743 ♦ A8 ♣ KJ62</p>	<p>♠ 765 ♥ 62 ♦ Q105 ♣ AQ973</p>	<p>♣ 8 LEAD After west gets the ruff, west should 'get off lead' with a trump. West must be patient and wait for declarer taking a doomed spade finesse.</p>
S	W	N	E
1H	P	4H	

<p>♠ 65 ♥ 874 ♦ AK103 ♣ 9765</p>	<p>♠ KJ98 ♥ K652 ♦ QJ65 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ 104 ♥ AQ109 ♦ 942 ♣ 10842</p>	<p>♦ A LEAD East plays D2, showing three. With no ruff possible, west can see no point in switching to a club. A heart switch sets the contract</p>
S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

<p>♠ 84 ♥ 832 ♦ AK1065 ♣ K52</p>	<p>♠ QJ92 ♥ AQ6 ♦ J87 ♣ Q97</p>	<p>♠ 75 ♥ J10974 ♦ 94 ♣ J843</p>	<p>♦ A LEAD Hi-lo then ruff. East then leads up to weakness in dummy. (C4)</p>
S	W	N	E
1S 4S	P	3S	P

<p>♠ KQ1032 ♥ A5 ♦ K108 ♣ J53</p>	<p>♠ A85 ♥ J1072 ♦ J95 ♣ AQ10</p>	<p>♠ 94 ♥ 43 ♦ 7632 ♣ 98642</p>	<p>♠ K LEAD North wins and tackles trumps West wins HA and cashes SQ Seeing east's hi-lo, West plays another spade for east to ruff and lead up to weakness.</p>
S	W	N	E
1H 4H	P	3H	P

LEAD UP TO WEAKNESS

♠ K764
♥ 754
♦ AKQ5
♣ 53

♠ 109
♥ AQ8
♦ 1072
♣ QJ862

♠ 82
♥ J106
♦ 9864
♣ A1097

3NT

♠ AQJ53
♥ K932
♦ J3
♣ K4

CQ LEAD
4TH HIGHEST

You win with CA
 (Declarer has SK)

Switch needed!
 Weakness in
 dummy is hearts.
 Lead HJ -
 promising H10.

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

S2 LEAD
4TH HIGHEST

Th

♠ Q8
♥
♦
♣

♠ 9
♥
♦
♣

♠ K1
♥
♦
♣

4H

♠ A
♥
♦
♣

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3H	P

♠ Q5
♥
♦
♣

♠ A
♥
♦
♣

♠ K
♥
♦
♣

3NT

♠ J4
♥
♦
♣

S7 LEAD
4TH HIGHEST

A

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ ?
♥
♦
♣

♠ ?
♥
♦
♣

♠ ?
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♣

♠ ?
♥
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♣

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LEADS & 3RD HAND PLAY

♠ A5
♥ KQ10
♦ 763
♣ KQ1095

♠ 872
♥ A542
♦ A1094
♣ J3

♠ 10943
♥ 986
♦ KJ5
♣ 62

4 LEAD
4TH HIGHEST

East with nothing to guard in dummy, plays **♦K**.
Then returns **♦J**.

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

3NT SHOULD NOT MAKE!

♦K LEAD
TOUCHING HONOURS

East must overtake.
Then return **♦4** to west's **♦Q** and a 3rd round is ruffed

♠ QJ4
♥ A105
♦ J85
♣ AJ83

♠ K3
♥ 976
♦ KQ763
♣ 642

♠ 652
♥ 8432
♦ A4
♣ 10975

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

4S SHOULD NOT MAKE!

♠ Q853
♥ Q108
♦ KQJ
♣ KJ6

♠ 64
♥ AK976
♦ 863
♣ 1073

♠ 107
♥ J52
♦ 1052
♣ AQ842

♥A LEAD
PROMISING HK

East gives count signal with **♥2**
After cashing **♥K**, west switches, knowing that east cannot ruff.
Club switch looks reasonable.

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

4S SHOULD NOT MAKE!

♠6 LEAD
4TH HIGHEST

East should play **♠10** keeping **♠A** to guard dummy's **♠K**. It loses to **♠K**.
Declarer needs to establish diamonds.
West wins **♦A** and returns **♠J**.

♠ Q43
♥ AQJ
♦ Q854
♣ K103

♠ J982
♥ 1087
♦ A2
♣ 8754

♠ A1075
♥ 9543
♦ 96
♣ A62

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

3NT SHOULD NOT MAKE!

♠ QJ82
♥ 105
♦ AKQ
♣ J654

♠ 1074
♥ 984
♦ 1087643
♣ 2

♠ 6
♥ AKJ73
♦ J52
♣ A732

♣9 LEAD
SINGLETON

Singleton leads are OK if you are very weak and partner may have HCPs.
East wins **♣A**. Cash **♥K** then return **♣7** for east to ruff

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

4S SHOULD NOT MAKE!

♥J LEAD
TOP OF NEAR INTERNAL SEQUENCE

East knows where the **♥Q** is, so plays **♥K**.
When it holds a heart return gives E/W the 1st 5 tricks

♠ AK43
♥ 76
♦ AQJ8
♣ Q107

♠ J9
♥ AJ1082
♦ 73
♣ J953

♠ 10852
♥ K54
♦ 1096
♣ 842

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

SHOULD NOT MAKE!

♠ A54
♥ AJ7
♦ K72
♣ QJ109

♠ 109862
♥ 652
♦ 1086
♣ AK

♠ KJ
♥ 9843
♦ J954
♣ 743

♠10 LEAD
TOP OF SEQUENCE

East wins **♠K** and returns **♠J**. It is now a race.
Will E/W establish their spades or will NS establish their club winners?

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

3NT SHOULD NOT MAKE!

♣9 LEAD
DOUBLETON

East cashes **♣K** and then cashes **♣A**. West completes the peter with **♣2**
East ruffs the 3rd round and sits back waiting for **♠K** winner

♠ QJ105
♥ A
♦ K10843
♣ Q87

♠ K2
♥ 97543
♦ 7652
♣ 22

♠ 96
♥ J10862
♦ J
♣ AK1054

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

4S SHOULD NOT MAKE!

MORE OVERCALLS

♠ J86
♥ 5
♦ 1053
♣ AK9764

♠ 72
♥ J983
♦ QJ987
♣ 105

♠ K43
♥ AQ1076
♦ AK
♣ 832

♠ AQ1095
♥ K42
♦ 642
♣ QJ

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

SPADES WIN
H3 LEAD

When one side has a fit -the other side will also have a fit! but spades win. 3H -1 3S makes (if diamonds are not cashed, you can make 4S).

OVERCALL-ING 1NT
SK LEAD

If opponents open 1NT a simple overcall at the 2 level needs 10+ AND a good suit. This should close the auction!

♠ 93
♥ 642
♦ KQ72
♣ QJ102

♠ KQJ10
♥ 108
♦ J1094
♣ 873

♠ 864
♥ AKJ93
♦ 86
♣ A65

♠ A752
♥ Q75
♦ A53
♣ K94

E	S	W	N
1NT	2H	P	P

♠ KJ74
♥ 8
♦ K76
♣ AJ1098

♠ 1092
♥ 976542
♦ 105
♣ Q5

♠ 5
♥ A103
♦ AQJ93
♣ 7632

♠ AQ863
♥ KQJ
♦ 842
♣ K4

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

OVERCALL GIVES A LEAD
D10 LEAD (hi-lo)

Your overcall does not buy the contract but gives partner a lead which sets their contract.

SPADES WIN AGAIN
H2 LEAD (low from honour)

3H is -1 3S makes 9
So -100 is better than -140

♠ A964
♥ 103
♦ K52
♣ K65

♠ 75
♥ Q982
♦ AQ96
♣ 1098

♠ KJ1082
♥ 76
♦ 43
♣ A732

♠ Q3
♥ AKJ54
♦ J108
♣ QJ4

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

♠ J104
♥ 1072
♦ 62
♣ KQJ9

♠ 9
♥ AQJ965
♦ 98
♣ 10874

♠ Q2
♥ K843
♦ KQJ43
♣ A2

♠ AK87653
♥ -
♦ A1075
♣ 653

E	S	W	N
1D	4S	?	

DON'T MUCK ABOUT
D9 LEAD (hi-lo in partner's suit)

Even one off is better than opponents making 620!

OVERCALL 1NT = 16-18 WITH STOP!
SJ LEAD (hi-lo in partner's suit)

With 9 pts. partner should raise to game.

♠ 63
♥ QJ3
♦ AQ743
♣ 864

♠ J4
♥ 109542
♦ 85
♣ 10532

♠ AQ10
♥ K7
♦ K1062
♣ AJ97

♠ K98752
♥ A86
♦ J9
♣ KQ

E	S	W	N
1S	1NT	P	3NT

♠ 3
♥ K74
♦ 109865
♣ AJ65

♠ KJ742
♥ 53
♦ 43
♣ 10932

♠ AQ109
♥ 86
♦ KQJ72
♣ 74

♠ 865
♥ AQJ1092
♦ A
♣ KQ8

E	S	W	N
1D	2H	P	4H

JUMP OVERCALL SHOWS 16+ & GOOD 6 CARD SUIT
D4 or H5 LEAD

This should be raised to game with fit and 11 pts. 8 HCPs & 3 for singleton.

RAISE TO GAME WITH STOPS IN ENEMY SUIT
H6 LEAD

Declarer should finesse C10 as overcaller is likely to have CQ

♠ K1043
♥ KJ2
♦ K75
♣ A103

♠ Q8
♥ AQ7653
♦ 43
♣ Q97

♠ 9652
♥ 109
♦ QJ1098
♣ 85

♠ AJ7
♥ 84
♦ A62
♣ KJ642

S	W	N	E
1NT	2H	3NT	

MIXTURE OF NT & TWO SUITED HANDS

<p>♠ Q4 ♥ Q543 ♦ 982 ♣ AJ53</p>	<p>♠ AK752 ♥ K7 ♦ Q1054 ♣ K9</p>	<p>♠ J86 ♥ 10982 ♦ K76 ♣ 1084</p>
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**Lose only
1 heart
1 spade
1 club**

**Ruff heart.
Finesse
diamond**

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

<p>♠ 98 ♥ A864 ♦ 852 ♣ K1042</p>	<p>♠ KJ102 ♥ K1097 ♦ J4 ♣ AJ7</p>	<p>♠ A65 ♥ 53 ♦ K76 ♣ Q9865</p>
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**Lose only
1 heart
1 spade**

**Finesse
diamond**

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

<p>♠ 1076 ♥ Q952 ♦ KQJ9 ♣ KJ</p>	<p>♠ 53 ♥ J8 ♦ 10643 ♣ AQ972</p>	<p>♠ KJ942 ♥ 64 ♦ A872 ♣ 86</p>
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**Finesse
clubs,
hearts,
spades**

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

<p>♠ 1087 ♥ Q107 ♦ K103 ♣ KQ85</p>	<p>♠ K52 ♥ A6 ♦ QJ975 ♣ 764</p>	<p>♠ 96 ♥ 9843 ♦ A64 ♣ A1093</p>
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**North returns
south to
spades at the
level that he
can afford.**

**South with
nothing extra
passes**

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

<p>♠ A94 ♥ 7432 ♦ 865 ♣ K94</p>	<p>♠ J6 ♥ KQ6 ♦ 1097 ♣ AQJ72</p>	<p>♠ 10875 ♥ A865 ♦ K32 ♣ 85</p>
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**Lose only
1 spade
1 heart**

**Finesse
diamonds
clubs**

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

With overcall

<p>♠ J8 ♥ J3 ♦ K653 ♣ AKQ105</p>	<p>♠ AK4 ♥ KQ84 ♦ J984 ♣ 72</p>	<p>♠ 9763 ♥ 106 ♦ 1072 ♣ J843</p>
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S	W	N	E
1H	2C	4H	

<p>♠ J10 ♥ KQ9 ♦ 92 ♣ KQ1095</p>	<p>♠ AK853 ♥ 1086 ♦ Q84 ♣ A2</p>	<p>♠ 94 ♥ J7543 ♦ J75 ♣ 843</p>
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**Draw
trumps**

With overcall

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

**South's rebid
shows a bal-
anced hand of
15+**

<p>♠ 964 ♥ QJ1075 ♦ A86 ♣ J5</p>	<p>♠ K105 ♥ A94 ♦ QJ2 ♣ 9732</p>	<p>♠ J83 ♥ 863 ♦ 1074 ♣ KQ84</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	P	2C	P
2NT	P	3NT	

REBIDS WITH TWO SUITED HANDS

FIND 5-3 FIT

LEAD H5 (UNBID SUIT)

When south rebids 2D, he must have 5 spades.

North can raise to game with 5-3 fit and 13 pts

♠ 1064
♥ KJ97
♦ K7
♣ AQ92

♠ A32
♥ 10532
♦ Q32
♣ 1054

♠ K9
♥ AQ64
♦ 9654
♣ 873

♠ QJ875
♥ 8
♦ AJ108
♣ KJ6

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

FIND 4-4 FIT

LEAD S2 (UNBID SUIT)

When south rebids 2H, north shows the fit at the level he can afford. One, two that'll do.

♠ 743
♥ Q952
♦ KJ1075
♣ 7

♠ J862
♥ J7
♦ A432
♣ QJ6

♠ KQ105
♥ 843
♦ 96
♣ AK42

♠ A9
♥ AK106
♦ Q8
♣ 109853

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

FIND 4-4 FIT

LEAD HQ (TOP OF SEQUENCE)

When south rebids 2S, north shows the fit at the level he can afford - 13pts. Enough for game.

♠ 9763
♥ A5
♦ AJ1085
♣ A6

♠ 42
♥ QJ107
♦ K63
♣ J1085

♠ Q105
♥ K9642
♦ Q92
♣ 92

♠ AKJ8
♥ 83
♦ 74
♣ KQ743

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

FIND 4-4 FIT

LEAD S5 (TOP OF DOUBLETON)

When south rebids 2H, north shows the fit at the level he can afford - 16pts. Enough for game.

♠ 4
♥ AQJ6
♦ AKQ84
♣ 842

♠ 53
♥ 109
♦ 10765
♣ AQ753

♠ AJ109
♥ 873
♦ 932
♣ 1096

♠ KQ8762
♥ K542
♦ J
♣ KJ

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

FIND 5-3 FIT

LEAD C5 (LOW FROM HONOUR)

When south rebids 2H, he must have 5 spades. North can raise to 3S with 5-3 fit and 10/ 11pts

♠ QJ9
♥ K102
♦ J732
♣ K104

♠ A76
♥ J43
♦ K10
♣ Q7652

♠ 54
♥ 965
♦ AQ984
♣ J93

♠ K10832
♥ AQ87
♦ 65
♣ A8

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

FIND BEST FIT

LEAD DK (TOP OF SEQUENCE)

North cannot bid at the 2 level with only 7 pts. South's shows the 5-4 shape and north passes 2C

♠ 75
♥ 987
♦ 10854
♣ AK97

♠ Q1086
♥ Q32
♦ KQJ7
♣ 106

♠ 43
♥ AJ65
♦ A932
♣ 542

♠ AKJ92
♥ K104
♦ 6
♣ QJ83

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

FIND 4-4 FIT

LEAD D8 (TRUMP FROM 3 SMALL)

With only 8 points north will pass as soon as he finds the minor suit fit.

♠ A10763
♥ 2
♦ K1072
♣ J108

♠ KQ5
♥ 1087
♦ 864
♣ 6543

♠ J984
♥ AJ94
♦ AJ
♣ Q97

♠ 2
♥ KQ653
♦ Q953
♣ AK2

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

5-5 SHAPE LEAD H6

South's rebid of his 2nd suit shows 5-5. North can raise to game in the 5-3 fit. When east doesn't play SA on S4, south should finesse SJ

♠ 4
♥ AJ8
♦ AJ64
♣ Q10763

♠ A62
♥ 965
♦ Q10953
♣ J9

♠ Q973
♥ 103
♦ K82
♣ 8542

♠ KJ1085
♥ KQ742
♦ 7
♣ AK

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

JUMP OVERCALLS WEAK OR STRONG

<p>♠ A ♥ J10643 ♦ K72 ♣ Q843</p>	<p>♠ J6 ♥ 872 ♦ 10543 ♣ J762</p>	<p>♠ 875 ♥ KQ5 ♦ AQJ986 ♣ K</p>
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SHAPE NOT POINTS

D2 LEAD

Recognize the playing power of such shapely hands with aces and voids. E/W can make 5H

E	S	W	N
1D	4S		

<p>♠ A873 ♥ 1082 ♦ 8643 ♣ 108</p>	<p>♠ Q109 ♥ Q4 ♦ QJ52 ♣ 6432</p>	<p>♠ KJ62 ♥ 65 ♦ K9 ♣ AJ975</p>
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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.

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

<p>♠ 83 ♥ AJ62 ♦ 10965 ♣ 743</p>	<p>♠ J54 ♥ 43 ♦ QJ2 ♣ KQ1086</p>	<p>♠ K6 ♥ KQ1087 ♦ A843 ♣ J9</p>
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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)

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

<p>♠ 98643 ♥ - ♦ AJ109 ♣ Q873</p>	<p>♠ 105 ♥ Q7 ♦ 65432 ♣ K642</p>	<p>♠ AQ7 ♥ K10 ♦ KQ7 ♣ AJ1095</p>
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When you know where you are going, GO. Lose only two spades and a diamond. Ruff SK for trump finesse.

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

<p>♠ J2 ♥ J10764 ♦ AK ♣ J1083</p>	<p>♠ Q97 ♥ 5 ♦ QJ9754 ♣ KQ2</p>	<p>♠ A3 ♥ AQ832 ♦ 62 ♣ A754</p>
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WEAK 6-10 Here, N/S have a good sacrifice in 4♠. Losing 5 tricks doubled is only -300

West's raise to game is based on 5 card support and a 7.5 loser.

E	S	W	N
1H	?		

<p>♠ 932 ♥ AQ109 ♦ J7 ♣ J1092</p>	<p>♠ K8 ♥ 763 ♦ Q1032 ♣ AK63</p>	<p>♠ Q5 ♥ KJ84 ♦ AK654 ♣ Q4</p>
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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

E	S	W	N
1D	2S	?	

<p>♠ 83 ♥ 763 ♦ 975 ♣ JJ10865</p>	<p>♠ 1094 ♥ K952 ♦ Q864 ♣ 92</p>	<p>♠ J2 ♥ QJ104 ♦ AKJ102 ♣ K3</p>
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Playing WJU either start with a x then jump. Almost too strong a direct cue bid of opponent's suit might work better.

E	S	W	N
1D	?		

<p>♠ J108 ♥ KQ1098 ♦ A54 ♣ J108</p>	<p>♠ 7643 ♥ J643 ♦ J2 ♣ 542</p>	<p>♠ AQ95 ♥ 52 ♦ KQ963 ♣ Q6</p>
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Playing WJU either start with a x then jump. Almost too strong a direct cue bid of opponent's suit might work better.

E	S	W	N
1D	2S	?	