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# TRANSFERS

♠ KQ853  
 ♥ J7  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ AK96  
  
 ♠ J109  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ KJ1095  
 ♣ J8  
  
 ♠ A42  
 ♥ KQ104  
 ♦ Q74  
 ♣ Q43  
  

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

**SHOW SHAPE THEN HCPs**

Responder's first bid shows 5+ spades.

The jump to game then shows 13+pts.

Remember 25+ between the hands and game is usually on.

**WHEN TO USE THEM**

Transfers can be played over 1NT, 2NT or partner's overcall of 1NT.

With 5 pts. north knows that game is on after south opens 2NT which shows 20-22 pts.

♠ QJ1032  
 ♥ 98  
 ♦ 7652  
 ♣ Q8  
  
 ♠ 654  
 ♥ 7432  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ 10532  
  
 ♠ 98  
 ♥ J105  
 ♦ KQJ83  
 ♣ A96  
  
 ♠ AK7  
 ♥ AKQ6  
 ♦ 104  
 ♣ KJ74  
  

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

♠ K743  
 ♥ AKJ843  
 ♦ 92  
 ♣ 5  
  
 ♠ J10  
 ♥ 97  
 ♦ 10874  
 ♣ AQJ84  
  
 ♠ A652  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ KQ65  
 ♣ K63  
  

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

**2ND SUIT SHOWS 11+**

With five hearts and four spades, show the hand by transfers if you have 11+pts.

Because 2S forces south to 2NT, 3H or 3S, it shows 11+ pts.

**2ND SUIT SHOWS 13+**

After the completion of the transfer a new suit is natural and FORCING.

Because 3H forces south to bid again, maybe at the 4 level, it shows 13+.

♠ AQJ102  
 ♥ A543  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ Q53  
  
 ♠ 76  
 ♥ J8  
 ♦ AK1082  
 ♣ J1064  
  
 ♠ 8543  
 ♥ 962  
 ♦ QJ54  
 ♣ K2  
  
 ♠ K9  
 ♥ KQ107  
 ♦ 973  
 ♣ A987  
  

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

♠ A63  
 ♥ J9652  
 ♦ 1087  
 ♣ 65  
  
 ♠ 1098  
 ♥ AK4  
 ♦ Q964  
 ♣ 983  
  
 ♠ KJ42  
 ♥ Q10  
 ♦ AK52  
 ♣ J102  
  

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

**WHEN WEAK.**

Remember that the transfer says NOTHING about your pts. and it ensures that the stronger hand plays the contract when you are weak.

Transfer and pass.

**REBID SHOWS 11/12**

North's rebid of 2NT = 11/12 pts

South should choose to play in a 5/3 major fit. 3H agrees trumps but also says "I am not maximum".

That becomes the contract.

♠ K9  
 ♥ AKJ65  
 ♦ 753  
 ♣ 876  
  
 ♠ Q652  
 ♥ 984  
 ♦ KQ10  
 ♣ J92  
  
 ♠ J1074  
 ♥ 103  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ A10  
  
 ♠ A83  
 ♥ Q72  
 ♦ J8  
 ♣ KQ543  
  

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

♠ KQ85  
 ♥ KJ1098  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ KJ7  
  
 ♠ 9  
 ♥ 6542  
 ♦ J9864  
 ♣ A53  
  
 ♠ A6432  
 ♥ AQ  
 ♦ 1053  
 ♣ 842  
  
 ♠ J107  
 ♥ 73  
 ♦ AKQ7  
 ♣ Q1096  
  

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

**BOTH MAJORS**

Points for game but no fit!

South can see only a 5/2 fit in spades and a 4/3 fit in hearts so chooses 2NT.

North with 13 pts bids on to game.

**NO TRANSFER AFTER AN OVERCALL.**

Because of west's overcall the bid of 2H is natural but non forcing.

The 1NT opener usually takes no further initiative during the auction.

♠ QJ5  
 ♥ J109765  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ 72  
  
 ♠ K872  
 ♥ K42  
 ♦ 10654  
 ♣ 95  
  
 ♠ 963  
 ♥ A8  
 ♦ J93  
 ♣ AQJ108  
  
 ♠ A104  
 ♥ Q3  
 ♦ A872  
 ♣ K643  
  

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

# TRANSFERS MORE DIFFICULT

♠ 32  
♥ K10965  
♦ 1032  
♣ Q54

♠ 1065  
♥ J842  
♦ 8765  
♣ J6

♠ AQ987  
♥ 73  
♦ AQ  
♣ K832

♠ KJ4  
♥ AQ  
♦ KJ94  
♣ A1097

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

**1NT  
OVERCALL  
S5 LEAD**

Transfers (and Stayman) can be used after partner's overcall of 1NT.

*NV, east may bid on, but not if vulnerable!*

**MILD SLAM TRY  
S9 LEAD**

No transfer here. 3S is a mild slam try in spades.

4C is a cue bid showing 1st round control & confirming slam interest.

♠ J32  
♥ A108  
♦ 10876  
♣ AKQ

♠ 96  
♥ 752  
♦ A9  
♣ J97653

♠ 754  
♥ J643  
♦ QJ54  
♣ 104

♠ AKQ108  
♥ KQ9  
♦ K32  
♣ 82

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

♠ AJ9  
♥ KQJ2  
♦ Q3  
♣ J843

♠ KQ62  
♥ A84  
♦ 75  
♣ A1072

♠ 843  
♥ 1065  
♦ K102  
♣ KQ65

♠ 1075  
♥ 973  
♦ AJ9864  
♣ 9

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

**WEAK MINOR  
2S can be bid with 11pts, (no major) and, on weak hands with 6+ clubs or diamonds.**

2S asks the range. replies -  
2NT = 12/13  
3C = 14

\*3D is weak.

**5/5 SHAPE  
H2 LEAD**

5/5 in spades and clubs.

With red suits well covered south still prefers 3NT

♠ AQ1053  
♥ 1054  
♦ -  
♣ AKJ72

♠ J87  
♥ K72  
♦ 987  
♣ 10953

♠ K62  
♥ Q86  
♦ K65432  
♣ 8

♠ 94  
♥ AJ93  
♦ AQJ10  
♣ Q64

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

♠ 102  
♥ AK10765  
♦ QJ65  
♣ 4

♠ J8  
♥ J4  
♦ A1082  
♣ QJ1098

♠ A7543  
♥ 82  
♦ 943  
♣ K63

♠ KQ96  
♥ Q93  
♦ K7  
♣ A752

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

**SIX HEARTS  
CQ LEAD**

Only interested in a game in hearts

**SIX HEARTS  
DA LEAD**

No need to transfer. Opener HAS at least two hearts and this is where the contract should play.

♠ KJ3  
♥ AQ10875  
♦ 54  
♣ K3

♠ A95  
♥ J2  
♦ J1093  
♣ 10875

♠ 764  
♥ 94  
♦ AKQ76  
♣ 962

♠ Q1082  
♥ K63  
♦ 82  
♣ AQJ4

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	4H	

♠ AQJ102  
♥ A543  
♦ 6  
♣ J53

♠ 8543  
♥ 962  
♦ QJ54  
♣ 92

♠ 76  
♥ J8  
♦ AK1082  
♣ K1064

♠ K9  
♥ KQ107  
♦ 973  
♣ AQ87

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

**SLAM - BOTH MAJORS 5/4  
DQ LEAD**

Transfer then bid natural suits.

4NT would be RKCB.

**STAYMAN with 5/4 in majors & WEAK  
DK LEAD**

Similarly, you could use Stayman on a weak hand with 4-4-4-1 shape (singleton club)

♠ Q542  
♥ J8543  
♦ 76  
♣ 104

♠ 973  
♥ A106  
♦ KQJ  
♣ QJ98

♠ A106  
♥ 92  
♦ 10982  
♣ AK65

♠ KJ8  
♥ KQ7  
♦ A543  
♣ 743

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

# 4TH SUIT FORCING

**1-5-4-3 SHAPE.**

**LEAD SK**

**NO option but to play in 5 of a minor.**

♠ J73  
♥ Q5  
♦ AK6  
♣ K10964

♠ A9542  
♥ 107  
♦ 10875  
♣ J7

♠ KQ86  
♥ KJ84  
♦ 32  
♣ 852

♠ 10  
♥ A9632  
♦ QJ94  
♣ AQ3

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

**LEAD C5**

**2NT response to 4th suit forcing shows a stop in the 4th suit.**

♠ J73  
♥ Q5  
♦ AK6  
♣ K10964

♠ 109  
♥ 107  
♦ 8753  
♣ AQ853

♠ K6542  
♥ KJ84  
♦ 102  
♣ 72

♠ AQ8  
♥ A9632  
♦ QJ94  
♣ J

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

**AVOIDANCE**

**LEAD HJ**

**There is no danger to this contract as long as you finesse diamonds into the safe hand. (west)!**

♠ AJ752  
♥ 52  
♦ KJ4  
♣ AQ2

♠ 109  
♥ AJ1098  
♦ 83  
♣ J1065

♠ KQ843  
♥ 763  
♦ Q76  
♣ 83

♠ 6  
♥ KQ4  
♦ A10952  
♣ K974

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

**LEAD HQ**

**IF north punted 3NT, it would be set on a diamond lead. In 6S south ruffs a 3rd club high before drawing trumps.**

♠ AQ3  
♥ K9542  
♦ J93  
♣ A5

♠ 974  
♥ QJ10  
♦ Q874  
♣ Q104

♠ 86  
♥ A873  
♦ K10652  
♣ 72

♠ KJ1052  
♥ 6  
♦ A  
♣ KJ9863

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

**LEAD D7**

**Do not use the 4th suit force.**

**The hand is not strong enough. Give a simple suit preference limit bid.**

♠ AJ752  
♥ 96  
♦ J96  
♣ Q84

♠ K84  
♥ Q43  
♦ 1087  
♣ A763

♠ Q1063  
♥ 1052  
♦ A543  
♣ K5

♠ 9  
♥ AKJ87  
♦ KQ2  
♣ J1092

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

**LEAD DK**

**Do not use 4th suit force**

**Support partner and make a limit raise to 3H.**

♠ AQ752  
♥ 984  
♦ 1087  
♣ KQ

♠ 104  
♥ 65  
♦ KQJ95  
♣ J832

♠ KJ98  
♥ K32  
♦ 432  
♣ 1064

♠ 63  
♥ AQJ107  
♦ A6  
♣ A975

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

**LEAD H5/D8?**

**Do not use the 4th suit force.**

**Holding the 4th suit bid NT at the 2 level limit the hand to 11 or 12 HCP**

♠ A1084  
♥ 32  
♦ AKJ9  
♣ 1096

♠ Q93  
♥ J9  
♦ Q543  
♣ A543

♠ J72  
♥ A865  
♦ 8762  
♣ 72

♠ K65  
♥ KQ1074  
♦ 10  
♣ KQJ8

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

**LEAD C7/SK?**

**2NT response to 4th suit forcing shows a stop in the 4th suit..**

♠ AJ1087  
♥ K3  
♦ 1094  
♣ AQ9

♠ KQ9  
♥ A654  
♦ 852  
♣ 1087

♠ 5432  
♥ 82  
♦ Q763  
♣ J62

♠ 6  
♥ QJ1097  
♦ AKJ  
♣ K543

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

# BIDDING AFTER 1NT or 2NT.

♠ A7543  
 ♥ K87  
 ♦ K8  
 ♣ 632  
 ♠ Q6  
 ♥ AJ63  
 ♦ J763  
 ♣ AJ4  
 ♠ K1082  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ AQ10952  
 ♣ K5

## UNWISE DOUBLE

West should be free to overcall knowing that her bids are not requiring any initiative from the 1NT opener. The bid is NOT forcing!

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

**Brunton 08/7**

## WRIGGLE

After the double of 1NT all of responders bids are transfers

♠ K7  
 ♥ 632  
 ♦ Q10962  
 ♣ 853  
 ♠ AQ42  
 ♥ QJ4  
 ♦ A85  
 ♣ K97  
 ♠ J653  
 ♥ A10975  
 ♦ J7  
 ♣ J4  
 ♠ 1098  
 ♥ K8  
 ♦ K43  
 ♣ AQ1062

S	W	N	E
1NT	X	2C*	P
2D	?/P	?2H/X	P

\* Transfer to diamonds

♠ 3  
 ♥ AKJ1076  
 ♦ KQ92  
 ♣ K2  
 ♠ KQ1042  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ 83  
 ♣ J875  
 ♠ A76  
 ♥ Q98  
 ♦ J74  
 ♣ AQ43  
 ♠ J985  
 ♥ 43  
 ♦ A1065  
 ♣ 1096

## MILD SLAM TRY

### LEAD SK

North shows an interest in slam and south with 2 aces and Qxx of trumps obliges.

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

## 5 SPADES 4 HEARTS

### LEAD DJ

This holding is shown in one bid - 3S You cannot show this shape via transfers.

♠ 109643  
 ♥ J1084  
 ♦ Q76  
 ♣ Q  
 ♠ AQ52  
 ♥ 62  
 ♦ J1084  
 ♣ A62  
 ♠ 87  
 ♥ K753  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ 98753  
 ♠ KJ  
 ♥ AQ9  
 ♦ AK32  
 ♣ KJ104

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

♠ 93  
 ♥ AQ10974  
 ♦ Q96  
 ♣ K6  
 ♠ AQ8  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ A43  
 ♣ Q109432  
 ♠ 1064  
 ♥ K62  
 ♦ KJ52  
 ♣ AJ5  
 ♠ KJ752  
 ♥ 853  
 ♦ 1087  
 ♣ 87

## FAST ARRIVAL

With six hearts and a 6 loser, just bid game in hearts.

If opponents find spade fit they will bid to 3S anyway!

S	W	N	E
1NT	2C	4H	P

## MILD SLAM TRY

### LEAD S10

♠ A4  
 ♥ KJ6  
 ♦ Q10863  
 ♣ A54  
 ♠ Q10985  
 ♥ 109  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ Q7632  
 ♠ J76  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ 9542  
 ♣ KJ109  
 ♠ K32  
 ♥ AQ8743  
 ♦ AK7  
 ♣ 8

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

♠ AQJ3  
 ♥ AK  
 ♦ A1042  
 ♣ QJ9  
 ♠ K109  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ 8653  
 ♣ AK742  
 ♠ 754  
 ♥ 9542  
 ♦ KQJ9  
 ♣ 103  
 ♠ 862  
 ♥ QJ8763  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ 865

## CA LEAD

## FAST ARRIVAL

South recognizes that with NO outside entry the only game with a chance is 4H.

With no slam interest bid game directly.

S	W	N	E
P	P	2NT	P
4H			

## SA LEAD

## SLOW ARRIVAL

North is a 5 loser WHEN the 9 card fit is revealed. The RKCB reply to 4NT, shows the HQ which is crucial for the slam. Otherwise a guess.

♠ KQ863  
 ♥ KJ1052  
 ♦ A8  
 ♣ 9  
 ♠ J1092  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ K10652  
 ♣ K8  
 ♠ 54  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ Q93  
 ♣ J107532  
 ♠ A7  
 ♥ Q943  
 ♦ J74  
 ♣ AQ64

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

# TAKEOUT & OTHER DOUBLES

♠ 972  
 ♥ K104  
 ♦ 97  
 ♣ 109762  
 ♠ AK53  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ QJ1052  
 ♣ KQ  
 ♠ 104  
 ♥ AQJ93  
 ♦ A643  
 ♣ J8

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

**NOT PERFECT LEAD S10**

West's options are to bid 2D, pass or double.

East should trust partner and bid 2S (not 1S).

**2ND X NEEDED LEAD DQ**

After north's bid east cannot bid with 3 pts. When south passes west must double again to insist on a suit. IF N/S bid to 3D, they will go off!

♠ 86  
 ♥ J93  
 ♦ AK964  
 ♣ 1062  
 ♠ K1042  
 ♥ AK104  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ AQJ9  
 ♠ AQ53  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ QJ1052  
 ♣ K4  
 ♠ J97  
 ♥ Q765  
 ♦ 73  
 ♣ 8753

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

♠ J97  
 ♥ 97  
 ♦ 10732  
 ♣ J875  
 ♠ K104  
 ♥ A1052  
 ♦ AK64  
 ♣ 93  
 ♠ 82  
 ♥ QJ63  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ AKQ106  
 ♠ AQ653  
 ♥ K84  
 ♦ QJ8  
 ♣ 42

S	W	N	E
1C	X	P	4S

**BID UP WHEN RESPONDING LEAD CA**

Take responsibility and bid game.

Partner should have at least 3 cards in all suits except clubs.

**WEAKNESS SHOWN LEAD SA**

When N/S show a fit but stop at the 2 level you should compete. North in P.P. doubles & your heart fit pushes them to 3S. One off!

♠ KJ97  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ 9732  
 ♣ 542  
 ♠ 104  
 ♥ K1052  
 ♦ A64  
 ♣ K983  
 ♠ 82  
 ♥ AJ973  
 ♦ QJ5  
 ♣ J106  
 ♠ AQ653  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ K108  
 ♣ AQ7

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

♠ 104  
 ♥ J9763  
 ♦ J732  
 ♣ 54  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ KQ102  
 ♦ A64  
 ♣ KJ983  
 ♠ AQ653  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ Q108  
 ♣ AQ7  
 ♠ KJ987  
 ♥ A5  
 ♦ K95  
 ♣ 1062

S	W	N	E
1S	X	P	P
P			

**CONVERT TO PENALTY LEAD HK**

East with 10 ish pts. and long spades, passes for penalties.

South cannot get to north to take finesses.

**N/S= Vuln. PENALTY LEAD H4**

Despite the unfortunate lead, E/W take 2 clubs, 3 diamonds, 1 spade and a ruff for +500

♠ 5  
 ♥ A105  
 ♦ 9753  
 ♣ QJ653  
 ♠ A6432  
 ♥ 743  
 ♦ K62  
 ♣ K9  
 ♠ 97  
 ♥ Q962  
 ♦ AQ8  
 ♣ A742  
 ♠ KQJ108  
 ♥ KJ8  
 ♦ J104  
 ♣ 108

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

Brunton Teams of 8-09/08

♠ K108643  
 ♥ 1043  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ K62  
 ♠ QJ5  
 ♥ K7  
 ♦ J9852  
 ♣ J85  
 ♠ A972  
 ♥ AQ62  
 ♦ AKQ103  
 ♣ -  
 ♠ -  
 ♥ J985  
 ♦ 64  
 ♣ AQ109743

S	W	N	E
3C	P	P	X
P	3D	P	5/6D

West Denton 09/08

**DOUBLE A PRE-EMP. LEAD C2**

East has a VERY strong hand and must force west to bid. A suit overcall is absolutely wrong.

**T.O. DOUBLE PASSED OUT LEAD CK**

Even with a poor defence -1 Vul. gives E/W +200 and 33/34 matchpoints!?

♠ 92  
 ♥ 54  
 ♦ QJ82  
 ♣ J10973  
 ♠ A764  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ K763  
 ♣ KQ84  
 ♠ KQ3  
 ♥ AJ862  
 ♦ 1094  
 ♣ 65  
 ♠ J1085  
 ♥ K10973  
 ♦ A5  
 ♣ A2

S	W	N	E
1H	X	P	P
P			

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# NEGATIVE DOUBLES

♠ AKJ5  
 ♥ K832  
 ♦ 1072  
 ♣ 54  
 ♠ 9864  
 ♥ Q96  
 ♦ J6  
 ♣ Q863  
 ♠ Q107  
 ♥ 104  
 ♦ AKQ853  
 ♣ 10  
 ♠ 32  
 ♥ AJ75  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ AKJ972

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

**BOTH?**  
**LEAD DA**  
The double by responder shows **BOTH** majors.  
*The TWO unbid suits*

♠ 94  
 ♥ KQ52  
 ♦ 107654  
 ♣ Q10  
 ♠ Q632  
 ♥ 1063  
 ♦ KJ9  
 ♣ 972  
 ♠ KJ1087  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ AQ3  
 ♣ K85  
 ♠ A5  
 ♥ AJ87  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ AJ643

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

**SHOWING 4**  
**LEAD SJ**  
The double by responder shows **four but not five** of the other major. (6+ points by agreement.)  
**3H makes**  
**2S makes.**  
*3S doesn't! (Shouldn't)*

♠ 76  
 ♥ 43  
 ♦ A10653  
 ♣ K973  
 ♠ QJ108  
 ♥ 1085  
 ♦ K974  
 ♣ 102  
 ♠ 94  
 ♥ AKQ97  
 ♦ QJ2  
 ♣ 864  
 ♠ AK532  
 ♥ J62  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ AQJ5

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

**BOTH MINORS**  
**LEAD HA**  
The double by responder shows **both minors**. (8+ pts. by agreement.)  
**Remember you will be playing at the 3 level!**

♠ J2  
 ♥ K975  
 ♦ 43  
 ♣ K9653  
 ♠ K109  
 ♥ 432  
 ♦ 9875  
 ♣ QJ10  
 ♠ 875  
 ♥ A10  
 ♦ KQJ102  
 ♣ 874  
 ♠ AQ643  
 ♥ QJ86  
 ♦ A6  
 ♣ A2

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

\*9 loser at worst. \*\* 5 loser

**SHOWING 4**  
**LEAD DK**  
The double by responder shows **four of the other major, OR five without the pts.** to bid 2H freely.  
**Prepared for opener to give a minimum response of 2S**

♠ K76  
 ♥ AJ1094  
 ♦ 543  
 ♣ A7  
 ♠ 1098  
 ♥ 632  
 ♦ K107  
 ♣ 9654  
 ♠ AQJ54  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ 96  
 ♣ K1032  
 ♠ 32  
 ♥ KQ5  
 ♦ AQJ82  
 ♣ QJ8

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

**SHOWING 5**  
**LEAD H8**  
The responding **BID** after the overall shows **a 5 card suit and the usual 10+ pts**

♠ KJ42  
 ♥ 1062  
 ♦ AJ54  
 ♣ 87  
 ♠ Q965  
 ♥ 74  
 ♦ 10987  
 ♣ K94  
 ♠ A8  
 ♥ QJ9853  
 ♦ Q2  
 ♣ 632  
 ♠ 1073  
 ♥ AK  
 ♦ K63  
 ♣ AQJ105

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

**SHOWING 4**  
**LEAD HQ**  
Here the double shows a **4 card spade suit**.  
**With 17+ and two heart stops, opener can bid 2NT.**  
**North optimises with 9 HCPs and bids game.**

♠ AK5  
 ♥ 10876  
 ♦ K97  
 ♣ J52  
 ♠ 106432  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ Q82  
 ♣ 763  
 ♠ QJ7  
 ♥ QJ5  
 ♦ 43  
 ♣ AK1098  
 ♠ 98  
 ♥ AK43  
 ♦ AJ1065  
 ♣ Q4

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

**BOTH MAJORS?**  
**LEAD SQ**  
After two minor suits have been bid, the double shows **both majors! UGH!**  
**If partner bids 2S retreat to the safe spot in opener's suit!**

♠ J83  
 ♥ K875  
 ♦ 1087  
 ♣ A62  
 ♠ 974  
 ♥ J62  
 ♦ AQ542  
 ♣ 98  
 ♠ KQ1052  
 ♥ 103  
 ♦ K96  
 ♣ Q75  
 ♠ A6  
 ♥ AQ94  
 ♦ J3  
 ♣ KJ1043

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

**SHOWING 4**  
**LEAD SK**  
A standard negative double to show **4 of the other major**.

# REVERSE BIDS 1.

**♠** AQ732  
**♥** K754  
**♦** Q9  
**♣** 105

**♠** 9864  
**♥** J102  
**♦** 10532  
**♣** AK

**♠** J105  
**♥** 83  
**♦** 74  
**♣** QJ9876

**♠** K  
**♥** AQ96  
**♦** AKJ86  
**♣** 432

**LEAD ♣A**

Because 2♥ is HIGHER than 2♦, the rebid shows 5 diamonds 4 hearts AND 17+ pts.

(North is JUST strong enough to bid spades first.)

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

**♠** AK96  
**♥** KQJ109  
**♦** 43  
**♣** A2

**♠** 875  
**♥** 65  
**♦** AQ109  
**♣** 6543

**♠** 32  
**♥** A87  
**♦** KJ82  
**♣** 10987

**♠** QJ104  
**♥** 432  
**♦** 765  
**♣** KQJ

**LEAD ♣10**

Opener should not jump, even to show support, unless 17+ OR a 5 loser.

Raising responders suit 2 levels shows 17+ OR a 5 loser with a fit.

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

**♠** 96  
**♥** 94  
**♦** KJ109  
**♣** KQJ63

**♠** QJ102  
**♥** 863  
**♦** A3  
**♣** 8754

**♠** 873  
**♥** AJ2  
**♦** Q8752  
**♣** 109

**♠** AK54  
**♥** KQ1075  
**♦** 64  
**♣** A2

**LEAD S3/♦5**

Showing 5/4 with 15+ pts.

This 'reverse' can be made on 15+ because responder has shown 10+.

25 pts are enough for game!

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

**♠** J842  
**♥** 52  
**♦** K84  
**♣** Q964

**♠** A96  
**♥** 10  
**♦** 9653  
**♣** A10875

**♠** 1075  
**♥** K864  
**♦** QJ107  
**♣** K3

**♠** KQ3  
**♥** AQJ973  
**♦** A2  
**♣** J2

**LEAD ♣A**

A jump rebid to show 6 hearts and 17+ pts.

North has minimum values and no fit, so passes

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

**♠** 10743  
**♥** 96  
**♦** QJ10  
**♣** AQ1083

**♠** AQ9  
**♥** J1087  
**♦** 653  
**♣** 74

**♠** 865  
**♥** K53  
**♦** K942  
**♣** 952

**♠** KJ2  
**♥** AQ42  
**♦** A87  
**♣** KJ6

**LEAD ♥J**

7 top tricks!

Rebid shows a balanced 17/18.

At trick 2, lead ♣K & overtake with ♣A to try the diamond finesse.

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

**♠** QJ852  
**♥** 982  
**♦** K3  
**♣** 965

**♠** 104  
**♥** K54  
**♦** 109654  
**♣** AK2

**♠** A6  
**♥** AQ1063  
**♦** 7  
**♣** J10873

**♠** K973  
**♥** J7  
**♦** AQJ82  
**♣** Q4

**LEAD ?**

Supporting partner is not a reverse.

3♠ is -2

4♥ can make!

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

**♠** Q4  
**♥** 985  
**♦** Q976  
**♣** K762

**♠** 953  
**♥** 643  
**♦** AK84  
**♣** 984

**♠** J872  
**♥** K7  
**♦** J102  
**♣** QJ103

**♠** AK106  
**♥** AQJ102  
**♦** 53  
**♣** A5

**LEAD ♦A**

After opener's reverse, responder can bid directly to 4♥ showing 3 card support & 8+ pts.

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

**♠** Q4  
**♥** 985  
**♦** QJ76  
**♣** K762

**♠** J872  
**♥** K7  
**♦** 1092  
**♣** AQJ3

**♠** 1053  
**♥** J64  
**♦** AK84  
**♣** 984

**♠** AK96  
**♥** AQ1032  
**♦** 53  
**♣** 105

**LEAD ♦A switch to ♣8**

With only 13 pts. opener should NOT reverse into spades. If you do, north is strong enough to bid 4♥!

DOWN TWO!

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



# REVERSE BIDS 2.

**REVERSE**

After responder makes a limit bid, south could rebid 2♦ **BUT** that would limit the hand to 16 pts.

3♦ shows 5 spades four diamonds **AND** 17+ pts or a 5 loser

North has an easy raise to 4♠

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

♠ 764  
♥ A10753  
♦ K6  
♣ J96

♠ 983  
♥ 982  
♦ Q102  
♣ AQ84

♠ Q2  
♥ J64  
♦ 8543  
♣ K1073

♠ AKJ105  
♥ KQ  
♦ AJ97  
♣ 52

**SINGLE SUITED REVERSE**

After north responds 1♠, south rebids 3♥.

This jump bid is not just a 6 card suit.

It also promises 17+ pts. or a 5 loser hand.

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

♠ AQ64  
♥ 104  
♦ K754  
♣ 108

♠ J7  
♥ AQJ865  
♦ A6  
♣ KQ5

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

**RESPONDER'S REVERSE**

North responds with a quiet but forcing 2♣.

South rebids 2♠.

North's 3♦ is higher than a 3♣ limit bid.

South shows the heart stop, but north rebids diamonds to show 5. SO must have 6 clubs!

*Cramlington 08/08*

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

♠ J  
♥ -  
♦ AQ1042  
♣ AKJ7654

♠ 7632  
♥ KQ106  
♦ J3  
♣ 1093

♠ Q84  
♥ J97542  
♦ K875  
♣ -

♠ AK1095  
♥ A83  
♦ 96  
♣ Q82

**RESPONDER'S REVERSE**

After opening 1♥, south is unable to reverse into clubs, & can only make a limit bid of 2♥.

North doesn't stop bidding though!

2♠ is forcing and shows 12 ish pts.

South can now bid 3NT with a club stop.

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

♠ AJ64  
♥ 94  
♦ AQJ54  
♣ 108

♠ 87  
♥ AQ865  
♦ K6  
♣ KQ52

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

**REVERSE**

South's rebid of 2♦ is HIGHER than a rebid of 2♣. Therefore south has reversed, to show 17+pts. or a 5 loser hand.

With 8 pts, north must show game values and a 6 card suit by jumping to 3♥.

3NT shows the spade stopper.

*Cramlington 09/08*

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

♠ 62  
♥ K109743  
♦ A82  
♣ J8

♠ KQ73  
♥ QJ5  
♦ J5  
♣ 10975

♠ J985  
♥ A82  
♦ 9763  
♣ 32

♠ A104  
♥ 6  
♦ KQ104  
♣ AKQ64

**REVERSE**

North's response of 2♥ shows 5 hearts & 10 pts.

South's rebid of 2NT shows a balanced hand with 15+.

IF north had 3 spades north would have bid 3♠ (obviously forcing)

Similarly with 3 hearts south would have supported immediately.

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

♠ Q4  
♥ AKJ73  
♦ 852  
♣ 764

♠ AK1072  
♥ Q4  
♦ K73  
♣ AJ8

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

**REVERSE**

After opening 1♦, south reverses into 2♥. (17+)

North rebids 2♠. This is a limit bid which south should pass.

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

♠ QJ9742  
♥ 73  
♦ 2  
♣ QJ54

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ 3  
♥ AK65  
♦ AQJ75  
♣ K93

**REVERSE**

After opening 1♦, south reverses into 2♥. (17+)

North rebids 3♦. This is a limit bid which south should pass.

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

♠ AJ97  
♥ 73  
♦ 642  
♣ J852

♠ 3  
♥ AK65  
♦ AQJ75  
♣ K93

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

# CUE BIDDING THE ENEMY SUIT

♠ 8	♠ AQ109	♠ J32
♥ A96	♥ KQJ10	♥ 7432
♦ J107	♦ AK96	♦ Q42
♣ AKJ874	♣ 6	♣ Q32
	♠ K7654	
	♥ 85	
	♦ 853	
	♣ 1095	

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

**BIG HAND**

This direct cue bid is traditionally used as a takeout bid showing a strong hand.

It is forcing to game.

**NO STOP FOR NTS**

In this sequence the cue bid is asking for a stop in the enemy suit.

With no stop south rebids clubs to show 5-5 and north bids game

♠ A65	♠ KQJ72	♠ 843
♥ AKQ63	♥ J98	♥ 10752
♦ 107	♦ QJ	♦ 8632
♣ 865	♣ AJ9	♣ 32
	♠ 109	
	♥ 4	
	♦ AK954	
	♣ KQ1074	

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

♠ 9752	♠ K843	♠ AJ
♥ 53	♥ K1084	♥ 62
♦ J7	♦ K92	♦ AQ1054
♣ QJ742	♣ A9	♣ K1086
	♠ Q106	
	♥ AQJ97	
	♦ 863	
	♣ 53	

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

**JUST COMPETING**

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

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

**NO, YOU CHOOSE**

South makes a takeout X.

With no preference for either major, north invites the stronger hand to choose the suit.

♠ J10874	♠ K632	♠ 5
♥ 983	♥ J654	♥ A2
♦ 57	♦ AJ3	♦ Q842
♣ 985	♣ A10	♣ KQJ762
	♠ AQ9	
	♥ KQ107	
	♦ K1096	
	♣ 43	

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

♠ 52	♠ AKJ9	♠ 108764
♥ AQ9654	♥ -	♥ 10
♦ A52	♦ KQJ10	♦ 8764
♣ 54	♦ AKQ96	♣ 732
	♠ Q3	
	♥ KJ8732	
	♦ 93	
	♣ J108	

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

**BIG HAND INSISTING ON A SUIT**

1st cue bid is a game force. The 2nd insists that south bids a suit.

**4 LOSER**

Another big hand where the cue bid is insisting on a major suit game.

♠ 86	♠ KQJ73	♠ A54
♥ KJ	♥ AQ1065	♥ 8732
♦ AQJ62	♦ 7	♦ K94
♣ QJ87	♣ A5	♣ 942
	♠ 1092	
	♥ 94	
	♦ 10853	
	♣ K1063	

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

♠ 94	♠ K65	♠ 1083
♥ Q985	♥ 72	♥ AKJ106
♦ 10985	♦ Q43	♦ AJ72
♣ 1085	♣ AK762	♣ 3
	♠ AQJ72	
	♥ 43	
	♦ K6	
	♣ QJ94	

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

**UNASSUMING CUE BID**

With 13 pts. south can bid the diamond feature and north bids game.

**MICHAEL'S CUE BIDS**

\* Shows both majors either weak or strong. NOT intermediate!

South would do well to remember this.

♠ A2	♠ Q10963	♠ 754
♥ 84	♥ KQ973	♥ A1062
♦ 1072	♦ 53	♦ QJ4
♣ AKQ643	♣ 2	♣ J95
	♠ KJ8	
	♥ J5	
	♦ AK986	
	♣ 1087	

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

# CUE BIDDING

**TELL ME MORE**

♠ A62  
 ♥ 108754  
 ♦ AK107  
 ♣ 2

♠ 53  
 ♥ J63  
 ♦ 865  
 ♣ A8765

♠ KQ  
 ♥ K2  
 ♦ J42  
 ♣ KQJ1094

♠ J109874  
 ♥ AQ9  
 ♦ Q93  
 ♣ 3

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

**TELL ME MORE**

♠ 43  
 ♥ AQ953  
 ♦ K76  
 ♣ A104

♠ KQ1082  
 ♥ K4  
 ♦ 842  
 ♣ 876

♠ 965  
 ♥ 10876  
 ♦ Q3  
 ♣ Q92

♠ AJ7  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ AJ1095  
 ♣ KJ53

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

**The crucial bid here is 4S showing SK.**

**If you bid 4H to show you haven't got the DA north is likely to sign off.**

♠ Q109  
 ♥ Q8742  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ A984

♠ 753  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ AK9632  
 ♣ J63

♠ 642  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ QJ85  
 ♣ KQ1075

♠ AKJ8  
 ♥ AK10953  
 ♦ 74  
 ♣ 2

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

**HAVE YOU A STOP?**

**2♥ is a cue bid asking for more information (particularly a stop in hearts) for a NT contract.**

**3♣ says "No", but shows five clubs and five diamonds**

♠ KQ1072  
 ♥ J98  
 ♦ QJ  
 ♣ AJ9

♠ J543  
 ♥ 10752  
 ♦ 863  
 ♣ 32

♠ A6  
 ♥ AKQ63  
 ♦ 1072  
 ♣ 865

♠ 98  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ AK954  
 ♣ KQ1074

S	W	N	E
1♦	1♥	1♠	P
2♣	P	2♥	P
3♣	P	5♣	

♠ 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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# PRE-EMPTIVE BIDS

♠ J108 ♥ K984 ♦ 7 ♣ AQ863	♠ AQ97 ♥ AQ652 ♦ A53 ♣ 2	♠ K532 ♥ J1073 ♦ 8 ♣ 10954
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**Win spade lead and throw S4 on HA. Low club to CJ.**

♠ 64 ♥ ♦ KQJ109642 ♣ KJ7	♠ K532 ♥ J1073 ♦ 8 ♣ 10954
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**Win return and ruff two clubs**

S	W	N	E
5D	P	6D	
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♠ 32 ♥ KQ107643 ♦ A10 ♣ 72	♠ J10874 ♥ 9 ♦ 632 ♣ 9654	♠ AKQ965 ♥ AJ5 ♦ - ♣ KQJ8
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**Your pre-emptive strike makes it difficult for E/W.**

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

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

♠ 54 ♥ AQJ10632 ♦ 1063 ♣ 8	♠ AJ102 ♥ 4 ♦ KQJ94 ♣ K107	♠ KQ86 ♥ 9875 ♦ 875 ♣ Q6
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**OPPONENTS COMPETE**

**After north's takeout double south can bid 5C.**

W	N	E	S
3H	X	P	5C

**N/S VULN.**

**At this vulnerability, be careful when competing.**

**The contract is -3 for a dreadful score. -800**

♠ KQ86543 ♥ 9 ♦ J1092 ♣ 9	♠ A7 ♥ AJ843 ♦ K7 ♣ A762	♠ J102 ♥ KQ62 ♦ AQ8 ♣ QJ5
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W	N	E	S
4S	X	P	5C
P	P	X	

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♠ AQ107 ♥ Q106 ♦ K10 ♣ QJ8	♠ 93 ♥ AJ972 ♦ J962 ♣ K73	♠ - ♥ K853 ♦ AQ53 ♣ A10962
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**Too weak, particularly if you are vulnerable**

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

S	W	N	E
3S	P	P	X
P			

**D10 LEAD to DA**

**D9 returned to south's DK.**

**S2 towards SJ. West wins SA & returns H9 to HA and a diamond ruff!**

♠ A4 ♥ A10984 ♦ 104 ♣ J983	♠ 1073 ♥ 652 ♦ QJ95 ♣ AK4	♠ 5 ♥ KQJ7 ♦ A932 ♣ Q1062
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S	W	N	E
3S	P	P	X
P	4H	4S	P
P	?		

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♠ 873 ♥ AKQJ10532 ♦ 9 ♣ 9	♠ AKQ6 ♥ 4 ♦ AQ5 ♣ K10632	♠ 2 ♥ 7 ♦ J108743 ♣ J8754
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**D10 LEAD**

**Although this is deemed to be a penalty X (over 3NT) south should see the logic of bidding 4S, even though the slam is missed.**

**4H X = +300**  
**4S = +480**

W	N	E	S
4H	X	P	4S

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**H4 LEAD (against 3NT) S6 against 4SX.**

**Once you have pre-empted, you should not bid again!**

♠ 62 ♥ A8542 ♦ 10843 ♣ KJ	♠ KJ97543 ♥ Q63 ♦ - ♣ 862	♠ AQ108 ♥ J109 ♦ 97 ♣ Q753
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N	E	S	W
3S	P	3NT	
4S	X		

**IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG HERE**

# RESPONDING TO A MINOR

♠ 742  
♥ K109  
♦ K74  
♣ QJ83

♠ J63  
♥ J6543  
♦ 98532  
♣ -

♠ KQ105  
♥ Q  
♦ J  
♣ AK109542

♠ A98  
♥ A872  
♦ AQ106  
♣ 76

## H4 LEAD

With 9 HCPs and 3-3-3-4 north should bid 1NT.

2C shows the shape but a weaker hand (6-8)  
3NT makes unless defence is accurate!  
S N  
1C 1NT  
3NT is better

## D3 LEAD

North MUST respond with their 4 card major rather than supporting a minor.

♠ 8743  
♥ A4  
♦ AK954  
♣ Q2

♠ 95  
♥ K10953  
♦ 3  
♣ A10965

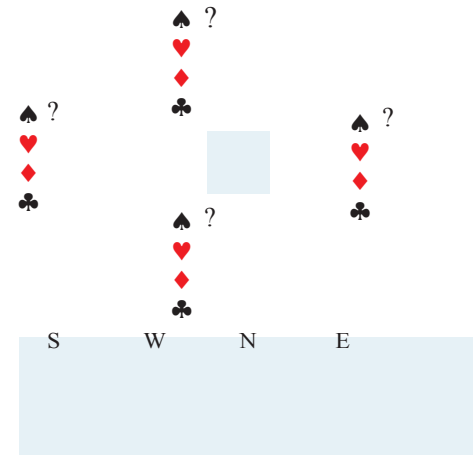
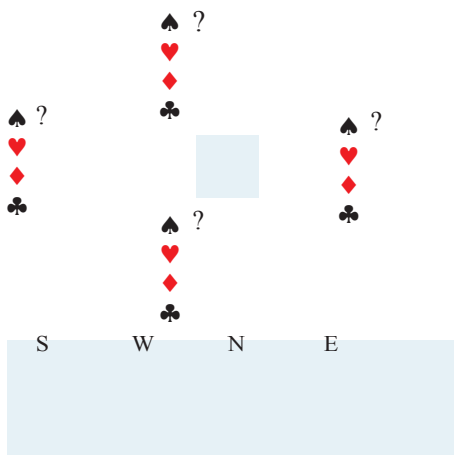
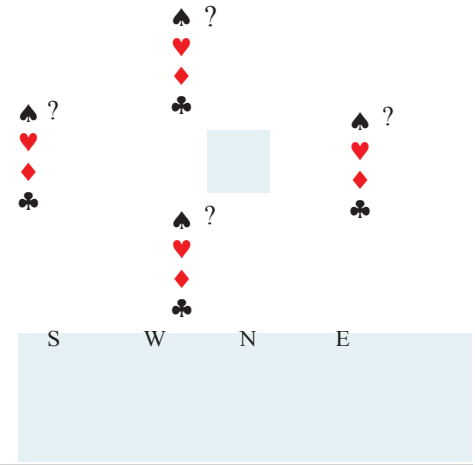
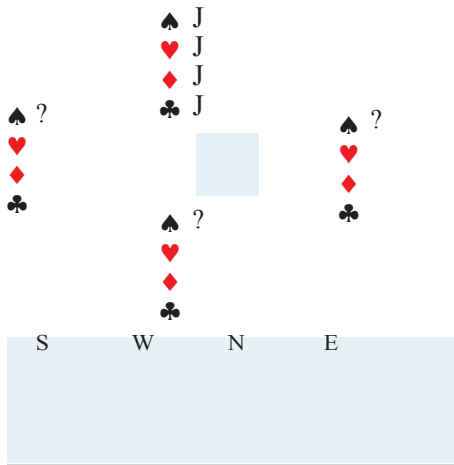
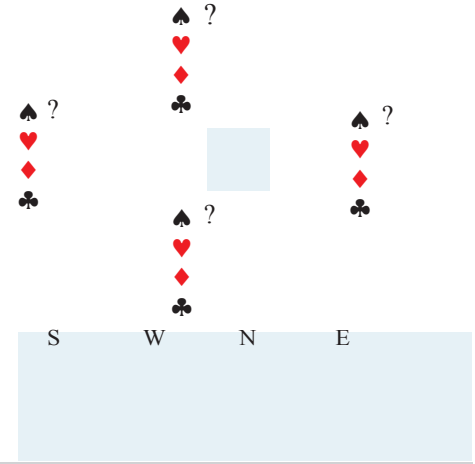
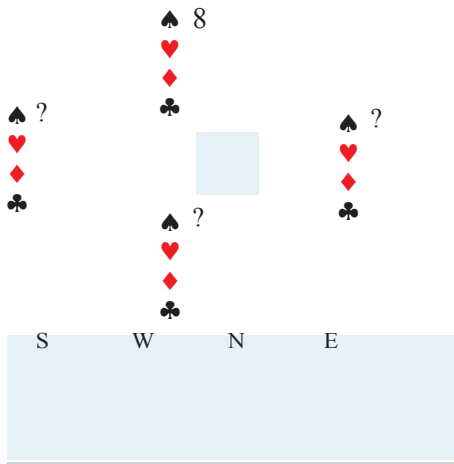
♠ Q106  
♥ J876  
♦ 82  
♣ K743

♠ AKJ2  
♥ Q2  
♦ QJ1076  
♣ J8

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

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

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# RESPONDING WITH A MAJOR FIT (LTC)

♠ 9763  
 ♥ 64  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ J10952

♠ 82  
 ♥ AQ52  
 ♦ J9764  
 ♣ Q6

♠ K4  
 ♥ KJ1093  
 ♦ K103  
 ♣ A74

♠ AQJ105  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ 852  
 ♣ K83

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

East must raise this to 3H which might silence a timid south. (Losers not pts.)

You must assume at least an 8 card fit after partner's X.

Bid game on 9 HCPs +3 for singleton + 1 for doubleton.

Or a 7 loser

♠ AK106  
 ♥ Q108  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ AK74

♠ J543  
 ♥ A32  
 ♦ KQJ84  
 ♣ Q

♠ Q972  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ 10973  
 ♣ 10853

♠ 8  
 ♥ KJ9654  
 ♦ A6  
 ♣ J962

W 1D  
 N X  
 E P  
 S 4H

**E/W Vul.**

♠ K832  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ 76  
 ♣ AQ1065

♠ 75  
 ♥ J753  
 ♦ AJ1098  
 ♣ K2

♠ Q64  
 ♥ 10984  
 ♦ KQ432  
 ♣ 7

♠ AJ109  
 ♥ AK2  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ J9843

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

With five good clubs north must not support until they have shown the four card major.

When north responds 1S south, a 6 loser, rebids only 2S! North with a 7 loser can now bid game!

North has a big fit. North is a 7 loser and therefore can bid game.

- Fast arrival IF west wishes to Takeout, he should bid 4NT

♠ KQ8753  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ 8532  
 ♣ 73

♠ -  
 ♥ K984  
 ♦ A1064  
 ♣ KJ842

♠ 92  
 ♥ AQ752  
 ♦ J97  
 ♣ Q95

♠ AJ1064  
 ♥ J63  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ A106

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

**LEAD HA**

♠ AJ93  
 ♥ 109765  
 ♦ 93  
 ♣ 109

♠ 64  
 ♥ QJ82  
 ♦ J7642  
 ♣ KQ

♠ 82  
 ♥ AK43  
 ♦ A8  
 ♣ 87432

♠ KQ1075  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ KQ105  
 ♣ AJ65

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

North must bid a very weak 2S. It is a 9 loser or it has 7pts.

With a 4 loser south can bid game!

**LEAD CJ**

South chooses to overcall, rather than doubling.

North can bid 4S with a 6 loser or 14 pts.

♠ J864  
 ♥ Q93  
 ♦ KQ10982  
 ♣ -

♠ Q2  
 ♥ 108764  
 ♦ 765  
 ♣ J105

♠ 97  
 ♥ KJ2  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ AK8643

♠ AK1053  
 ♥ A5  
 ♦ 43  
 ♣ Q972

E 1C  
 S 1S  
 W P  
 N 4S

**LEAD HK**

♠ Q86  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ KQ10763  
 ♣ K32

♠ K1052  
 ♥ A1075  
 ♦ 42  
 ♣ Q65

♠ 3  
 ♥ KQ98  
 ♦ J985  
 ♣ J974

♠ AJ974  
 ♥ J432  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ A108

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

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After south's rebid, north has an 8 card fit in spades and can use LTC. Even on HCPs there is now 13!

So game is bid.

**LEAD ?**

West's overcall at the 2 level will be a 7 or 8 loser. North could bid 2S with only three and east could bid 3H. Whatever happens next is guesswork!

♠ J87  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ QJ10  
 ♣ Q9752

♠ K62  
 ♥ AQJ43  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ K1083

♠ 105  
 ♥ K652  
 ♦ 8654  
 ♣ AJ

♠ AQ943  
 ♥ 109  
 ♦ AK73  
 ♣ 64

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

# MIXTURE (TRANSFERS & NEGATIVE DOUBLES)

♠ A42  
 ♥ KQ104  
 ♦ Q74  
 ♣ Q43

♠ J109  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ KJ1095  
 ♣ J8

♠ 76  
 ♥ A965  
 ♦ A83  
 ♣ 10752

♠ KQ853  
 ♥ J7  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ AK96

Responder first shows five spades. His jump to game then shows 13+pts.

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

♠ 98  
 ♥ J105  
 ♦ KQJ83  
 ♣ A96

♠ QJ1032  
 ♥ 98  
 ♦ 7652  
 ♣ Q8

♠ AK7  
 ♥ AKQ6  
 ♦ 104  
 ♣ KJ74

♠ 654  
 ♥ 7432  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ 10532

Transfers can be played over 1NT, 2NT or partner's overcall of 1NT.

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

♠ K743  
 ♥ AKJ843  
 ♦ 92  
 ♣ 5

♠ 986  
 ♥ Q106  
 ♦ AJ3  
 ♣ A1097

♠ J105  
 ♥ 97  
 ♦ 10874  
 ♣ QJ84

♠ AQ2  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ KQ65  
 ♣ K632

With five hearts and four spades, show the hand by transfers if you have 11+pts.

With no fit in spades north bids 4H.

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

♠ 8543  
 ♥ 962  
 ♦ QJ54  
 ♣ 92

♠ AQJ102  
 ♥ A543  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ K53

♠ K9  
 ♥ KQ107  
 ♦ 973  
 ♣ AQ87

♠ 76  
 ♥ J8  
 ♦ AK1082  
 ♣ J1064

With five spades and four hearts, show the hand by transfers if you have 13+ish. When south shows four hearts, north investigates slam.

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

♠ Q32  
 ♥ AJ75  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ AKJ97

♠ 107  
 ♥ 104  
 ♦ AKQ9853  
 ♣ Q3

♠ 9864  
 ♥ Q96  
 ♦ J62  
 ♣ 10863

♠ AKJ5  
 ♥ K832  
 ♦ 107  
 ♣ 542

Here the double by responder tends to show both majors. (8+ by agreement.)

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

♠ Q632  
 ♥ 1063  
 ♦ K94  
 ♣ 972

♠ A5  
 ♥ AJ87  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ KJ643

♠ 94  
 ♥ KQ52  
 ♦ J10765  
 ♣ Q10

♠ KJ1087  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ AQ3  
 ♣ A85

Here the double by responder shows four but not five of the other major. (6+ by agreement.)

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

♠ 7  
 ♥ 843  
 ♦ A10653  
 ♣ K973

♠ QJ1086  
 ♥ 105  
 ♦ K974  
 ♣ 102

♠ 94  
 ♥ AKQ97  
 ♦ QJ2  
 ♣ 864

♠ AK532  
 ♥ J62  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ AQJ5

Here the double by responder shows both minors. (8+ by agreement.) Remember you may be playing at the 3 level!

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

♠ 875  
 ♥ A10  
 ♦ KQJ102  
 ♣ 874

♠ J2  
 ♥ K975  
 ♦ 43  
 ♣ KQ653

♠ AQ643  
 ♥ QJ86  
 ♦ A6  
 ♣ A2

♠ K109  
 ♥ 432  
 ♦ 9875  
 ♣ J109

Here the double by responder shows four of the other major, OR five without the pts. to bid 2H freely.

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

# BID UP

♠ A7	♠ K98		
♥ KJ3	♥ A74		
♦ K10842	♦ AJ3		
♣ Q86	♣ KJ53		
	♠ QJ10652	♠ 43	
	♥ 652	♥ Q1098	
	♦ Q96	♦ 75	
	♣ A	♣ 109742	

W	N	E	S
1D	1NT	P	4S

**RESPOND TO 1NT OVERCALL LEAD SA**

**1NT overcall shows 16-18 pts.**  
**South could transfer, but bids game on a 9 count.**

**RESPOND TO A DOUBLE LEAD DK**

**You must assume the fit after partner's double.**  
**Bid game on 9HCPs +3 for singleton + 1 for doubleton.**

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

W	N	E	S
1D	X	P	4H

♠ J107	♠ 42		
♥ KQ7	♥ J1052		
♦ 53	♦ A942		
♣ J10952	♣ Q43		
	♠ AQ9865	♠ K3	
	♥ A3	♥ 9864	
	♦ KQJ	♦ 10876	
	♣ A3	♣ K86	

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

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**1 THEN JUMP LEAD CJ**

**Far too strong to open 4S but after the weak response, take responsibility and bid game! You will need to overtake DK to finesse SQ. No-one did!**

**4-4-4-1 LEAD S5**

**Open 1D on this 4441 distribution. Game is on so bid 2NT.**  
**If South opened 1H the likely contract would be 4H**

♠ J8752	♠ A3		
♥ Q652	♥ 1083		
♦ 2	♦ KQ9		
♣ 975	♣ AQ432		
	♠ K964	♠ Q10	
	♥ KJ97	♥ A4	
	♦ AJ87	♦ 106543	
	♣ K	♣ J1086	

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

♠ AQ1075	♠ KJ3		
♥ 97	♥ A8542		
♦ AQJ93	♦ 74		
♣ 10	♣ KQ9		
	♠ 9842	♠ 9842	
	♥ J	♥ J	
	♦ K10852	♦ K10852	
	♣ 864	♣ 864	
	♠ 6		
	♥ KQ1063		
	♦ 6		
	♣ AJ7532		

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

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**LIGHT OPEN LEAD CJ**

**\*10 HCPs but super shape. Must open. West overcalls North shows 10+ & 5 hearts. East supports but game is bid A sacrifice in 4S should be made.**

**2C/2D OPEN LEAD D7**

**Conforms to rule of 25 for game force open. 2NT = 8+ flat 4NT = Blackwood. 5H = two aces.**  
**With at least 9 spades, unlucky not to make seven.**

♠ 2	♠ 83		
♥ J53	♥ A106		
♦ 97653	♦ Q108		
♣ KJ103	♣ A8742		
	♠ AK109764	♠ QJ5	
	♥ KQ98	♥ 742	
	♦ A	♦ KJ42	
	♣ 5	♣ Q96	

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

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♠ A9	♠ J10754		
♥ J43	♥ K9852		
♦ 9643	♦ Q7		
♣ 9762	♣ 43		
	♠ Q3	♠ Q3	
	♥ AQ1076	♥ AQ1076	
	♦ A10	♦ A10	
	♣ AQ85	♣ AQ85	
	♠ K862		
	♥ -		
	♦ KJ852		
	♣ KJ10		

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

**LIGHT DOUBLE LEAD H3 A Takeout Double is best.**

**How can north tell whether you are strong? 1H x P 1S. If opener passes, pass. If opener bids, compete with 2S.**

**GOOD DOUBLE LEAD H3**

**Holding a stronger hand bid again. 1H x P 1S. If opener passes bid 2S. If opener bids again jump a level. 1H x P 1S 2C 3S P 4S**

♠ A9	♠ J10754		
♥ J43	♥ K9852		
♦ 9643	♦ Q7		
♣ 9762	♣ 43		
	♠ Q3	♠ Q3	
	♥ AQ1076	♥ AQ1076	
	♦ 102	♦ 102	
	♣ AJ85	♣ AJ85	
	♠ K632		
	♥ -		
	♦ AKJ85		
	♣ KQ10		

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



# BIDDING NO TRUMPS.

♠ 965	♠ KQ8	♠ 1043	<b>Rebid NT</b> <b>Overall</b> <b>Negative x</b> <b>nt shows</b> <b>stop and</b> <b>15-16</b>
♥ J10942	♥ K76	♥ A8	
♦ 85	♦ A63	♦ KQJ107	
♣ K105	♣ A984	♣ Q74	

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

<b>Rebid 2NT</b>		♠ QJ94	
<b>show 17-18</b>		♥ A976	
<b>Play give up</b>		♦ 107	
<b>a heart while</b>		♣ J98	♠ 876
<b>you control</b>			♥ KQ3
<b>the other</b>			♦ A43
<b>suits</b>			♣ AKQ2
<b>Make 10</b>		♠ K105	
<b>tricks when</b>		♥ 85	
<b>clubs break</b>		♦ QJ862	
		♣ 754	

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

♠ QJ5	♠ K1096	♠ 742	<b>Stayman and</b> <b>response of</b> <b>2NT show</b> <b>11-12</b> <b>Defence must</b> <b>unblock hearts</b> <b>Declarer must</b> <b>play clubs with</b> <b>care</b>
♥ KJ732	♥ 98	♥ AQ4	
♦ Q	♦ K87	♦ J653	
♣ 9532	♣ AQ107	♣ 86	

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

<b>Transfer</b>		♠ K109	
<b>Then bid hearts</b>		♥ 102	
<b>again</b>		♦ 986	
<b>Finesse spades</b>		♣ AK743	♠ AQJ3
<b>Ruff diamond to</b>			♥ A1042
<b>get to hand</b>			♦ AK
			♣ QJ9

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

♠ 32	♠ AJ1098	♠ 64	<b>4NT</b> <b>Blackwood</b> <b>with a fit in</b> <b>spades and</b> <b>a 4 loser</b> <b>hand</b>
♥ J102	♥ KQ53	♥ 9543	
♦ QJ8764	♦ AJ65	♦ 109	
♣ Q7	♣ KQ75	♣ 9832	

N	E	S	W
1S	P	4NT	P
5H	P	5NT	P
6D	P	7S	

<b>NT overall</b>		♠ 1085	
<b>Still use</b>		♥ 1074	
<b>Stayman.</b>		♦ 1096	
		♣ 7432	♠ J96
			♥ Q532
			♦ 75
			♣ AQ85

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

♠ Q96	♠ A3	♠ KJ105	<b>1NT overall</b> <b>shows 16-18</b> <b>Raise to 3NT</b> <b>with 10 and</b> <b>no major suit</b>
♥ 85	♥ AQ9742	♥ KJ6	
♦ AJ73	♦ Q84	♦ K95	
♣ K853	♣ Q7	♣ AJ2	

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

<b>1NT overall</b>		♠ K98	
<b>shows 16-18</b>		♥ A74	
<b>transfer or bid</b>		♦ AJ3	
<b>the game in</b>		♣ KJ53	♠ 43
<b>spades</b>			♥ Q10985
<b>Throw losing</b>			♦ 75
<b>H on KJC after</b>			♣ 109742
<b>unblocking</b>			

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

# BIDDING NO TRUMPS 2.

**STAYMAN**  
**D7/C6 LEAD**

Use stayman after 2NT rebid

♠ 93  
♥ 10943  
♦ 532  
♣ KJ103

♠ K8754  
♥ A5  
♦ 976  
♣ 962

♠ Q102  
♥ 762  
♦ A1084  
♣ 875

♠ AJ6  
♥ KQJ8  
♦ KQJ  
♣ AQ4

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

**LIMIT IMMEDIATELY**  
**C6 LEAD**

Make a limit bid 1NT  
3C is now not forcing

♠ 6  
♥ J6  
♦ Q73  
♣ K1097632

♠ K983  
♥ AQ10  
♦ 10986  
♣ 84

♠ Q74  
♥ 8732  
♦ AJ5  
♣ QJ5

♠ AJ1052  
♥ K954  
♦ K42  
♣ A

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

**DON'T BID YOUR HAND TWICE**  
**HK LEAD**

Transfer then bid 3NT (NOT spades again)

Don't finesse in trumps!

Throw losing hearts on clubs.

♠ KJ1092  
♥ A73  
♦ J65  
♣ A4

♠ Q85  
♥ KQJ8  
♦ Q74  
♣ 1095

♠ 7  
♥ 1065  
♦ A10982  
♣ 7632

♠ A643  
♥ 982  
♦ K3  
♣ KQJ8

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

**SIMPLY HCPs**  
**H6 LEAD**

1NT limit  
2NT invite  
3NT shows 14

After playing low in dummy, win heart lead set up spade winners.

♠ K96  
♥ J74  
♦ Q107  
♣ KQ54

♠ 42  
♥ K9865  
♦ 832  
♣ A109

♠ A875  
♥ Q2  
♦ J65  
♣ J872

♠ QJ103  
♥ A103  
♦ AK94  
♣ 63

S	W	N	E
INT	P	2NT	P
3NT			

**ACCURATE REBID**  
**JC LEAD**

South must rebid 2NT (forcing) and NOT 3D, which north will now raise to 4H thinking you five!

♠ J63  
♥ K87  
♦ AKQ9  
♣ 652

♠ A9  
♥ 10632  
♦ 65  
♣ KJ1073

♠ 1087542  
♥ 95  
♦ J104  
♣ Q9

♠ KQ  
♥ AQJ4  
♦ 8732  
♣ A84

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

**LOVELY CLUBS!**  
**D3 LEAD**

No point in ducking. Play CA and when CQ drops your home. After running clubs. did west hesitate when you led HQ?

♠ AQ76  
♥ AJ108  
♦ 94  
♣ AK8

♠ K5  
♥ K954  
♦ J873  
♣ 1054

♠ 109832  
♥ 72  
♦ KQ1062  
♣ Q

♠ J4  
♥ Q63  
♦ A5  
♣ J97632

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

**20 PTS & OPPONENTS OPEN**  
**s3 LEAD**

South is too strong to overcall 1NT which would show 16-18ish pts. Start with X. then bid NTs to show 20 ish pts. North can bid to game.

♠ 874  
♥ Q109  
♦ QJ753  
♣ Q6

♠ 2  
♥ 86432  
♦ 106  
♣ J9853

♠ AJ1053  
♥ AK7  
♦ 42  
♣ 1042

♠ KQ93  
♥ J5  
♦ AK98  
♣ AK7

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

**EXCELLENT HAND**  
**LEAD CJ**

\*North must not bid 3S here!

♠ KJ862  
♥ A53  
♦ 8643  
♣ 86

♠ Q53  
♥ J4  
♦ 107  
♣ KJ1095

♠ 974  
♥ 963  
♦ AJ52  
♣ A42

♠ A9  
♥ KQ1087  
♦ KQ9  
♣ Q73

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

# PROTECTIVE BIDS

♠ AJ32  
 ♥ AQ7  
 ♦ K5  
 ♣ 7543  
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ J654  
 ♦ QJ10  
 ♣ AKQ98  
 ♠ K9764  
 ♥ K109  
 ♦ 873  
 ♣ J2  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ 106

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

**DON'T GET EXCITED**

**LEAD CA**

North must not get excited and bid on. The lack of X from south showed a poor 6-9 hand.

**PUSH THEM TO 3 LEVEL LEAD DA**

It's quite simple. 2H making or 3H minus 1!

Even 3S -1 is better than -110

♠ A986  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ Q95  
 ♣ Q975  
 ♠ 74  
 ♥ AQ864  
 ♦ AK76  
 ♣ J4  
 ♠ 1032  
 ♥ J972  
 ♦ J432  
 ♣ A102  
 ♠ KQJ5  
 ♥ 103  
 ♦ 108  
 ♣ K863  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ 106

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

♠ K6  
 ♥ AQ87  
 ♦ J1076  
 ♣ 542  
 ♠ AQ1085  
 ♥ K9  
 ♦ A52  
 ♣ Q98  
 ♠ J974  
 ♥ 432  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ KJ1076  
 ♠ 32  
 ♥ J1065  
 ♦ KQ943  
 ♣ A3  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ 106

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

**COMPETE WHEN THEY FIND FIT & STOP AT THE 2 LEVEL**

Points split 20/20 North makes a takeout X in protective position

4H makes 4S is 1 off

**NORTH HASN'T FOUND AN EXTRA ACE!**

North cannot do anything originally but when in protective position, the hand has all the qualities of a classic takeout double.

♠ 4  
 ♥ 9754  
 ♦ AQ53  
 ♣ K973  
 ♠ KQJ102  
 ♥ A62  
 ♦ 108  
 ♣ A82  
 ♠ 973  
 ♥ QJ10  
 ♦ KJ74  
 ♣ Q65  
 ♠ A865  
 ♥ K83  
 ♦ 962  
 ♣ J104  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ 106

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

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♠ J86  
 ♥ 97432  
 ♦ A8  
 ♣ 1082  
 ♠ 1043  
 ♥ J10  
 ♦ 7642  
 ♣ AKQ3  
 ♠ AKQ97  
 ♥ K86  
 ♦ Q103  
 ♣ 94  
 ♠ 52  
 ♥ AQ5  
 ♦ KJ95  
 ♣ J765  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ 106

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

**NORTH SHOULD RESPOND 2S!**

After 2 passes east doubles to show 10+ pts. (Despite having only 3 hearts.)

This results in N/S having to bid 1 level too high. Had north bid 2S originally it might have been passed

**NO PROTECTION REQUIRED!**

West is sitting with four diamonds and no major suit. There is no need to bid. If partner held a major suit s/he would surely have overcalled directly!

♠ 109832  
 ♥ K7  
 ♦ 72  
 ♣ J532  
 ♠ A6  
 ♥ 9542  
 ♦ 843  
 ♣ AQ74  
 ♠ KJ54  
 ♥ AQ86  
 ♦ KJ96  
 ♣ 9  
 ♠ Q7  
 ♥ J103  
 ♦ AQ105  
 ♣ K1086  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ 106

S	W	N	E
1D	P	P	P

♠ A76  
 ♥ 975  
 ♦ J1094  
 ♣ 873  
 ♠ 1042  
 ♥ KQ64  
 ♦ A62  
 ♣ 1052  
 ♠ KQ8  
 ♥ AJ832  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ AKQ6  
 ♠ J953  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ KQ873  
 ♣ J94  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ A9642  
 ♣ 106

S	W	N	E
1H	P	P	P

**NOT ALWAYS!**

After 2 passes east in protective position, passed.

Vuln. wrong and part score not attractive. South has 19 HCPs and game is on if east protects.

The exception that proves the rule!

contract	by	tricks	N/S	E/W
1♥	E	9	20	8
3NT	W	9	4	24
1♥	E	10	12	16
1♥	E	10	12	16
4♥	E	10	1	27
1♥	E	10	12	16
3♦	N	6	6	22
4♥	E	10	1	27
2♥	E	10	12	16
1♥	E	9	20	8
4♥	E	9	26	2
1♥	E	10	12	16
4♥	E	9	26	2
1♥	E	9	20	8

# OVERCALLS

**1NT OVERCALL**

North's transfers and that becomes the contract.

♠ 1065	♠ 32	♠ AQ987
♥ J842	♥ K10965	♥ 73
♦ 8765	♦ 1032	♦ AQ
♣ J6	♣ Q54	♣ K832

♠ KJ4	♠ A9
♥ AQ	♥ QJ
♦ KJ94	♦ AJ10843
♣ A1097	♣ 432

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

**BEING TIMID CAN COST**

SA LEAD

West's failure to overcall lost E/W a game contract.

N/S score +110 instead of -420

♠ AK976	♠ Q8	♠ J1043
♥ J83	♥ 97652	♥ AK104
♦ 843	♦ Q2	♦ 107
♣ 83	♣ AQ94	♣ K76

♠ 52	♠ 753
♥ Q	♥ 5
♦ AKJ965	♦ KJ10987
♣ J1052	♣ Q54

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

**BIDDING ON**

South shows a 5 card major rather than doubling.

North's 2D is constructive. South shows a good hand by bidding 2NT and north bids game.

♠ 875432	♠ A9	♠ J10
♥ 32	♥ QJ	♥ A754
♦ Q962	♦ AJ10843	♦ K7
♣ 6	♣ 432	♣ KJ1087

♠ KQ6	♠ KQ6
♥ K10986	♥ K10986
♦ 5	♦ 5
♣ AQ95	♣ AQ95

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

**DON'T BID HAND TWICE.**

South shows a 5 card major rather than doubling. East makes a re-opening double and south is in trouble when he bids again.

♠ 1064	♠ 753	♠ AK82
♥ J7432	♥ 5	♥ 108
♦ 42	♦ KJ10987	♦ AQ63
♣ 1092	♣ Q54	♣ AJ8

♠ QJ9	♠ QJ9
♥ AKQ96	♥ AKQ96
♦ 5	♦ 5
♣ K763	♣ K763

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

**NOT DOUBLE**

At the table, West doubled. Unwise with only 2 hearts! On HQ LEAD east assumed south to hold singleton HK and took HA giving N/S a top. West should overcall 2D!

♠ 5	♠ KJ10	♠ 8632
♥ QJ	♥ 1093	♥ A6542
♦ K7543	♦ A1098	♦ J6
♣ AJ843	♣ K75	♣ 96

♠ AQ974	♠ AQ974
♥ K87	♥ K87
♦ Q2	♦ Q2
♣ Q102	♣ Q102

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

**GIVES A LEAD**

D10 to DA  
 SJ - 6 - 2 - SQ.  
 D4 - ruffed.  
 SA & S3 ruffed HA & HK.  
 C7 - CJ - CA  
 C3 - 6 - 10 - CK  
 S9 cashed.  
 DK exit. Ruffed.

Defence take 2 spades 1 club & 1 heart.

♠ KQ8	♠ J10	♠ 9654
♥ J1032	♥ AK6	♥ 5
♦ 104	♦ AQ93	♦ KJ8652
♣ 9654	♣ Q1087	♣ KJ

♠ A732	♠ A732
♥ Q9874	♥ Q9874
♦ 7	♦ 7
♣ A32	♣ A32

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

**MISSED SLAM**

2S was a 'Lucas 2' showing 5 spades and at least four of a minor.

N/S missed 6D scoring only +100

♠ J8	♠ 7654	♠ AQ932
♥ 98	♥ J7643	♥ -
♦ AKJ2	♦ 86	♦ Q109754
♣ AK974	♣ 103	♣ J2

♠ K10	♠ K10
♥ AKQ1052	♥ AKQ1052
♦ 3	♦ 3
♣ Q865	♣ Q865

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

**D7 LEAD**

STAYMAN

1NT shows 16-18 with a good diamond stop.

2C = Stayman.

♠ 97432	♠ Q106	♠ K8
♥ 1054	♥ AQ83	♥ K6
♦ 75	♦ J43	♦ K109862
♣ 764	♣ 832	♣ AJ9

♠ AJ5	♠ AJ5
♥ J972	♥ J972
♦ AQ	♦ AQ
♣ KQ105	♣ KQ105

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

# BASIC TRANSFERS

♠ KQ853  
 ♥ J75  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ AQJ

♠ 76  
 ♥ A96  
 ♦ A83  
 ♣ 107532

♠ J109  
 ♥ 832  
 ♦ KJ1095  
 ♣ 84

♠ A42  
 ♥ KQ104  
 ♦ Q74  
 ♣ K96

**2ND BID SHOWS PTS SJ LEAD**

**Transfer to show 5 then bid again to show points.**

**3NT = 13+**

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

♠ 854  
 ♥ KJ1084  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ Q83

♠ 10632  
 ♥ A2  
 ♦ J1094  
 ♣ A54

♠ K97  
 ♥ 976  
 ♦ K6532  
 ♣ 62

♠ AQJ  
 ♥ Q53  
 ♦ 87  
 ♣ KJ1097

**2ND BID SHOWS PTS DJ LEAD**

**Transfer to show 5 then bid again to show points**

**2NT = 11/12 Opener bid game in major with maximum points.**

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

♠ QJ842  
 ♥ KJ87  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ KJ2

♠ 653  
 ♥ 632  
 ♦ J96542  
 ♣ 9

♠ A109  
 ♥ A54  
 ♦ 1087  
 ♣ A753

♠ K7  
 ♥ Q109  
 ♦ KQ3  
 ♣ Q10864

**SHOW PTS & A 2ND MAJOR C3 LEAD**

**After transfer show the other four card major suit. Without a fit opener chooses 3NT**

**Establish spade and club winners.**

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

♠ 102  
 ♥ AK10765  
 ♦ QJ65  
 ♣ 4

♠ J8  
 ♥ J43  
 ♦ A82  
 ♣ QJ1098

♠ A7543  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ 9743  
 ♣ K63

♠ KQ96  
 ♥ Q9  
 ♦ K10  
 ♣ A752

**2ND BID OF SUIT SHOWS 6 CQ LEAD**

**After completion of transfer, bid suit again to show 6 card suit and invite to game.**

**Opener bids on with maximum**

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

♠ A3  
 ♥ KQJ86  
 ♦ J853  
 ♣ QJ

♠ 974  
 ♥ A54  
 ♦ A64  
 ♣ 9873

♠ Q852  
 ♥ 732  
 ♦ K72  
 ♣ 1064

♠ KJ106  
 ♥ 109  
 ♦ Q109  
 ♣ AK52

**DON'T SHOW 4 OF MINOR S2 LEAD**

**After the transfer don't bid such a weak four card minor prefer 3NT.**

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

♠ AQ1053  
 ♥ 1054  
 ♦  
 ♣ AKJ72

♠ J87  
 ♥ K74  
 ♦ 987  
 ♣ 10953

♠ K62  
 ♥ Q86  
 ♦ K65432  
 ♣ 8

♠ 94  
 ♥ AJ93  
 ♦ AQJ10  
 ♣ Q64

**SHOWS 5 CARD MINOR C3 LEAD?**

**After the transfer, bid a 5 card minor. 3NT will make as opener has pts in the other two suits. The minor suit game also makes.**

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

♠ 9872  
 ♥ AK87  
 ♦ K9  
 ♣ Q87

♠ Q3  
 ♥ QJ6  
 ♦ 76542  
 ♣ 962

♠ A654  
 ♥ 432  
 ♦ J103  
 ♣ A53

♠ KJ10  
 ♥ 1095  
 ♦ AQ8  
 ♣ KJ104

**USE STAYMAN S4 LEAD**

**2C is Stayman 2NT invites game Only use transfers with 5 card suits**

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

♠ K4  
 ♥ AK9862  
 ♦ Q8  
 ♣ Q65

♠ QJ1032  
 ♥ Q7  
 ♦ 1097  
 ♣ 1087

♠ A87  
 ♥ 105  
 ♦ 6432  
 ♣ A932

♠ 965  
 ♥ J43  
 ♦ AKJ5  
 ♣ KJ4

**DON'T SHOW 4 OF MINOR S2 LEAD**

**Either transfer then bid the game in hearts. Rebidding a transfer suit show 6 hearts. OR bid 4H and keep the spade king protected.**

S	W	N	E
INT	P	?	

# 4-4-4-1 HANDS

**NOT THE MAJOR!**

**Open 1D on 4441 distribution. Game is on so bid 2NT.**

**If South opens 1H the likely contract would be 4H**

♠ A3  
♥ 1083  
♦ KQ9  
♣ AQ432

♠ Q10  
♥ A4  
♦ 106543  
♣ J1086

♠ K964  
♥ KJ97  
♦ AJ87  
♣ K

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

**NOT THE MAJOR!**

**Open 1C**

**Opening 1H Gives you an impossible rebid when partner bids 2D**

♠ Q1098  
♥ AK68  
♦ 9  
♣ QJ76

♠ A76  
♥ 10  
♦ J8732  
♣ A653

♠ 543  
♥ QJ542  
♦ 64  
♣ 842

♠ KJ2  
♥ 973  
♦ AKQ105  
♣ K9

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

**RESPONDER GETS IT WRONG**

**When North has only 1 bid, he must bid the 4 card heart suit before the 5 card spade suit**

♠ KJ432  
♥ Q652  
♦ 74  
♣ J8

♠ A1096  
♥ A93  
♦ -  
♣ Q97652

♠ Q87  
♥ K8  
♦ KJ96532  
♣ K

♠ 5  
♥ J1074  
♦ AQ108  
♣ A1043

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

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**HAS RESPONDER ENOUGH?**

**North has 10 pts and may decide that he will bid a 2nd time.**

**The alternative is 1H but both bids end in a contract of 4S**

♠ KQ843  
♥ K632  
♦ 62  
♣ Q2

♠ 75  
♥ J1074  
♦ A10743  
♣ J9

♠ 102  
♥ AQ98  
♦ 85  
♣ A10876

♠ AJ96  
♥ 5  
♦ KQJ9  
♣ K543

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

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**FIT FOUND**

**After a 1D open responder must show the major rather than supporting a minor.**

♠ Q854  
♥ Q  
♦ KJ102  
♣ AQ32

♠ 93  
♥ A8765  
♦ 765  
♣ 1098

♠ J72  
♥ 1092  
♦ A4  
♣ KJ654

♠ AK106  
♥ KJ43  
♦ Q983  
♣ 7

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

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**OPENER MUST REVERSE**

**South reverses to show 17+ pts. North's 8 pts are enough to bid game in the 4/4 fit**

♠ Q643  
♥ A8754  
♦ Q10  
♣ 82

♠ 72  
♥ QJ102  
♦ 9754  
♣ J109

♠ J98  
♥ K93  
♦ K82  
♣ K763

♠ AK105  
♥ 6  
♦ AJ63  
♣ AQ54

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

**SETTLE FOR A 4/4 MINOR FIT.**

**North has only 7 pts. and south's rebid shows a maximum of 16.**

**Pass in the best part score available.**

♠ AJ962  
♥ Q9  
♦ 105  
♣ 9853

♠ Q1083  
♥ AJ5  
♦ K832  
♣ 642

♠ K74  
♥ 8762  
♦ J97  
♣ A10

♠ 5  
♥ K1043  
♦ AQ64  
♣ KQJ7

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

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**4TH SUIT FORCE**

**North has game values. Bidding the 4th suit, asks for more information. When south bids spades the picture is complete!**

♠ J4  
♥ J43  
♦ AQJ108  
♣ A103

♠ 9862  
♥ KQ106  
♦ K9  
♣ Q62

♠ 1053  
♥ 92  
♦ 76543  
♣ K95

♠ AKQ7  
♥ A875  
♦ 2  
♣ J874

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

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# THE FINESSE

**Lead ♠ J**

**DANGER HAND 2 WAY FINESSE**

Win in hand, play ♦ 2 to ♦ K and run the ♦ J.

IF you finesse diamonds into east, a heart switch will set the contract

♠ A432	♠ Q6
♥ 105	♥ Q98764
♦ KJ9	♦ Q86
♣ KQ82	♣ 74

♠ J1098	♠ K75
♥ AJ3	♥ K2
♦ 75	♦ A10432
♣ J1095	♣ A63

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

**Lead ♣ Q**

**LEAD TOWARDS HONOURS**

You have 7 top tricks. IF ♠ A is with east by leading TOWARDS ♠ K & ♠ Q, you will make both!

There is no other play available!

♠ 52	♠ A1074
♥ 1064	♥ KQJ9
♦ AKJ2	♦ 1074
♣ K652	♣ 94

♠ J98	♠ KQ63
♥ 752	♥ A83
♦ 95	♦ Q863
♣ QJ1073	♣ A8

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

**Lead ♠ J**

**PLAYING FOR SPLIT HONOURS**

♠ K wins and ♠ 7 returned

Win ♠ Q & finesse ♦ J losing to ♦ Q.

Win the heart switch and finesse ♦ 10.

♠ A43	♠ K7
♥ J6	♥ 10943
♦ AJ1032	♦ Q98
♣ K74	♣ Q1052

♠ J10985	♠ Q62
♥ Q87	♥ AK52
♦ K75	♦ 64
♣ J9	♣ A863

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**Lead ♥ 5**

**RULE OF 7.**

Hold up ♥ A for 1 round.

See that you can finesse diamonds into either hand.

Hopefully east has no more hearts, so finesse into east

♠ AK42	♠ 10873
♥ 762	♥ Q10
♦ A1063	♦ 92
♣ A7	♣ J10643

♠ QJ9	♠ 65
♥ KJ953	♥ A84
♦ Q87	♦ KJ54
♣ 92	♣ KQ85

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

**Lead ♦ A**

**RUFFING FINESSE.**

West has shown 10 pts. yet passed originally.

West CANNOT have ♠ K. After drawing trumps, play ♠ A and run ♠ Q for discards of clubs.

♠ AQJ10	♠ K875
♥ Q832	♥ 97
♦ 975	♦ 1082
♣ 96	♣ QJ104

♠ 9632	♠ 4
♥ 54	♥ AKJ106
♦ AKQJ	♦ 643
♣ 753	♣ AK82

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

**Lead ♠ 5**

**PLAYING FOR SPLIT HONOURS**

Enter south with ♦ A.

Play for split club honours by finessing clubs TWICE.

(Low to ♣ J is likely to fail, but then low to ♣ 10 should work!)

♠ AK	♠ J6
♥ 743	♥ J852
♦ 874	♦ Q965
♣ AJ1063	♣ K92

♠ Q10852	♠ 9743
♥ K109	♥ AQ6
♦ J10	♦ AK32
♣ Q74	♣ 85

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**Lead ♥ Q**

**ACE/QUEEN**

Mirror imaged clubs means wasted values. The diamond finesse is your only chance for your 10th trick.

Play ♦ A and then low to the queen.

♠ A765	♠ 98
♥ 87	♥ AK63
♦ Q843	♦ J102
♣ KJ4	♣ 8765

♠ J2	♠ KQ1043
♥ QJ105	♥ 942
♦ K976	♦ A5
♣ 1093	♣ AQ2

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

**Lead ♣ Q**

**TIMING**

Lucky to avoid a heart lead!

♥ A is only entry.

West is danger hand. Run ♠ J immediately. If it loses your heart entry is safe.

♠ K92	♠ 8
♥ AQ	♥ K9742
♦ J10932	♦ 864
♣ 432	♣ 9875

♠ Q764	♠ AJ1053
♥ J86	♥ 1053
♦ 75	♦ AKQ
♣ QJ106	♣ AK

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

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# DANGER HAND

♠ Q64	♠ A109	♠ J83	
♥ AJ83	♥ 72	♥ Q1095	
♦ 3	♦ KJ1076	♦ Q52	
♣ J10987	♣ A32	♣ 7654	
	♠ K752		
	♥ K64		
	♦ A984		
	♣ KQ		

S	W	N	E	<b>Guard HK. Finesse into west.</b>
1S	P	2D	P	
2NT	P	3S	P	
3NT				

♠ A10875	♠ 43	♠ Q96
♥ 1095	♥ A862	♥ QJ7
♦ J95	♦ KQ2	♦ 10876
♣ 82	♣ AJ105	♣ Q76
	♠ KJ2	
	♥ K43	
	♦ A43	
	♣ K943	

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

**2 way finesse  
Win SK.  
West is safe hand.**

♠ A10986	♠ 54	♠ Q73
♥ J963	♥ A87	♥ Q10
♦ 109	♦ KQ62	♦ J8743
♣ 97	♣ AJ83	♣ Q104
	♠ KJ2	
	♥ K542	
	♦ A5	
	♣ K652	

S	W	N	E	<b>Duck SQ. Can only finesse into east hand.</b>
1NT	P	3NT		

♠ AQ65	♠ 974	♠ J1082
♥ QJ106	♥ AK7	♥ 985
♦ K87	♦ Q5	♦ 943
♣ 94	♣ KJ1086	♣ Q52
	♠ K3	
	♥ 432	
	♦ AJ1062	
	♣ A73	

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**Protect SK.  
Finesse dia-  
mond or run  
club jack.**

♠ 542	♠ AQJ107	♠ K96
♥ A10865	♥ 97	♥ Q43
♦ K5	♦ J8	♦ Q1076
♣ 1075	♣ AJ92	♣ 863
	♠ 83	
	♥ KJ2	
	♦ A9432	
	♣ KQ4	

S	W	N	E	<b>Duck HQ You have to finesse int danger hand. (East)</b>
1NT	P	2H	P	
2S	P	3NT	P	
P				

♠ A10542	♠ 98	♠ Q73
♥ 654	♥ AK	♥ J987
♦ K43	♦ QJ98	♦ 765
♣ 54	♣ KJ1097	♣ Q86
	♠ KJ6	
	♥ Q1032	
	♦ A102	
	♣ A32	

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

**Win 1st trick.  
Run CJ into  
safe west hand**

♠ 109	♠ AJ752	♠ KQ843
♥ AJ1098	♥ 52	♥ 763
♦ 83	♦ KJ4	♦ Q76
♣ J1065	♣ AQ2	♣ 83
	♠ 6	
	♥ KQ4	
	♦ A10952	
	♣ K974	

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

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

S	W	N	E
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# RULE OF 7

**D5 LEAD**

Hold up two rounds of diamonds as you will finesse spades into east. This ensures that east cannot return diamonds when the spade finesse fails.

♠ AQ872  
 ♥ K1097  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ Q2

♠ K96  
 ♥ 862  
 ♦ QJ3  
 ♣ J1074

♠ 1043  
 ♥ J54  
 ♦ K10954  
 ♣ 98

♠ J5  
 ♥ AQ3  
 ♦ A87  
 ♣ AK653

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

**LEAD SK**

You have 5 spades so hold up SA for 2 rounds. **Hope** that DA is with east who will not be able to return spades

♠ 53  
 ♥ AK4  
 ♦ K876  
 ♣ 10653

♠ KQJ109  
 ♥ 1075  
 ♦ 43  
 ♣ Q94

♠ 864  
 ♥ J983  
 ♦ A109  
 ♣ J87

♠ A72  
 ♥ Q62  
 ♦ QJ52  
 ♣ AK2

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

**H3 LEAD**

Duck the lead of 7S Count 7 top tricks. Two more from Hearts! JH finesse loses to QH but east has no spade to return. When west wins AH it is too late

♠ A63  
 ♥ K1082  
 ♦ Q4  
 ♣ A1074

♠ J2  
 ♥ Q76  
 ♦ 9865  
 ♣ Q962

♠ Q9875  
 ♥ A54  
 ♦ 1073  
 ♣ K8

♠ K104  
 ♥ J93  
 ♦ AKJ2  
 ♣ J53

3NTby South

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

**H3 LEAD**

**PLAN - OK IF the spade finesse works. DANGER - if it doesn't a heart return will set the contract. SOLUTION - Make sure east does not have a heart to return!**

Duck two rounds of hearts. (Rule of 7)

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♠ AKJ1065  
 ♥ A54  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ A98

♠ 3  
 ♥ Q10732  
 ♦ K964  
 ♣ 643

♠ Q984  
 ♥ K98  
 ♦ Q7  
 ♣ QJ105

♠ 72  
 ♥ J6  
 ♦ AJ10532  
 ♣ K72

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

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ J  
♥ J  
♦ J  
♣ J

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E
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♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E
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♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
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♠ ?  
♥ ?  
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♣ ?

S	W	N	E
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♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

♠ ?  
♥ ?  
♦ ?  
♣ ?

S	W	N	E
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# PLANNING THE PLAY

♠ K109  
 ♥ 95432  
 ♦ 96  
 ♣ A85

♠ AJ643  
 ♥ AJ10  
 ♦ AQ10  
 ♣ K7

♠ Q872  
 ♥ Q8  
 ♦ KJ842  
 ♣ 32

♠ 5  
 ♥ K62  
 ♦ 753  
 ♣ QJ10964

S 1NT  
 W P  
 N 3NT  
 E P

**♥5 LEAD ENTRIES?**

Count top tricks. On lead do you play the ♥J?

or do you win with the ♥K?

How do you get back to hand to your winning clubs?

♣ Q LEAD  
**UNBLOCKING**  
 Count 11 tricks

Problem?  
 Hearts are blocked and your only entry has been knocked out. Solution?

You don't need 11 tricks throw ♥A on ♣A

♠ 42  
 ♥ KQ53  
 ♦ 8632  
 ♣ AK5

♠ A7  
 ♥ 109764  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ 9842

♠ 53  
 ♥ J82  
 ♦ K107  
 ♣ QJ1073

♠ KQJ10986  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ QJ54  
 ♣ 6

S 4S  
 W P  
 N 2D  
 E P

♠ J942  
 ♥ AQ54  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ QJ108

♠ 6  
 ♥ 873  
 ♦ 976432  
 ♣ 952

♠ 1087  
 ♥ K10962  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ K643

♠ AKQ53  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ KQJ105  
 ♣ A7

S 2S  
 W P  
 N 2NT  
 E P

**♣Q LEAD DON'T DRAW**

Count losers. If you try to draw trumps defenders will take 3 tricks!

Reduce losers to 2, before giving up the lead.

**Throw losing clubs on spade winners 1st.**

**♥J LEAD FINESSE**

Count 4 losers. Risk losing 5 tricks to make the contract.

Best chance finesse the ♥Q at trick one.

Discard ♦2 on ♥A

♠ KJ97  
 ♥ AQ  
 ♦ 9854  
 ♣ KJ7

♠ 5  
 ♥ 76543  
 ♦ KQ7  
 ♣ A943

♠ 2  
 ♥ KJ1092  
 ♦ AJ10  
 ♣ 10652

♠ AQ108643  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ 632  
 ♣ Q8

S 3S  
 W P  
 N 4S  
 E

♠ Q9875  
 ♥ A54  
 ♦ 1073  
 ♣ K8

♠ A63  
 ♥ K1082  
 ♦ Q4  
 ♣ A1074

♠ J2  
 ♥ Q76  
 ♦ 9865  
 ♣ Q962

♠ K104  
 ♥ J93  
 ♦ AKJ2  
 ♣ J53

S 1NT  
 W P  
 N 2C  
 E P

**♠7 LEAD RULE OF 7**

7 top tricks. Rest from hearts but duck one spade ♥J finesse loses to ♥Q but now east has no spade to return.

When west wins ♥A it is too late!

**♥7 LEAD GETTING TO WINNER**

♥J - ♥K - ♥A  
 ♣A & low to ♣K.

Now you have 11 top tricks.

Finesse ♦3 at trick 4 to set up a 12th trick while you can still get to it!

♠ 875  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ J53  
 ♣ K108654

♠ 1043  
 ♥ K10652  
 ♦ 762  
 ♣ 92

♠ Q92  
 ♥ 873  
 ♦ K10983  
 ♣ QJ

♠ AKJ6  
 ♥ AQ94  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ A73

S 2C  
 W P  
 N 2D  
 E P

♠ 54  
 ♥ 10875  
 ♦ K65  
 ♣ QJ104

♠ KJ1072  
 ♥ AQJ  
 ♦ AJ4  
 ♣ 72

♠ -  
 ♥ K9642  
 ♦ Q987  
 ♣ 9863

♠ AQ9863  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 1032  
 ♣ AK5

S 1S  
 W P  
 N 4NT  
 E P

**♣Q LEAD SLOW LOSERS**

Establish two winners on which to throw diamond losers BEFORE ♦A is removed. Win ♣A. Draw trumps ending in south. Finesse ♥Q. Even if it loses, you have 2 winners for the diamond losers.

**♣Q LEAD STRIP & THROW IN**

Win. Draw trumps. Play off your 3 heart winners. Cash ♣K. Exit with your last club.

E/W will find ♦Q for you!

♠ KJ107  
 ♥ AK9  
 ♦ AJ4  
 ♣ 872

♠ 432  
 ♥ J87  
 ♦ Q762  
 ♣ 963

♠ 65  
 ♥ 10642  
 ♦ 985  
 ♣ QJ104

♠ AQ98  
 ♥ Q53  
 ♦ K103  
 ♣ AK5

S 5H  
 W P  
 N 4NT  
 E P

# PLAY AT TRICK ONE / card combinations

<p>♠ K10987 ♥ 9876 ♦ QJ10 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ Q4 ♥ K54 ♦ A654 ♣ KJ54</p>	<p>♠ A65 ♥ QJ10 ♦ 987 ♣ 9876</p>
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**S10 LEAD**

Playing a low spade at trick 1 guarantees one trick.

Holding equal honours in both hands second hand plays low.

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	
<b>PLAY AT TRICK 1</b>			

<p>♠ 876 ♥ K9876 ♦ 32 ♣ QJ2</p>	<p>♠ A32 ♥ J3 ♦ KQJ10 ♣ 5432</p>	<p>♠ QJ109 ♥ Q54 ♦ A654 ♣ 98</p>
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**H6 LEAD**

Playing a low heart at trick 1 guarantees two tricks.

Holding equal honours in both hands second hand plays low.

S	W	N	E
INT	P	2NT	P
<b>PLAY AT TRICK 1</b>			

<p>♠ J876 ♥ J102 ♦ 102 ♣ K972</p>	<p>♠ Q5 ♥ 8753 ♦ KQ9 ♣ QJ64</p>	<p>♠ 10432 ♥ A9 ♦ 7543 ♣ A105</p>
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**D10 LEAD**

Win KD. Lead TOWARDS HKQ (Use SQ as 2nd entry.) East wins Win diamond return. Draw last trump. Lead TOWARDS QJ clubs. Why is 854 - QJ6 BETTER THAN Q85 - J64? Declarer should not open up the suit.

**LEAD TOWARDS HONOURS**

S	W	N	E
1H	P	3H	P
<b>LEAD TOWARDS HONOURS</b>			

<p>♠ 72 ♥ Q109 ♦ J953 ♣ 10986</p>	<p>♠ QJ64 ♥ K862 ♦ AQ4 ♣ Q3</p>	<p>♠ 95 ♥ A74 ♦ K876 ♣ J542</p>
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**C10 LEAD**

Win with CQ. Draw trumps. Play AK clubs. Discarding D4. Play AD. Give up a diamond. Opponents have to open up the heart suit.

You would have to open up the heart suit if the-diamond finesse failed.

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT/4S	P
<b>THROW IN</b> (2NT Jacoby 4S by S no distribution, min.)			

<p>♠ 9 ♥ QJ8 ♦ Q1095 ♣ QJ983</p>	<p>♠ A762 ♥ --- ♦ K872 ♣ A7642</p>	<p>♠ 84 ♥ A9765432 ♦ 4 ♣ K10</p>
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**QH LEAD.**

You have two diamonds to lose!!!

Don't ruff. Throw 2D.

On Established KH throw 7D

**LOSER ON LOSER**

S	W	N	E
4S	5H	6S	3H
P	P		P
<b>LOSER ON LOSER</b>			

<p>♠ J4 ♥ A103 ♦ Q975 ♣ A862</p>	<p>♠ AQ ♥ 952 ♦ AK1083 ♣ KJ7</p>	<p>♠ K1098753 ♥ 6 ♦ J6 ♣ 54</p>
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**JS LEAD.**

3 losers KS AC and trump ace.

If you win SA, west will have a S4 to return when in with HA. East cashes SK and gives west a trump promotion By losing to SK at trick one you can avoid this.

**THINK AHEAD**

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

<p>♠ Q875 ♥ QJ2 ♦ Q986 ♣ K6</p>	<p>♠ KJ32 ♥ A95 ♦ J732 ♣ 107</p>	<p>♠ A109 ♥ 10763 ♦ K4 ♣ 9854</p>
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**D6 LEAD**

Do not play DJ at trick 1.

Doing so will give you only one trick! Ducking gives you two!

**PLAY AT TRICK 1**

S	W	N	E
1NT	p	p	p
<b>PLAY AT TRICK 1</b>			

<p>♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?</p>	<p>♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?</p>	<p>♠ ? ♥ ? ♦ ? ♣ ?</p>
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**THROW IN**

S	W	N	E

# WHEN TO DRAW TRUMPS

**♠ AJ1042**  
♥ KQ8  
♦ Q87  
♣ 76

**♠ KQ876**  
♥ 97  
♦ K105  
♣ K84

**♠ 5**  
♥ 654  
♦ J9432  
♣ QJ105

**♠ 93**  
♥ AJ1032  
♦ A6  
♣ A932

**♣Q LEAD**  
**DON'T DRAW TRUMPS**

You have only 8 tricks and need to ruff two clubs high to make your contract.

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

**♠ AJ93**  
♥ 8  
♦ 8753  
♣ A652

**♠ 74**  
♥ Q1052  
♦ AKJ10  
♣ 987

**♠ 65**  
♥ KJ76  
♦ Q9  
♣ KQ1043

**♠ KQ1082**  
♥ A943  
♦ 642  
♣ J

**♦A LEAD**  
**DON'T DRAW TRUMPS**

Defence take 1st three diamonds & switch to a club. Win and cross ruff to 10 tricks.

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

**♠ J53**  
♥ AQJ1094  
♦ AQ  
♣ KQ

**♠ 1098**  
♥ K873  
♦ 10764  
♣ 92

**♠ -**  
♥ 52  
♦ J9832  
♣ AJ10863

**♠ AKQ7642**  
♥ 6  
♦ K5  
♣ 754

**♣A LEAD**  
**DON'T DRAW TRUMPS RUFF HIGH**

and a 2nd club. Even when trumps don't break you can ruff 3rd club with ♠J BEFORE drawing trumps.

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

**♠ 73**  
♥ K106  
♦ AKJ87  
♣ Q65

**♠ K10862**  
♥ 43  
♦ 1096  
♣ J109

**♠ QJ95**  
♥ 752  
♦ 42  
♣ AK73

**♠ A4**  
♥ AQJ98  
♦ Q53  
♣ 842

**♣J LEAD**  
**DRAW TRUMPS**

With a solid side suit you should draw trumps immediately.

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

\*N/S vulnerable

**♠ K74**  
♥ 93  
♦ Q1076  
♣ AQ109

**♠ AQ83**  
♥ Q64  
♦ J542  
♣ 84

**♠ J1096**  
♥ A5  
♦ 983  
♣ 7653

**♠ 52**  
♥ KJ10872  
♦ AK  
♣ KJ2

**♠J LEAD**  
**DRAW TRUMPS**

After losing two tricks you must run ♥9. (finesse) Club returned. Win with ♣A and repeat the finesse.

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

**♠ J1063**  
♥ KQ3  
♦ 854  
♣ AJ3

**♠ A4**  
♥ 109642  
♦ QJ106  
♣ 64

**♠ K2**  
♥ A87  
♦ 973  
♣ 98752

**♠ Q9875**  
♥ J5  
♦ AK2  
♣ KQ10

**♦Q LEAD**  
**DON'T DRAW TRUMPS**

Win ♦A. You will soon have a diamond loser. Set up a heart winner on which you can throw ♦2 Do this before drawing trumps.

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

**♠ J1074**  
♥ KJ42  
♦ A5  
♣ 863

**♠ A3**  
♥ 10973  
♦ J1083  
♣ 954

**♠ K6**  
♥ 865  
♦ Q942  
♣ KQJ10

**♠ Q9852**  
♥ AQ  
♦ K76  
♣ A72

**♣K LEAD**  
**DON'T DRAW TRUMPS**

Win, unblock ♥A & ♥Q. Low to ♦A and throw a club on ♥K. Now draw trumps.

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

**♠ Q1093**  
♥ A974  
♦ 62  
♣ KJ6

**♠ A87**  
♥ QJ10  
♦ 10753  
♣ 932

**♠ 2**  
♥ 853  
♦ A984  
♣ A10874

**♠ KJ654**  
♥ K62  
♦ KQJ  
♣ Q5

**♥Q LEAD**  
**DON'T DRAW TRUMPS**

Must win with ♥K not ♥A. Play ♣Q won by ♣A. Win heart return and throw ♥2 on ♣J

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

# RUFFING

♠ J53  
 ♥ AQJ1094  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ KQ

♠ 1098  
 ♥ K873  
 ♦ 10764  
 ♣ 92

♠ AKQ7642  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ K5  
 ♣ 754

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

### RUFF HIGH

#### CA LEAD & a 2nd club.

Even when trumps don't break you can ruff 3rd club with SJ BEFORE drawing trumps.

### RUFF IN SHORT HAND SK LEAD

IF you draw trumps you are 1 trick short. Win SA and lead CQ. West wins, cashes SQ before switching to a trump. Too late! Trump lead sets it.

♠ A7632  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ Q932  
 ♣ Q2

♠ KQ109  
 ♥ 76  
 ♦ 874  
 ♣ A1093

♠ J8  
 ♥ 853  
 ♦ AJ106  
 ♣ J864

♠ 54  
 ♥ AKQJ102  
 ♦ K5  
 ♣ K75

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

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♠ 2  
 ♥ AJ104  
 ♦ 53  
 ♣ A86532

♠ AK8763  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ AQJ8  
 ♣ QJ

♠ QJ104  
 ♥ KQ762  
 ♦ K96  
 ♣ 4

♠ 95  
 ♥ 985  
 ♦ 10742  
 ♣ K1097

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

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### ESTABLISHING S9 LEAD to SA

DA & D8 cont. Win DK. C4 to CA - Ruff C2 with H7 H2 to HJ - Ruff C3 with HQ H6 to H10 - Ruff C5 with HK Declarer miscounted clubs when west threw CK on 2nd ruff!

### CREATE VOID HQ LEAD

Win HA. Play C6. East wins and returns a heart. Win and play C7 to create a void and ruff a club in the short hand for your 8th trick.

♠ Q64  
 ♥ A432  
 ♦ 7432  
 ♣ 64

♠ 1095  
 ♥ QJ108  
 ♦ AQ8  
 ♣ Q82

♠ 32  
 ♥ 976  
 ♦ J1095  
 ♣ AK103

♠ AKJ87  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ K6  
 ♣ J975

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

♠ J  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ J

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

S	W	N	E
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♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
 ♦ ?  
 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
 ♥ ?  
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 ♣ ?

♠ ?  
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 ♣ ?

S	W	N	E
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# UNBLOCKING

<p>♠ K9862 ♥ Q65 ♦ KJ9 ♣ 63</p>	<p>♠ QJ10 ♥ 987 ♦ 107 ♣ KQJ109</p> <p>♠ A54 ♥ AK3 ♦ AQ64 ♣ 842</p>	<p>♠ 73 ♥ J1042 ♦ 8532 ♣ A75</p>	<p>♠6 LEAD.</p> <p>THINK. Your only entry outside of clubs is spades.</p> <p>Win with ♠A before driving out the ♣A. and leading towards ♠QJ</p>
S	W	N	E
1D 3NT	P	2C	P

<p>♠ 852 ♥ K94 ♦ 105 ♣ AJ763</p>	<p>♠ Q6 ♥ 853 ♦ QJ763 ♣ Q52</p> <p>♠ A973 ♥ AQ62 ♦ AK ♣ K109</p>	<p>♠ KJ104 ♥ J107 ♦ 9842 ♣ 84</p>	<p>♠6 LEAD.</p> <p>THINK before you play to trick 1. You clearly need to unblock the ♦AK. and then get back to dummy.</p> <p>Win with ♣K (Not ♣9) ♣Q is your only entry to dummy!</p>
S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	P

<p>♠ Q10542 ♥ K103 ♦ J864 ♣ 9</p>	<p>♠ K93 ♥ 75 ♦ Q5 ♣ KJ10862</p> <p>♠ AJ ♥ AQ94 ♦ A1073 ♣ Q54</p>	<p>♠ 876 ♥ J862 ♦ K92 ♣ A73</p>	<p>♠4 LEAD.</p> <p>Do not win a cheap trick with ♠J, or you will never get to enjoy your long clubs.</p> <p>♠A blocks your entry!</p>
S	W	N	E
1H 3NT = 17+ HCPs	P	2C	P

<p>♠ K1084 ♥ QJ1098 ♦ 93 ♣ 42</p>	<p>♠ 653 ♥ A7 ♦ 85 ♣ AJ10983</p> <p>♠ AJ72 ♥ K65 ♦ AK742 ♣ K</p>	<p>♠ Q9 ♥ 432 ♦ QJ106 ♣ Q765</p>	<p>♥Q LEAD</p> <p>An easier hand. Win in hand. Overtake ♣K with ♠A.</p> <p>♥A is entry to established clubs.</p>
S	W	N	E
1D 3NT = 17+ HCPs	P	2C	P

<p>♠ 109853 ♥ J72 ♦ K105 ♣ J6</p>	<p>♠ Q6 ♥ AK8 ♦ A432 ♣ 9872</p> <p>♠ A4 ♥ 654 ♦ J87 ♣ AKQ43</p>	<p>♠ KJ72 ♥ Q1093 ♦ Q96 ♣ 105</p>	<p>♠10 LEAD.</p> <p>Your spade suit is wide open and you need clubs to break 2/2. They do - but did you keep ♣2, to get back to your hand??</p>
S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	P

<p>♠ KJ102 ♥ QJ10 ♦ Q94 ♣ 1062</p>	<p>♠ 75 ♥ K8 ♦ A87 ♣ KQJ985</p> <p>♠ AQ8643 ♥ A762 ♦ J2 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ 9543 ♦ K10653 ♣ 743</p>	<p>♥Q LEAD</p> <p>1. - Win ♥K. 2 - Play ♥8 to ♥A. 3 - Unblock ♣A. 4 - Ruff ♥6. 5 - Cash ♣K throwing ♥7 6 - Cash ♣Q throwing ♦2. 7 - lead ♠7 &amp; cover ♠9 with ♠Q</p> <p>Lose only 3 trump tricks</p>
S	W	N	E
1S 2H 3S 4S	P	2C *3D 3NT	P

NEWBURN

<p>♠ KQJ ♥ KQJ ♦ J102 ♣ J985</p>	<p>♠ A86 ♥ K5432 ♦ 8653 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ 1075 ♥ A987 ♦ KQ7 ♣ KQ6</p>	<p>♠ 9432 ♥ 6 ♦ A94 ♣ 107432</p>	<p>♠K LEAD</p> <p>2 spade losers 1 heart &amp; 1 diamond</p> <p>Win ♠A. Unblock ♠A ♥2 to ♥A ♣K &amp; throw ♠6 spade. Low to ♥K Low to ♦K Exit with a trump</p>
S	W	N	E
1NT 3H	p P	2D 4H	P

<p>♠ Q854 ♥ J1093 ♦ QJ1087 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ 97 ♥ A62 ♦ 943 ♣ AKQJ2</p> <p>♠ A63 ♥ Q54 ♦ AK52 ♣ 1063</p>	<p>♠ KJ102 ♥ K87 ♦ 6 ♣ 98754</p>	<p>♥J LEAD</p> <p>play ♥6 to establish a 10th trick.</p> <p>Q♦ LEAD</p> <p>Win ♦A then low to ♣A to try a ♥Q finesse. (Safe try for 10)</p> <p>♠4 LEAD</p> <p>Win ♠A, then run for 9 tricks</p>
S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	P

# CREATING /SEEING/PRESERVING ENTRIES

<p>♠ J109 ♥ J965 ♦ 87 ♣ KQJ6</p>	<p>♠ AKQ ♥ AQ3 ♦ AKQJ104 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ 732 ♥ K72 ♦ 96 ♣ A10982</p>	<p>♣K LEAD then ♣Q THINK - 2 chances heart finesse or 3/3 spade break. You need an entry!!! Ruff with ♦4 &amp; you can never get into hand and will lose 2 heart tricks. Ruff with ♦A. Draw trumps. Play 3 spades. Then ♦4 to ♦5 Throw ♥3 on ♠8!</p>
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N	E	S	W
2C	P	2D	P
3D	P	3NT	P
5D			

<p>♠ - ♥ 8752 ♦ KQJ8 ♣ Q9765</p>	<p>♠ 832 ♥ AJ103 ♦ 543 ♣ 432</p>	<p>♠ J954 ♥ 964 ♦ A92 ♣ KJ10</p>	<p>♦ K LEAD Defence take 1st 3 tricks. Win club switch with ♣A. SA shows up west's void. Cash ♥K. Overtake ♥Q with ♥A. Throw ♣8 on ♥10 before finessing trumps.</p>
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S	W	N	E
2S	P	2NT	P
3S	P	4S	

<p>♠ 95432 ♥ 98 ♦ 107 ♣ 5432</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ Q53 ♦ 6432 ♣ QJ1087</p>	<p>♠ AKJ87 ♥ KJ102 ♦ J9 ♣ 96</p>	<p>♠5 LEAD Ruff trick 2. Draw trumps. Unblock ♣AK Enter dummy with ♦6. Run clubs!  Even better, duck TWO spades in case trumps are 3-1</p>
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S	W	N	E
X	2S	3C	1S
4D	P	5D	P

<p>♠ Q103 ♥ QJ108 ♦ A62 ♣ 973</p>	<p>♠ 654 ♥ 92 ♦ Q10854 ♣ KJ2</p>	<p>♠ J987 ♥ K6 ♦ 97 ♣ Q10842</p>	<p>♣4 LEAD Only entry to the long diamond suit is the ♣K. Win with ♣A and set up diamond winners Defence hold up for 2 rounds</p>
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S	W	N	E
1H	P	1NT	P
3NT			

<p>♠ 1085 ♥ 973 ♦ 532 ♣ 10752</p>	<p>♠ Q972 ♥ Q6 ♦ AKQ1072 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ AKJ6 ♥ A54 ♦ J8 ♣ Q984</p>	<p>♣5? LEAD Win ♣J A quick check of your suits and you will realise that there are NO fast entries into south!! Cash your 3 clubs and run for home in diamonds!</p>
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N	E	S	W
1D	P	1H	P
1S	P	2NT	P
3NT			

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<p>♠ 76 ♥ 9 ♦ QJ109853 ♣ KQ8</p>	<p>♠ 95 ♥ A83 ♦ 42 ♣ J76432</p>	<p>♠ KQ1082 ♥ 106 ♦ AK76 ♣ 95</p>	<p>♦ Q LEAD <b>UGH!</b> Ruff. Play ♥K Both follow. Now ♣A and then ♣10. Win return. Low to ♥A and a 3rd club is ruffed high. ♥8 is entry to 3 winning clubs</p>
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S	W	N	E
3D	P	!P	4H
P	P	5D	5H
6D	6H	P	P

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<p>♠ 1098 ♥ J10853 ♦ AK74 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ QJ2 ♥ 642 ♦ 96 ♣ AQ754</p>	<p>♠ A76 ♥ 7 ♦ QJ85 ♣ KJ1082</p>	<p>♥ J LEAD Win ♥A 3 tricks to establish. Spades will provide 2 certain tricks. (3 if they break 3/3). If they don't, only then take the club finesse!</p>
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# TRUMP CONTROL

<p>♠ Q6 ♥ J4 ♦ J10983 ♣ QJ109</p>	<p>♠ K872 ♥ A985 ♦ K5 ♣ K63</p>	<p>♠ J10943 ♥ KQ10 ♦ Q7 ♣ 854</p>
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**CROSS RUFF**

**QC LEAD**  
Win CA and give up a trump

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

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

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<p>♠ 74 ♥ KJ7 ♦ QJ74 ♣ Q842</p>	<p>♠ QJ10 ♥ A62 ♦ A853 ♣ K97</p>	<p>♠ 986 ♥ 10983 ♦ K962 ♣ 105</p>
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**DUMMY REVERSAL**

**9 top tricks. Ruff diamonds twice in the LONG hand. This gives you six, not five, trump tricks.**

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

EBU

<p>♠ A1054 ♥ 543 ♦ 762 ♣ QJ10</p>	<p>♠ Q976 ♥ K92 ♦ AQ10 ♣ AK5</p>	<p>♠ KJ83 ♥ 87 ♦ 543 ♣ 9863</p>
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**DUMMY REVERSAL**

**H4 LEAD**  
11 top tricks.

**Increase five trump tricks to six by ruffing spades in the long hand**

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

EBU

<p>♠ 765 ♥ AK1032 ♦ A96 ♣ 764</p>	<p>♠ AQ2 ♥ 9876 ♦ 432 ♣ KJ3</p>	<p>♠ 43 ♥ QJ5 ♦ K1075 ♣ 852</p>
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**DUMMY REVERSAL**

**HA LEAD**  
9 top tricks.

**Three hearts must be ruffed in south.**

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

EBU

<p>♠ 754 ♥ AJ8 ♦ KJ97 ♣ J87</p>	<p>♠ AQ96 ♥ 9742 ♦ 2 ♣ AQ92</p>	<p>♠ 32 ♥ Q53 ♦ Q10843 ♣ 1043</p>
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**CROSS RUFF**

**S5 LEAD 11**  
8 top tricks.

**Ruff two diamonds before drawing trumps**

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

EBU

<p>♠ 95 ♥ AK98 ♦ KJ96 ♣ J108</p>	<p>♠ J93 ♥ J3 ♦ A7432 ♣ 962</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ Q10654 ♦ Q108 ♣ KQ73</p>
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**SUIT ESTABLISHMENT**

**HA & HK LEAD**  
Four losers!

**You must establish a diamond winner. 10 to J 6 to 9 & 2 to 3**

S	W	N	E
4S	P	P	P

EBU Modified

<p>♠ 7 ♥ Q9863 ♦ A32 ♣ Q1092</p>	<p>♠ A864 ♥ 10 ♦ 764 ♣ A8543</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ KJ7542 ♦ Q1098 ♣ K6</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	2H	4S	5H
5S	P	P	P

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# PLAY SLAMS ON VARIOUS TECHNIQUES

<p><b>Klinger</b></p> <p>♠ 1083 ♥ 75 ♦ J1098 ♣ A1076</p>	<p>♠ QJ4 ♥ KQ6 ♦ K74 ♣ K932</p> <p>♠ AK7 ♥ A82 ♦ AQ3 ♣ QJ54</p>	<p><b>PROTECT TENACE</b></p> <p>♦ J LEAD</p> <p>9 Top tricks. Can you make 3 from clubs?</p> <p>CLUE The K9 is a near tenace - protect it!</p> <p>Play ♣Q 1st. Then ♣J</p>	<p><b>LEAVE TOP TRUMP.</b></p> <p>♠ K LEAD</p> <p>Win ♠A. Cash ♥A &amp; ♥K. When trumps don't break leave top trump out.</p> <p>Low to ♦A. ♦2 to ♦K.</p> <p>Throw ♠8 on ♦Q</p>	<p><b>Klinger</b></p> <p>♠ A2 ♥ A964 ♦ KQJ76 ♣ 83</p> <p>♠ 86 ♥ K7532 ♦ A2 ♣ AKJ5</p>	<p>♠ J97543 ♥ 10 ♦ 10953 ♣ 104</p>																												
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<p><b>Klinger</b></p> <p>♠ 108 ♥ 6 ♦ 1098754 ♣ Q1087</p>	<p>♠ AKQJ2 ♥ KQJ4 ♦ AQJ ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ 1097532 ♦ 63 ♣ AKJ3</p>	<p><b>DON'T FINESSE</b></p> <p>♦ 10 LEAD</p> <p>Win ♦A.</p> <p>Cash ♠A and throw ♦3 on ♠K.</p> <p>NOW draw trumps.</p> <p>Club losers are ruffed.</p> <p>*Traditional Acol.</p>	<p><b>TRUMP TENACE.</b></p> <p>♥ J LEAD</p> <p>Win ♥A.</p> <p>Cash ♠K to protect ♠AJ tenace.</p> <p>Finesse when east shows out.</p> <p>Draw trumps. Low to ♣K</p>	<p><b>Klinger</b></p> <p>♠ AJ73 ♥ KQ ♦ 873 ♣ QJ104</p> <p>♠ K86542 ♥ A ♦ AK54 ♣ K8</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ 765432 ♦ J62 ♣ A732</p>																																				
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 ♥ A54  
 ♦ 8  
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 ♦ Q7  
 ♣ QJ105

♠ 72  
 ♥ J6  
 ♦ AJ10532  
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**H3 LEAD**  
**PLAN - OK IF the**

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

# DECLARER PLAY HANDS FOR UNIT 6

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**DUCKING**

**LEAD DK**  
 Duck twice to cut enemy communications.

Now when east takes CA, he has no diamonds to return.

♠ AKQ4  
 ♥ A86  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ J764

♠ 8762  
 ♥ J743  
 ♦ 1095  
 ♣ A3

♠ J103  
 ♥ 1052  
 ♦ KQJ74  
 ♣ 98

♠ 95  
 ♥ KQ9  
 ♦ A63  
 ♣ KQ1052

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

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**DUCKING AND FINESSING**

**SQ LEAD**

Hold up SA for 2 rounds then finesse CJ

♠ 72  
 ♥ AJ76  
 ♦ A93  
 ♣ AQ42

♠ QJ943  
 ♥ 532  
 ♦ J87  
 ♣ 86

♠ K65  
 ♥ 1084  
 ♦ Q105  
 ♣ K1095

♠ A108  
 ♥ KQ9  
 ♦ K642  
 ♣ J73

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**UNBLOCKING**

**DJ LEAD**

Win DA in hand preserving entry to dummy. Unblock AKQ clubs, then play to DK to cash 3 more clubs

♠ 765  
 ♥ 86  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ J109876

♠ Q942  
 ♥ KJ10  
 ♦ 7654  
 ♣ 53

♠ KJ  
 ♥ Q975  
 ♦ J10983  
 ♣ 42

♠ A1083  
 ♥ A432  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ AKQ

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

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**ESTABLISH WINNERS**

**DJ LEAD**

Ignore your aces until you have set up 2 spade winners.

♠ 985  
 ♥ 1076  
 ♦ 764  
 ♣ AK43

♠ 10642  
 ♥ Q84  
 ♦ J10982  
 ♣ 9

♠ A73  
 ♥ K35  
 ♦ K3  
 ♣ 108765

♠ KQJ  
 ♥ AJ92  
 ♦ AQ5  
 ♣ QJ2

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

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**SET UP WINNERS**

**HJ LEAD**

Drive out SA & SK to establish 2 spade winners

♠ 9562  
 ♥ K84  
 ♦ A53  
 ♣ A52

♠ K743  
 ♥ 762  
 ♦ J10  
 ♣ Q1043

♠ A8  
 ♥ J1095  
 ♦ Q987  
 ♣ J97

♠ QJ10  
 ♥ AQ3  
 ♦ K642  
 ♣ K86

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

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**TRUMP MANAGEMENT**

**QH LEAD**

With 10 winners draw trumps immediately

♠ AQ75  
 ♥ A64  
 ♦ 1096  
 ♣ K84

♠ 9  
 ♥ QJ10832  
 ♦ A87  
 ♣ 653

♠ 1086  
 ♥ K  
 ♦ KJ5432  
 ♣ 1097

♠ KJ432  
 ♥ 975  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ AQJ2

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

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**TRUMP MANAGEMENT**

**QH LEAD**

4 losers.

Get rid of one loser BEFORE drawing trumps

Throw H2 on CQ!

♠ Q1098  
 ♥ 875  
 ♦ K6  
 ♣ KQ92

♠ 6  
 ♥ K43  
 ♦ A10973  
 ♣ 10763

♠ A72  
 ♥ QJ96  
 ♦ J42  
 ♣ J84

♠ KJ543  
 ♥ A102  
 ♦ Q85  
 ♣ A5

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	

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**TRUMP MANAGEMENT**

**DQ LEAD**

4 fast losers

Throw losing diamond on HQ before drawing trumps

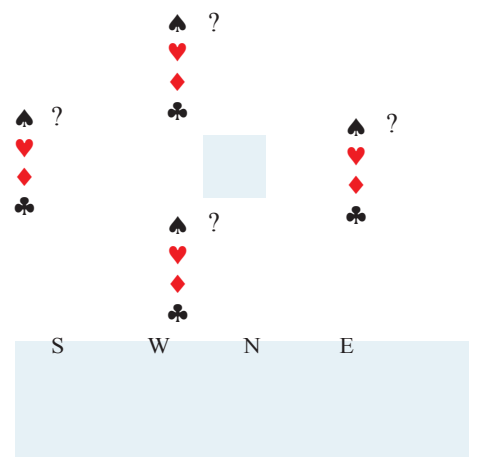
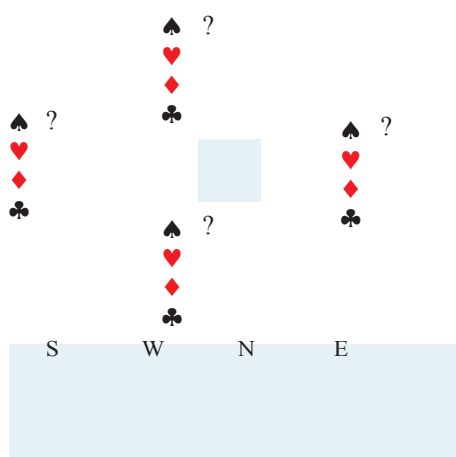
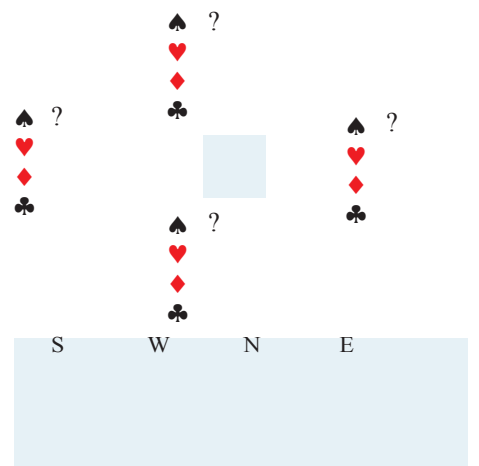
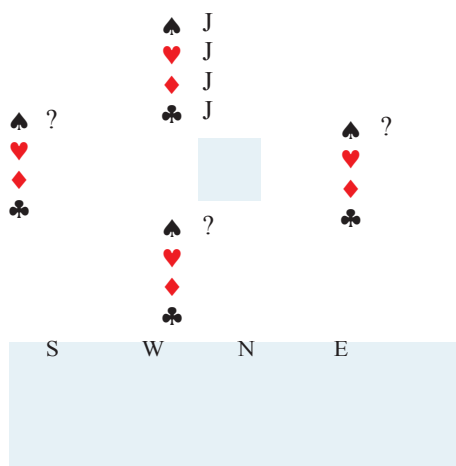
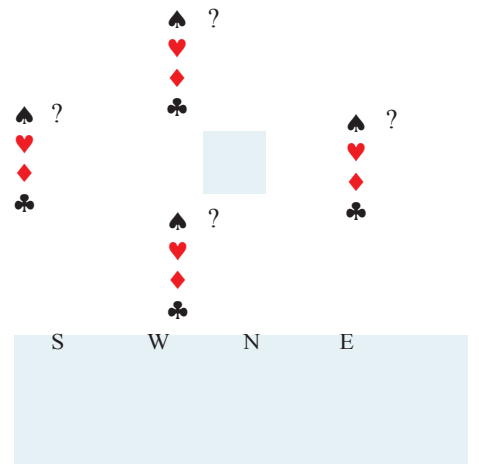
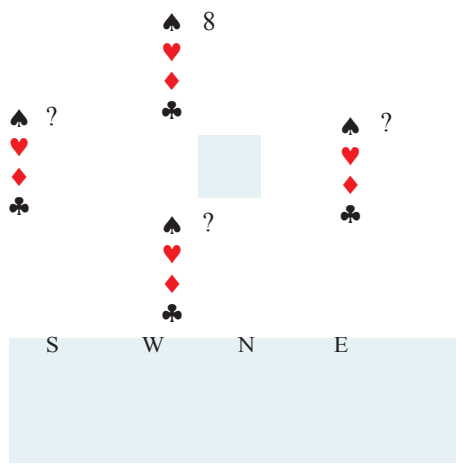
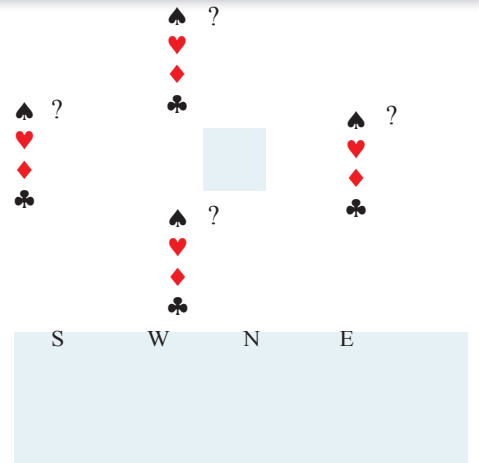
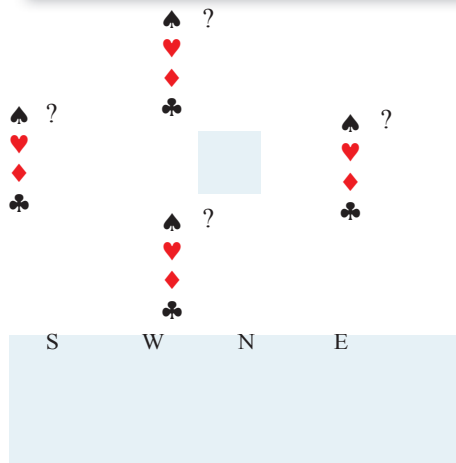
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 ♣ Q74

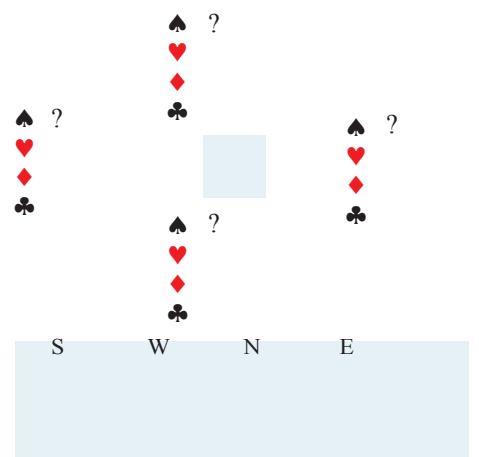
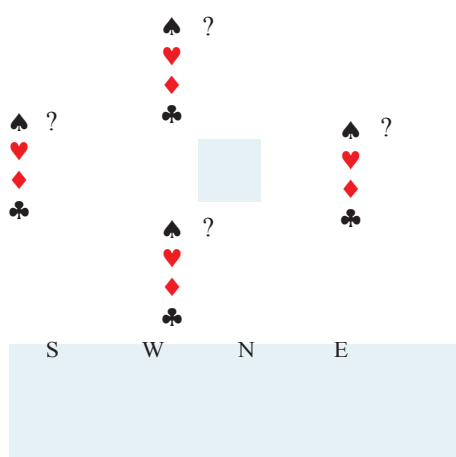
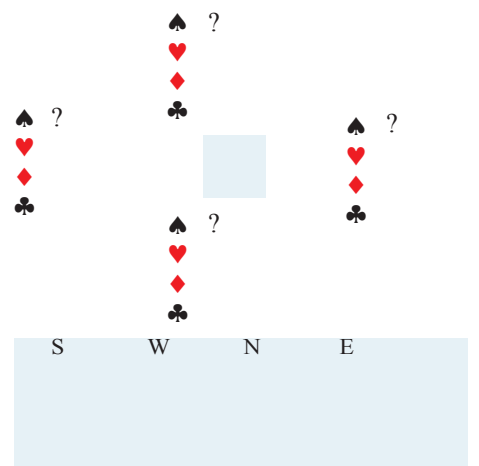
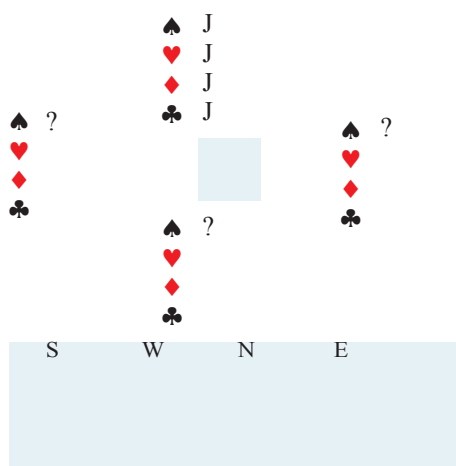
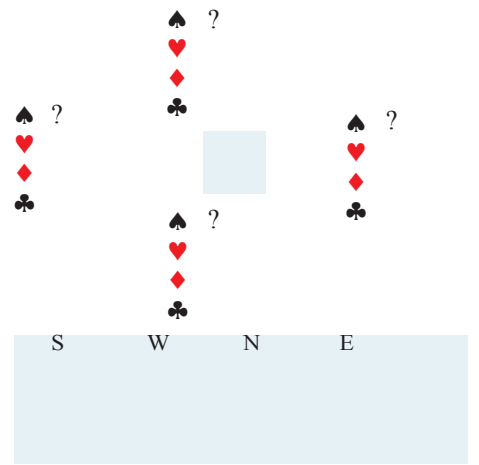
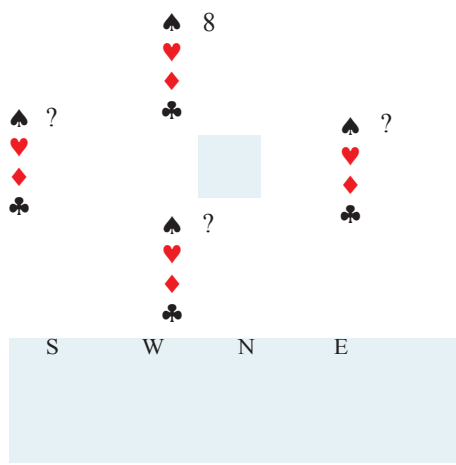
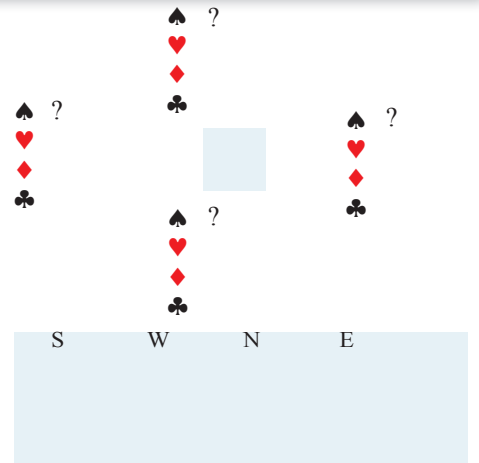
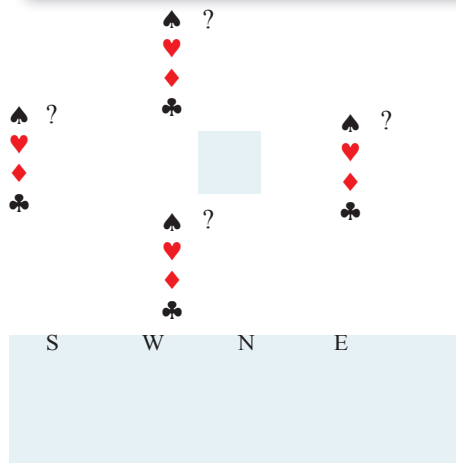
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 ♣ 9532

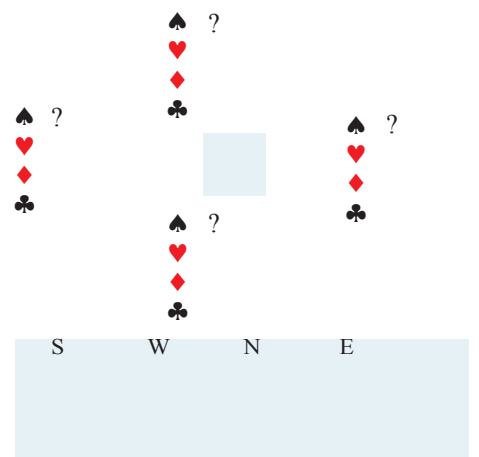
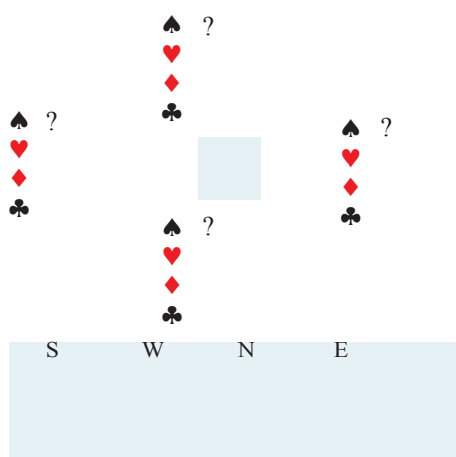
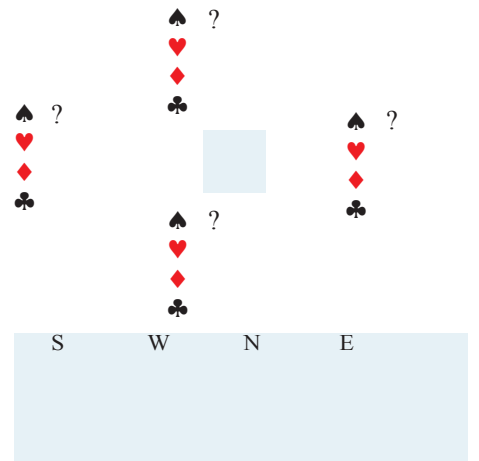
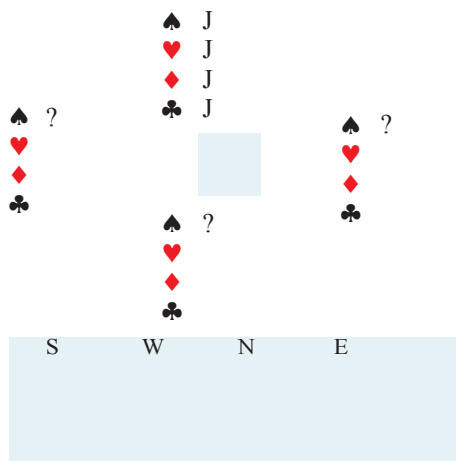
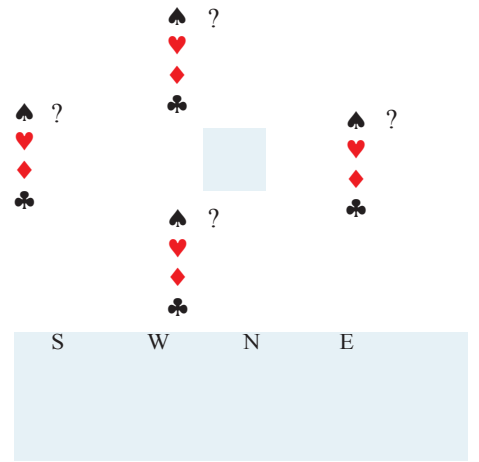
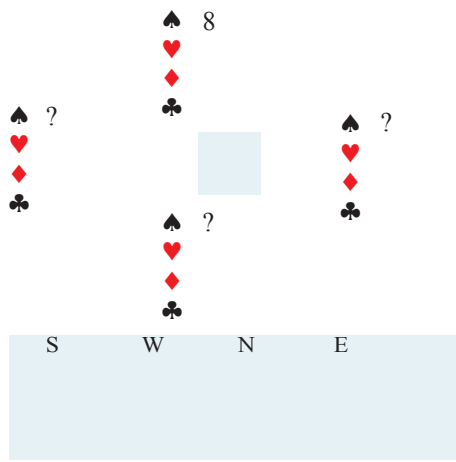
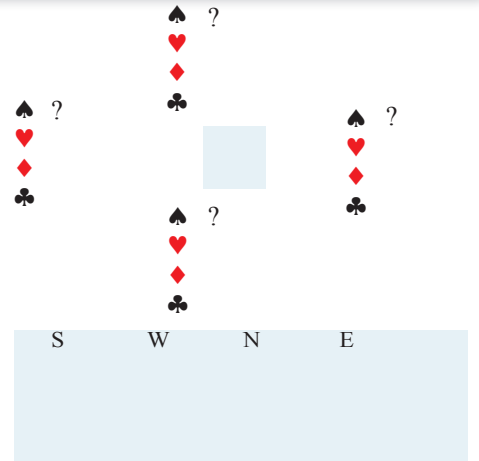
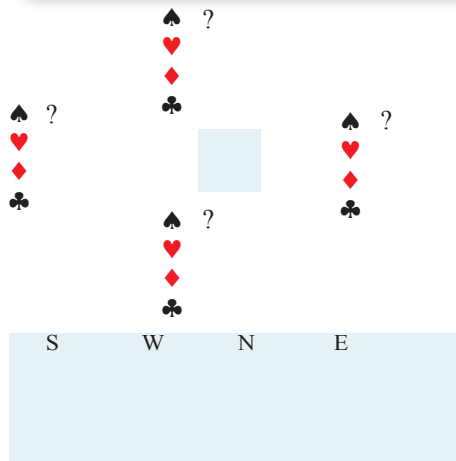
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 ♦ K74  
 ♣ J108

♠ Q10765  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ 986  
 ♣ AK6

S	W	N	E
1S	P	4S	







# TRUMP PROMOTION

♠ QJ1063	♠ 52	♠ AK74
♥ 6	♥ AQ42	♥ J103
♦ 9842	♦ KQ1053	♦ A
♣ K92	♣ A10	♣ 87654
	♠ 98	
	♥ K9875	
	♦ J76	
	♣ QJ3	

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

**Defence take 4 tricks QS LEAD Overtake with AS. AD then a low spade to JS Low diamond ruffed !**

**When south rebids 2D to show 5/4 north can bid 4S with three card support and 12 pts.**

**HJ Lead sets the contract if east plays back the 4th heart for a trump promotion.**

♠ Q4	♠ J97	♠ 1065
♥ J108	♥ Q72	♥ AK93
♦ 86542	♦ A3	♦ Q7
♣ 842	♣ KQ963	♣ J1075
	♠ AK832	
	♥ 654	
	♦ KJ109	
	♣ A	

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

♠ A432	♠ 875	♠ 6
♥ 76	♥ KJ85	♥ 9432
♦ KQJ93	♦ 62	♦ A8754
♣ 82	♣ AKQ3	♣ 954
	♠ KQJ109	
	♥ AQ10	
	♦ 10	
	♣ J1076	

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

**Forcing defence Leading long suit holding off trumps until 3rd round and a diamond forces declarer to ruf**

**BOTH MAJORS**

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

S	W	N	E
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**BOTH MAJORS**

**GOOD 5/3 FIT AND PTS.**

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

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

S	W	N	E
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**TRUST PARTNER**

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

S	W	N	E
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# COUNT SIGNALS done 1-8 Orange

♠ K10987  
♥ 543  
♦ KQ  
♣ 632

♠ 643  
♥ Q107  
♦ 109875  
♣ 104

♠ QJ  
♥ AK62  
♦ J64  
♣ AKQ9

♠ A52  
♥ J98  
♦ A32  
♣ J875

**COUNT**  
**♦10 LEAD**

East wins ♦A and returns ♦3. North now leads ♠7 which east ducks. West's gives count with ♠3. East must win the 2nd round of spades.  
*Even the bidding tells you declarer only had 2 spades*

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

**COUNT**  
**♠J LEAD**

East wins ♠K & returns ♠2. North wins ♠A and leads ♦K. East ducks and west gives count with ♦9. showing two. So declarer had three! East must duck twice.

♠ A4  
♥ 732  
♦ KQJ105  
♣ 863

♠ J1096  
♥ Q1085  
♦ 92  
♣ A107

♠ Q83  
♥ AK96  
♦ 843  
♣ KQJ

♠ K752  
♥ J4  
♦ A76  
♣ 9542

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

♠ 762  
♥ KQJ3  
♦ A5  
♣ 9765

♠ K3  
♥ A94  
♦ 10987  
♣ J1042

♠ AJ10  
♥ 65  
♦ QJ42  
♣ AKQ8

♠ Q9854  
♥ 10872  
♦ K63  
♣ 3

**COUNT**  
**♦10 LEAD**

East wins ♦K and returns ♦6. On ♥K played by north, east starts count signal with ♥8. Then ♥7 West takes 2nd heart and plays ♦9. This keeps declarer to 8 tricks.

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

**COUNT**  
**♦4 LEAD**

East gives count with ♦3 to show an odd number. When on lead again, west leads ♦2 to force ♦A Diamonds are now all winners.

♠ Q10  
♥ KJ542  
♦ QJ9  
♣ Q62

♠ K3  
♥ A96  
♦ K6542  
♣ J84

♠ AJ984  
♥ Q102  
♦ A10  
♣ A103

♠ 765  
♥ 873  
♦ 873  
♣ K975

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

♠ 72  
♥ KQ2  
♦ AKQ76  
♣ 987

♠ KQ1043  
♥ 1093  
♦ 842  
♣ K4

♠ AJ9  
♥ J87  
♦ J95  
♣ AQ52

♠ 865  
♥ A654  
♦ 103  
♣ J1063

**COUNT**  
**♠K LEAD**

On the ♠K lead east gives count. The ♠5 is lowest, signalling an odd holding in the suit - West must not continue When east is on lead the spade is returned.

S	W	N	E
INT	P	3NT	P

**COUNT**  
**♥6 LEAD**

Lead partner's suit. (MUD) When you play ♥8 at trick 2, east should realise that declarer will ruff a 3rd round of hearts. A club switch sets the contract!

♠ 83  
♥ 863  
♦ 8762  
♣ AJ65

♠ AKQJ9754  
♥ 42  
♦ 4  
♣ K10

♠ 6  
♥ AKQ75  
♦ QJ5  
♣ Q942

♠ 102  
♥ J109  
♦ AK1093  
♣ 873

S	W	N	E
1H	4S	P	P

♠ K764  
♥ QJ6  
♦ Q109  
♣ KQ3

♠ AJ102  
♥ 953  
♦ 84  
♣ 7642

♠ Q  
♥ K108742  
♦ A763  
♣ A10

♠ 9853  
♥ A  
♦ KJ52  
♣ J985

**COUNT**  
**♦8 LEAD**

Doubleton leads can work if you have few points. Play the cards - Hi Lo - looking for a ruff, but remember that partner needs HCPs to get in - to give you ruffs.

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

**COUNT**  
**♠A LEAD**

Continue with ♠K East plays ♠9 followed by ♠4 A hi-lo showing a doubleton Continue spades hoping that partner can over-ruff ♠8.

♠ 87  
♥ 9753  
♦ KQJ  
♣ QJ42

♠ AKJ103  
♥ J2  
♦ A63  
♣ 753

♠ Q652  
♥ AKQ64  
♦ 82  
♣ AK

♠ 94  
♥ 108  
♦ 109754  
♣ 10986

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

# OPENING LEADS (NO TRUMPS)

♠ 6542  
♥ 92  
♦ 832  
♣ J843

♠ K93  
♥ K85  
♦ AQ5  
♣ Q652

♠ Q107  
♥ AQ1063  
♦ 764  
♣ A9

♠ AJ8  
♥ J74  
♦ KJ109  
♣ K107

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	P

**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!

♠ 986  
♥ AQJ92  
♦ J32  
♣ 53

♠ A3  
♥ K105  
♦ K96  
♣ Q9762

♠ J742  
♥ 743  
♦ 1085  
♣ K108

♠ KQ105  
♥ 86  
♦ AQ74  
♣ AJ4

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

♠ QJ1072  
♥ Q62  
♦ K7  
♣ 962

♠ K93  
♥ K7A432  
♦ J853  
♣

♠ A64  
♥ J10854  
♦ 1085  
♣ 74

♠ 85  
♥ A93  
♦ QJ96  
♣ AKQ10

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

**LEAD SQ**

**TOP OF SEQUENCE**

Notice how leading 4th highest would be wrong!

♠ J106  
♥ AJ82  
♦ A872  
♣ 53

♠ AK98  
♥ KQ76  
♦ Q54  
♣ J2

♠ 7542  
♥ 9543  
♦ KJ9  
♣ 64

♠ Q3  
♥ 10  
♦ 1063  
♣ AKQ10987

3NT by south

S	W	N	E
3NT			

**AGAINST GAMBLING 3NT. DA LEAD**

West must lead an ace. Easy if start with DA then low to DJ & DK. Then low heart from east. Only hope after HA is a low diamond

♠ QJ1075  
♥ QJ7  
♦ QJ6  
♣ 108

♠ K42  
♥ K102  
♦ 875  
♣ AK76

♠ A86  
♥ 863  
♦ 1093  
♣ J943

♠ 93  
♥ A954  
♦ AK42  
♣ Q52

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**TOP OF SEQUENCE 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.

♠ 973  
♥ AQ4  
♦ KQ2  
♣ K752

♠ AQ2  
♥ 965  
♦ J1085  
♣ A98

♠ 10864  
♥ J82  
♦ 643  
♣ J64

♠ KJ5  
♥ K1073  
♦ A97  
♣ Q103

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

**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.

♠ K83  
♥ 86  
♦ AJ1082  
♣ 765

♠ QJ54  
♥ Q102  
♦ 764  
♣ KJ2

♠ 1092  
♥ AJ543  
♦ 53  
♣ A43

♠ A76  
♥ K97  
♦ KQ9  
♣ Q1098

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

**NOT 4TH HIGHEST**

**DJ LEAD**

When declarer leads to CJ east wins and returns a diamond. Defence now take 7 tricks

♠ 974  
♥ KQ1032  
♦ Q52  
♣ 74

♠ A2  
♥ 964  
♦ K86  
♣ KJ965

♠ J10865  
♥ A5  
♦ J10973  
♣ 2

♠ KQ3  
♥ J87  
♦ A4  
♣ AQ1083

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

**OVERTAKE**

**HK LEAD**

East overtakes and returns H5. If E/W played inverted minor raises it would be 1C - 2C (showing 10 ish pts. and a good raise to 3C.

# OPENING LEADS (SUIT CONTRACTS)

**CA LEAD**

**Better than risky D9. East follows with C8 and C4 on CK. West sees the hi-lo and gives a ruff.**

**Declarer should throw CQ at trick 1.**

♠ AK75  
♥ KQ98  
♦ 32  
♣ J75

♠ 82  
♥ J753  
♦ A10754  
♣ 84

♠ Q3  
♥ 10642  
♦ 98  
♣ AK962

♠ J10964  
♥ A  
♦ KQJ6  
♣ Q103

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

**PARTNER'S SUIT.**

**H6 LEAD**

Lead partner's suit. MUD

When you play H8 at trick 2. East should realise that declarer will ruff a 3rd round. Club switch required.

♠ 102  
♥ J109  
♦ AK1093  
♣ 873

♠ 83  
♥ 863  
♦ 8762  
♣ AJ65

♠ 6  
♥ AKQ75  
♦ QJ5  
♣ Q942

♠ AKQJ9754  
♥ 42  
♦ 4  
♣ K10

E	S	W	N
1H	4S		

**AGAINST GAMBLING 3NT. DA LEAD**

**West must lead an ace. Easy if start with DA then low to DJ & DK. Then low heart from east. Only hope after HA is a low diamond**

♠ AK98  
♥ KQ76  
♦ Q54  
♣ 72

♠ 7542  
♥ 9543  
♦ KJ9  
♣ 64

♠ J106  
♥ AJ82  
♦ A872  
♣ 53

♠ Q3  
♥ 10  
♦ 1063  
♣ AKQJ1098

3NT by south

S	W	N	E
3NT			

**DOUBLETON ACE-KING CK LEAD**

**CK lead then CA. On king east starts count. On CA east gives McKenney signal. C4. West switches to diamond and east gives club ruff.**

♠ AJ10  
♥ Q92  
♦ KJ86  
♣ Q32

♠ 9862  
♥ 5  
♦ Q109542  
♣ AK

♠ KQ743  
♥ 876  
♦ A  
♣ 9874

♠ 5  
♥ AKJ1043  
♦ 73  
♣ J1065

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

**WHEN TO LEAD TRUMPS D7 LEAD**

**Generally - with three rags. Especially - when you have declarer's other suit.**

♠ 3  
♥ QJ754  
♦ K63  
♣ J1043

♠ 652  
♥ K10962  
♦ 98  
♣ AQ7

♠ AQ108  
♥ 83  
♦ 754  
♣ K965

♠ KJ974  
♥ A  
♦ AQJ102  
♣ 82

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

**WHEN TO LEAD TRUMPS H6 LEAD**

**When you hold declarer's 2nd suit.**

♠ 3  
♥ AQJ8  
♦ 63  
♣ AJ8743

♠ AJ108  
♥ 632  
♦ QJ74  
♣ 65

♠ 652  
♥ 54  
♦ K985  
♣ KQ109

♠ KQ974  
♥ K1097  
♦ A102  
♣ 2

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

**PARTNER'S SUIT. H5 LEAD**

**Low from an honour. (3 or 4)**

**Not highest of partner's suit!**

**HJ from east at trick 2 suggests diamond switch**

♠ QJ654  
♥ 42  
♦ K6  
♣ AJ97

♠ 73  
♥ AJ1096  
♦ AQJ3  
♣ 84

♠ 10  
♥ K75  
♦ 10875  
♣ 106532

♠ AK982  
♥ Q83  
♦ 942  
♣ KQ

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

**TRUMP LEAD H7 LEAD**

**Tough choice, but trump lead is needed to set this contract.**

**Even SK doesn't work here. CQ at trick 2 will give declarer a ruff for the 10th trick.**

♠ KQ109  
♥ 76  
♦ 874  
♣ A1093

♠ A7632  
♥ 94  
♦ Q932  
♣ Q2

♠ J8  
♥ 853  
♦ AJ106  
♣ J864

♠ 54  
♥ AKQJ102  
♦ K5  
♣ K75

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

# KING LEADS AGAINST NT CONTRACTS

♠ A73  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ 843  
 ♣ KQJ72  
  
 ♠ KQ1054  
 ♥ K9  
 ♦ 9752  
 ♣ 95  
  
 ♠ J6  
 ♥ AQJ10  
 ♦ AKQ6  
 ♣ 1064

S	W	N	E
1H	P	2C	P
3NT = 17+ with only four hearts!			

**KING LEADS**  
 East plays S2 showing three. So west can continue with SK dropping SJ  
 Now, as long as east holds up CA on west's doubleton count signal, declarer only makes 8 tricks.

**KING LEADS**  
 Cue bid is strong but denies 4 hearts.  
 South ducks. West is not aware of the 'Bath Coup' & continues SQ. South makes 11 tricks!  
 HA switch is best.

♠ 7  
 ♥ K92  
 ♦ AKJ763  
 ♣ AK9  
  
 ♠ KQ1043  
 ♥ AJ10  
 ♦ Q104  
 ♣ QJ  
  
 ♠ 865  
 ♥ Q543  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ 7532  
  
 ♠ AJ92  
 ♥ 876  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ 10864

W	N	E	S
1S	2S	P	2NT
P	3NT		
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♠ AJ962  
 ♥ 98  
 ♦ A103  
 ♣ J42  
  
 ♠ 8753  
 ♥ KQ102  
 ♦ Q4  
 ♣ 875  
  
 ♠ Q10  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ J875  
 ♣ AKQ63

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

**KING LEADS**  
 East can still throw HJ enabling west to continue with HQ. West must obviously unblock H10 when suit is played again.

**KING LEADS CREATIVE**  
 This lead by a good player is the exception that proves the rule. It worked well. East can still throw HJ.  
 Declarer ducks twice and then finesses DQ.

♠ K3  
 ♥ 102  
 ♦ AQ875  
 ♣ QJ54  
  
 ♠ Q9862  
 ♥ KQ9  
 ♦ J943  
 ♣ 3  
  
 ♠ J7  
 ♥ J7654  
 ♦ K10  
 ♣ 10976  
  
 ♠ A1054  
 ♥ A83  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ AK82

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2D	P
2NT	P	3NT	
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♠ 965  
 ♥ KQJ  
 ♦ AQ54  
 ♣ Q85  
  
 ♠ AKJ103  
 ♥ 862  
 ♦ 96  
 ♣ 742  
  
 ♠ Q7  
 ♥ A97  
 ♦ KJ32  
 ♣ A1063

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

**KING LEADS**  
 A less obvious hand where the lead of a king is correct.  
 D2 from east is the count signal that west need to run the suit!

**KING LEADS**  
 HK lead. East plays H8  
 Spade switch is safe.  
 IF declarer plays clubs now, contract makes.  
 IF diamonds, contract is off on east's spade return.

♠ KQ6  
 ♥ 75  
 ♦ QJ87  
 ♣ KQ8  
  
 ♠ 843  
 ♥ KQJ96  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ A73  
  
 ♠ 1075  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ A953  
 ♣ J1096  
  
 ♠ AJ92  
 ♥ A1043  
 ♦ K104  
 ♣ 542

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ KQ105  
 ♥ J87  
 ♦ AKQ7  
 ♣ 108  
  
 ♠ 732  
 ♥ 543  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ AKJ65  
  
 ♠ J8  
 ♥ AKQ10  
 ♦ J432  
 ♣ Q94

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**KING LEADS**  
 East's C2 shows three and a switch is needed.  
 Declarer needs spades, so east wins SA and plays back C7 to beat the contract.  
 3NT -2

**KING LEADS OVERTAKE**  
 HK LEAD  
 East overtakes and returns H5.  
 If E/W played inverted minor raises it would be 1C - 2C (showing 10 ish pts. and a good raise to 3C.

♠ A2  
 ♥ 964  
 ♦ K86  
 ♣ KJ965  
  
 ♠ 974  
 ♥ KQ1032  
 ♦ Q52  
 ♣ 74  
  
 ♠ J10865  
 ♥ A5  
 ♦ J10973  
 ♣ 2  
  
 ♠ KQ3  
 ♥ J87  
 ♦ A4  
 ♣ AQ1083

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

# COVER AN HONOUR WITH AN HONOUR 1.

♠ AK2	♦ Q86	♦ A96	♣ KJ97
♠ Q1064	♥ 1053	♦ QJ104	♣ 85
♠ 975	♥ K972	♦ 83	♣ Q1064
♠ J83	♥ AJ4	♦ K752	♣ A32

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

**♦Q LEAD**

Only 7 top tricks despite having 30 HCPs.

East must cover ♥Q.

West must cover ♠J

**♣K LEAD**

If declarer leads ♦Q, west must cover!

East must cover ♥J - BUT, if declarer leads ♠Q, east must NOT COVER. (With 4 spades ♠K cannot be captured).

♠ 94	♥ 10953	♦ K52	♣ KQ108
♠ QJ	♥ J762	♦ AJ43	♣ J92
♠ K865	♥ Q8	♦ 1086	♣ 7653
♠ A10732	♥ AK4	♦ Q97	♣ A4

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

♠ A98	♥ Q97	♦ QJ1098	♣ 63
♠ KQJ4	♥ J1062	♦ 643	♣ K2
♠ 652	♥ K54	♦ K52	♣ 8754
♠ 1073	♥ A83	♦ A7	♣ AQJ109

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

**♠K LEAD**

Declarer ducks one round then leads ♦Q.

East must NOT cover. (Touching honours).

**♣7 LEAD**

If dummy leads ♠10, east must cover!

If declarer leads ♥J west must cover!

♠ 84	♥ K93	♦ Q10874	♣ KJ3
♠ 1053	♥ AQ8	♦ AK53	♣ 976
♠ K976	♥ 10652	♦ J	♣ Q852
♠ AQJ2	♥ J74	♦ 962	♣ A104

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ 1076	♥ J5	♦ A86	♣ 86542
♠ AJ5	♥ 1094	♦ K92	♣ QJ103
♠ 8432	♥ K32	♦ 1043	♣ AK7
♠ KQ9	♥ AQ876	♦ QJ73	♣ 9

S	W	N	E
1H	P	P	P

**♣Q LEAD.**

2nd club ruffed

West must COVER ♦Q at trick 3.

East must COVER ♥J at trick 4.

**♥7 LEAD**

East should not cover ♦Q at trick 6 BUT - if ♦J is then led, east must cover with ♦K.

(Don't cover touching honours).

♠ 9532	♥ A1097	♦ 1086	♣ J9
♠ AQJ	♥ 6532	♦ QJ9	♣ K74
♠ 864	♥ K87	♦ K54	♣ Q1085
♠ K104	♥ QJ	♦ A732	♣ A632

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	3NT	

♠ AJ94	♥ J76	♦ Q32	♣ A86
♠ 2	♥ 9853	♦ 98654	♣ Q102
♠ Q53	♥ Q102	♦ AKJ7	♣ J74
♠ K10876	♥ AK4	♦ 10	♣ K953

S	W	N	E
2S	P	3S	INT
P	p		P

**♦6 LEAD**

Declarer ruffs 2nd diamond. & leads to ♣A. Then leads ♠J.

Duck SMOOTHLY.

Declarer is fishing for the queen!

**♣Q? LEAD**

Declarer ducks. Won by east.

♦J led to ♦A. ♠6 led to ♠A. ♠J returned.

East must NOT cover.

(♠Q can never be captured)

♠ 842	♥ 1094	♦ 65	♣ QJ1053
♠ AJ	♥ AJ7	♦ 432	♣ K7642
♠ Q753	♥ KQ3	♦ J10987	♣ A
♠ K1096	♥ 8652	♦ AKQ	♣ 98

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

# COVER AN HONOUR WITH AN HONOUR 2.

♠ 964 ♥ K843 ♦ A95 ♣ KJ5	♠ KQJ72 ♥ A76 ♦ 1032 ♣ 87  ♠ A1053 ♥ QJ10 ♦ KJ8 ♣ Q62	♠ 8 ♥ 952 ♦ Q74 ♣ A10943	
S 1NT 3S	W P P	N 2H 4S	E P
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**10 IS AN HONOUR**

**S6 LEAD.**

**Trumps drawn and successful heart finesse.**

**D10 lead from table. East should cover!**

**SK LEAD**

**Won by declarer. C10 to CA. HJ led. East MUST cover, setting up a trick for partner with H10. Declarer loses SK, SJ, H10 & DQ**

♠ KQ10 ♥ 1043 ♦ K1042 ♣ K52	♠ 873 ♥ J7 ♦ J87 ♣ AJ964  ♠ A542 ♥ AQ9652 ♦ A5 ♣ 10	♠ J96 ♥ K8 ♦ Q963 ♣ Q873	
W 1NT	N 2C	E P	S 4H
<b>Gazette Cups 08</b>			

♠ 107 ♥ 10532 ♦ 9642 ♣ Q64	♠ Q963 ♥ AK9 ♦ AK108 ♣ 85  ♠ 5 ♥ 876 ♦ Q53 ♣ AK10732	♠ AKJ842 ♥ QJ4 ♦ J7 ♣ J9	
N 1S 2NT	E P P	S 1NT 3NT	W P
<b>Brunton 02 / 08</b>			

**AS DECLARER**

**D6 LEAD. to DJ and DQ**

**When south tries the doomed club finesse, west switches to S10. IF it's covered - all is well!**

**C10 LEAD**

**Three clubs cashed & HA**

**Declarer wins HK, and leads SJ.**

**West MUST cover this!**

♠ K72 ♥ 983 ♦ 109753 ♣ 105	♠ AQ943 ♥ 74 ♦ 2 ♣ 87642  ♠ J8 ♥ KJ105 ♦ AKJ6 ♣ J93	♠ 1065 ♥ AQ62 ♦ Q84 ♣ AKQ	
S 1NT 2S P	W P P 3D	N 2H P 3S	E X X
<b>Brunton 02 / 08</b>			

♠ Q52 ♥ AK864 ♦ 82 ♣ 843	♠ A1083 ♥ J3 ♦ KJ105 ♣ K65  ♠ KJ97 ♥ Q92 ♦ AQ43 ♣ Q9	♠ 64 ♥ 1075 ♦ 976 ♣ AJ1072	
S 1NT 2S 4S	W P P	N 2C 3S	E P P
<b>DECLARER IS FISHING!</b>			

**After cashing HA & HK, east plays H5 & H7 (showing 3) West switches to D8, won by south's DA.**

**Now SJ is led. Play S5 as smooth as silk**

**CLUBS-NO HEARTS-YES**

**D6 lead DQ wins CQ is next. Don't cover. Declarer cannot catch your CK**

**- West must cover HQ. On best defence, only 7 tricks are possible for south.**

♠ J62 ♥ K52 ♦ A10863 ♣ 96	♠ A8753 ♥ AJ43 ♦ Q5 ♣ Q3  ♠ Q2 ♥ Q97 ♦ K72 ♣ AJ1085	♠ K109 ♥ 1086 ♦ J94 ♣ K742	
S 1NT 2S 3NT	W P P	N 2H 3H	E P P
<b>DECLARER IS FISHING!</b>			

♠ Q3 ♥ 64 ♦ QJ8653 ♣ K63	♠ 10986 ♥ 7 ♦ K4 ♣ AJ8742  ♠ AK5 ♥ AKQ85 ♦ A1072 ♣ 9	♠ J742 ♥ J10932 ♦ 9 ♣ Q105	
S 2NT 3H	W P P	N 3C 3NT	E P
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**CAN IT GAIN?**

**D6 LEAD**

**Declarer has only 8 tricks until east covers S10 with SJ.**

**Don't cover touching honours!**

These are a bit complicated

# MCKENNEY SIGNALS

<p>♠ AK ♥ 8642 ♦ QJ3 ♣ 10987</p>	<p>♠ 106432 ♥ K7 ♦ K7 ♣ AQ52</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ AQ1053 ♦ 9854 ♣ 643</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♣10 LEAD</b></p> <p>East plays ♣3. Won with ♣K. (false carding) ♠5 to west's ♠K.</p> <p>West returns ♣9, ♣5 - ♣6 - ♣J. A 2nd spade is led and east discards ♦9 "Please switch to hearts".</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT*	p
4S		*2NT Jacoby	

*Declarer can make this by immediately ditching H9 on CA*

<p>♠ 76 ♥ AK9874 ♦ 86 ♣ 962</p>	<p>♠ Q1082 ♥ QJ ♦ AQ43 ♣ QJ8</p>	<p>♠ 43 ♥ 2 ♦ 109752 ♣ AK754</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♥A LEAD</b> <b>THEN ♥K</b></p> <p>♦2 discard on ♥K says "Switch to clubs".</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	2H	4S	

<p>♠ 732 ♥ QJ107 ♦ A65 ♣ A65</p>	<p>♠ Q10965 ♥ A5 ♦ J108 ♣ J108</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ 96432 ♦ KQ92 ♣ 932</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♥Q LEAD</b></p> <p>Declarer wins ♥A and takes 2 rounds of trumps</p> <p>On 2nd trump, East signals with ♥9 to say "Please lead diamonds".</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	P
4S			

**DISCARD**

<p>♠ A2 ♥ 9643 ♦ 984 ♣ 9643</p>	<p>♠ K8 ♥ KJ52 ♦ J732 ♣ KJ2</p>	<p>♠ J10976543 ♥ AQ10 ♦ ♣ 108</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♠A LEAD</b></p> <p>East follows with ♠9.</p> <p>Not to encourage but to ask for a heart switch.</p>
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S	W	N	E
5D		INT	4S

**CONTINUATION  
FUTILE**

<p>♠ A ♥ 1043 ♦ 1073 ♣ KQ7654</p>	<p>♠ QJ976 ♥ KJ2 ♦ KJ2 ♣ J10</p>	<p>♠ 54 ♥ 965 ♦ AQ984 ♣ 932</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♣K LEAD</b></p> <p>East follows with ♣2 (count) to ♠A South leads ♠2 to west's ♠A. On ♣Q east plays ♣3 a suit preference signal. "Lead diamonds"</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	2C	3S	P
4S			

**COUNT 1ST.  
THEN SUIT  
PREFERENCE**

<p>♠ 643 ♥ 97 ♦ AKJ1054 ♣ 97</p>	<p>♠ Q1075 ♥ KJ83 ♦ 7 ♣ KJ83</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ AQ65 ♦ 932 ♣ 106542</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♦A LEAD</b></p> <p>East plays ♦9 Because a continuation would be silly, this is a suit preference signal asking for a heart switch.</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	3D?	4S	

**SINGLETON IN  
DUMMY**

<p>♠ 984 ♥ 4 ♦ 864 ♣ 986543</p>	<p>♠ AKQ5 ♥ 1087 ♦ J10 ♣ AKQ2</p>	<p>♠ 32 ♥ A96532 ♦ 97532 ♣</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♥4 LEAD</b></p> <p>After winning with ♥A, east must return ♥2. (asking for a club return).</p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT*	P
3NT	P	4NT	P
5D	P	6S	*2NT Jacoby

**HEIGHT  
OF CARD  
RETURNED**

<p>♠ J7 ♥ 9653 ♦ K98742 ♣ 9</p>	<p>♠ Q842 ♥ KJ10 ♦ 63 ♣ J854</p>	<p>♠ 10965 ♥ 8 ♦ AQ5 ♣ A10762</p>	<p><b>McK. DISCARD</b> <b>♣9 LEAD</b></p> <p>to east's ♣A. East returns ♣2 asking for a diamond.</p> <p>2 ruffs &amp; 3 top tricks set the contract.</p>
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S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
2NT	P	3H	P

**HEIGHT  
OF CARD  
RETURNED**

4♥ Benji & Puppet Stayman will get to 4♥  
3NT loses the 1st 6 tricks

# MAKING THE SWITCH

♠ AJ98  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ K83  
 ♣ Q982

♠ Q106  
 ♥ AJ  
 ♦ Q974  
 ♣ 10753

♠ K75  
 ♥ KQ10754  
 ♦ J2  
 ♣ A4

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

\* This overbid should be punished

**D3 LEAD,**  
taken with DA.  
East must not simply play back a diamond which sets up a winner for declarer. A club switch is required. If you play back a diamond you provide declarer with a ditch for C4

**SJ LEAD, -**  
South can count 6 diamonds, 1 club and 2 spades, after the lead, so ducks. East MUST switch because east can also count declarer's 9 tricks. Switch to HQ

♠ A65  
 ♥ 76  
 ♦ AKQ832  
 ♣ A4

♠ J10972  
 ♥ A954  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ K97

♠ K3  
 ♥ QJ103  
 ♦ 976  
 ♣ J1053

♠ Q84  
 ♥ K82  
 ♦ J54  
 ♣ Q862

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

♠ 7642  
 ♥ 753  
 ♦ 872  
 ♣ AK5

♠ KQ109  
 ♥ KQ6  
 ♦ QJ4  
 ♣ 1096

♠ AJ  
 ♥ AJ109  
 ♦ 9653  
 ♣ QJ7

♠ 853  
 ♥ 842  
 ♦ AK10  
 ♣ 8432

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

**HAVE A LOOK AT DUMMY! CA LEAD**  
  
**Switch to D7 DQ - DK - D3**  
  
**East returns C3 - C7 - CK**  
  
**West returns D8 - D4 - D10**  
  
**Finally DA**

**DQ LEAD, - 3D HAND HIGH**  
East overtakes DQ and must switch to C9 (up to weakness and hi-lo to show two) West beats souths CJ and returns CA. sees the peter and a ruff sets the contract.

♠ J109  
 ♥ KQ63  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ 6532

♠ Q6  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ QJ10964  
 ♣ AQ87

♠ 875432  
 ♥ 74  
 ♦ A75  
 ♣ 94

♠ AK  
 ♥ A109852  
 ♦ K3  
 ♣ KJ10

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

♠ A107  
 ♥ A3  
 ♦ Q983  
 ♣ J753

♠ 842  
 ♥ Q762  
 ♦ J64  
 ♣ AQ42

♠ K63  
 ♥ KJ9  
 ♦ K1052  
 ♣ K108

♠ QJ952  
 ♥ 10854  
 ♦ A7  
 ♣ 96

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	P	P

**D3 LEAD,**  
East wins DA  
West is known to have 10/11 pts. and when declarer plays D2, you know west started with only four diamonds. Try a spade switch!

**H3 LEAD,**  
**East wins HK**  
If west has 2 clubs and declarer takes a finesse into east's hand, you can set this by four tricks!  
**Switch to C2**

♠ KJ52  
 ♥ 1082  
 ♦ 1082  
 ♣ J104

♠ A86  
 ♥ AJ53  
 ♦ KJ53  
 ♣ 73

♠ 1074  
 ♥ K74  
 ♦ 74  
 ♣ AK852

♠ Q93  
 ♥ Q96  
 ♦ AQ96  
 ♣ Q96

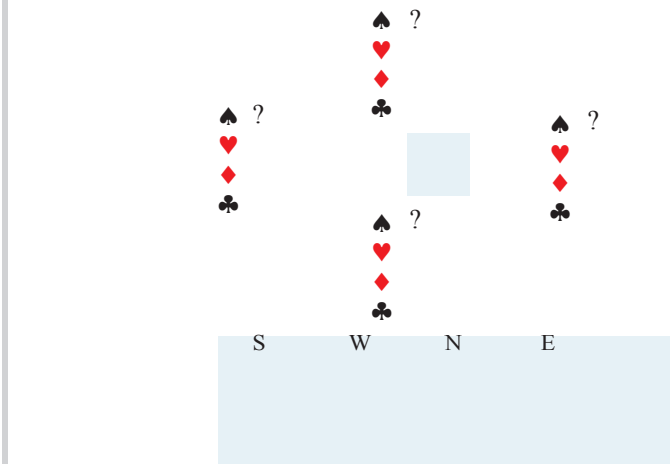
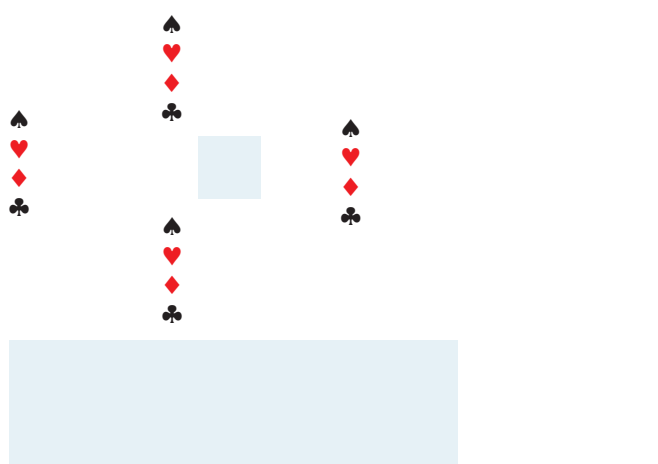
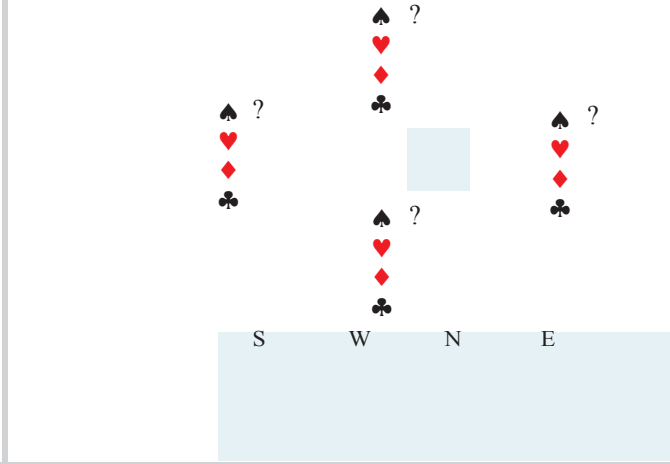
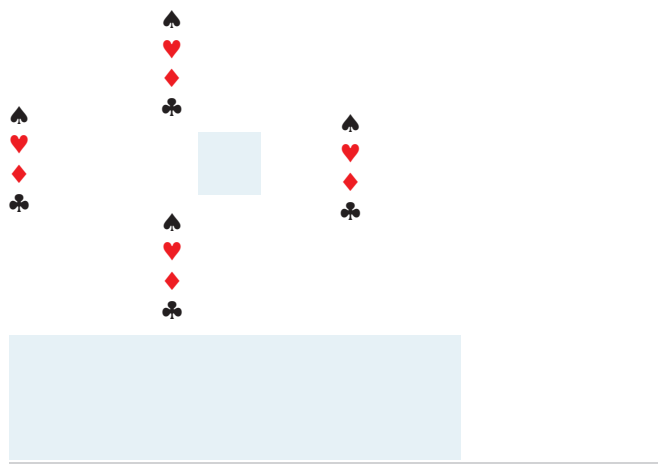
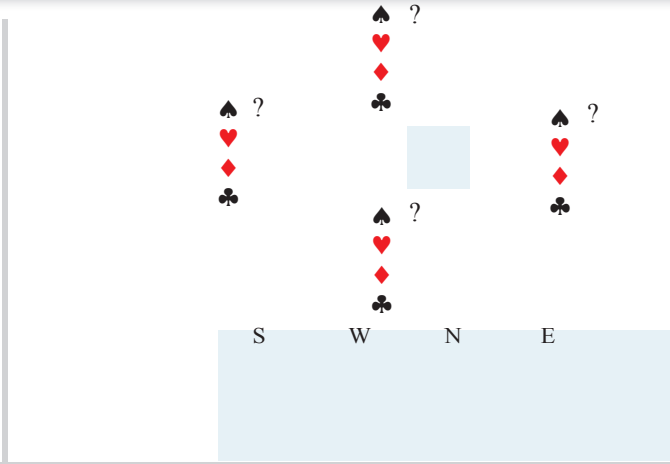
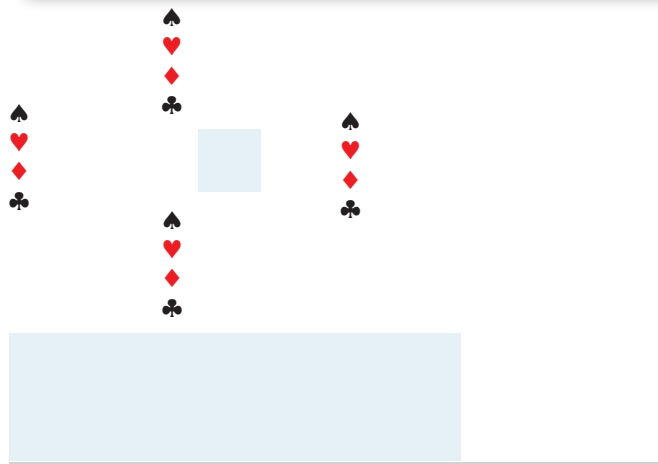
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1NT	P	P	P

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S	W	N	E
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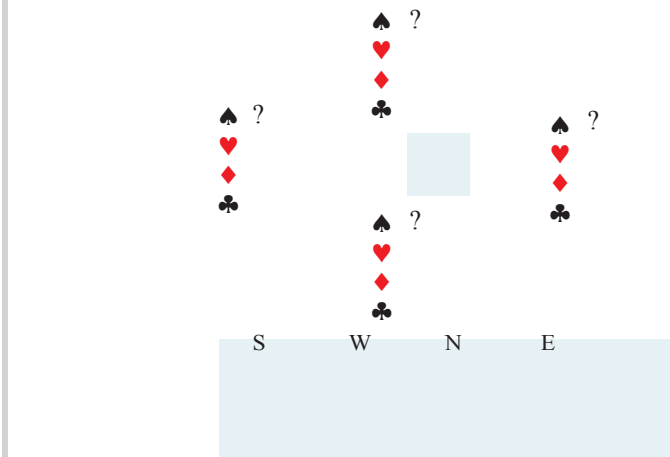
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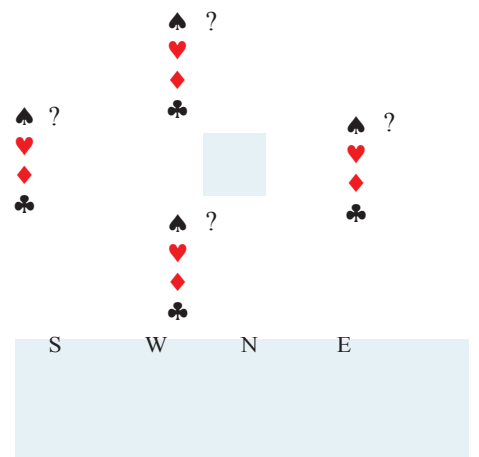
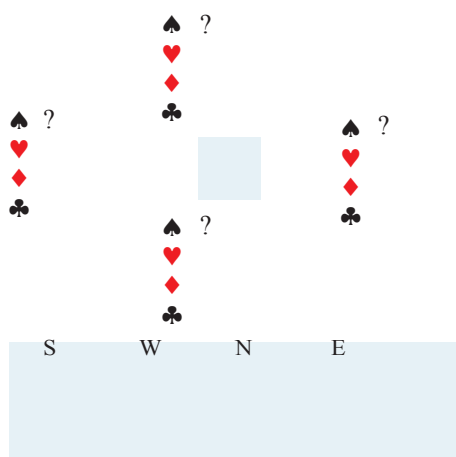
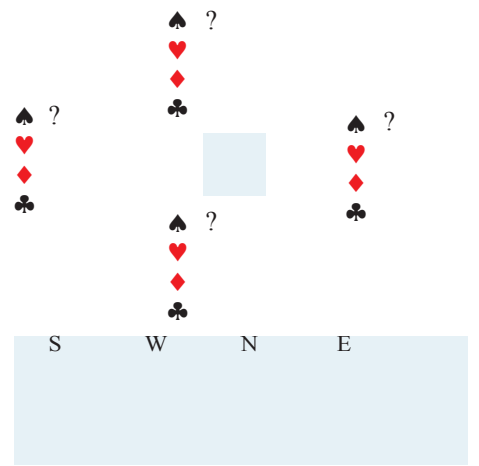
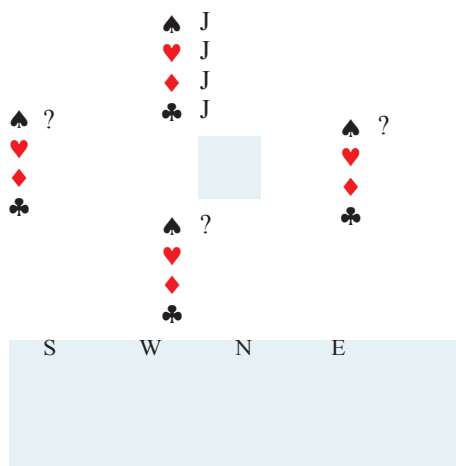
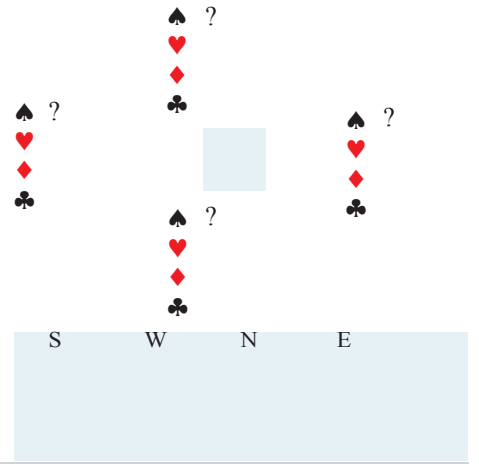
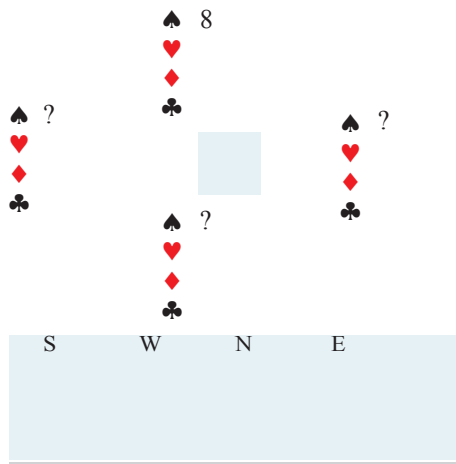
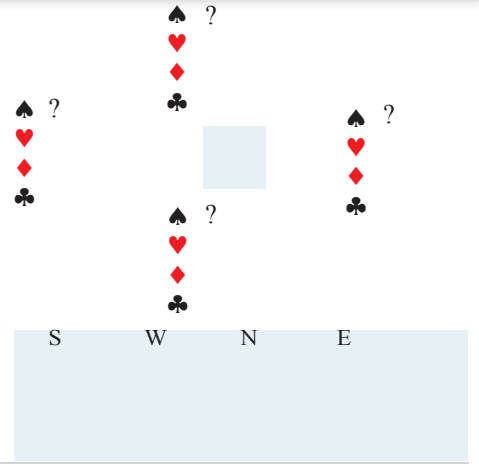
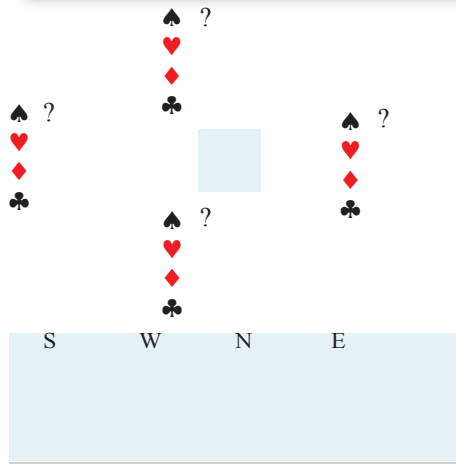


♠ 842	♠ AJ	♠ Q753
♥ KQ4	♥ AJ7	♥ 1093
♦ 65	♦ 432	♦ J10987
♣ QJ1053	♣ K7642	♣ A
	♠ K1096	
	♥ 8652	
	♦ AKQ	
	♣ 98	

S 1NT    W P    N 3NT    E

**DUCK SJ.  
THEY CANNOT  
CATCH SQ  
4TH TRICK**





# DUCKING IN DEFENCE

<p>♠ K43 ♥ 842 ♦ J1097 ♣ 642</p>	<p>♠ 86 ♥ 653 ♦ A42 ♣ J10987</p> <p>♠ AQ102 ♥ AK7 ♦ KQ63 ♣ Q5</p>	<p>♠ J975 ♥ QJ109 ♦ 85 ♣ AK3</p>
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**DJ LEAD**

**Declarer wins and leads CQ.**

**Do you win and return D5 or win and switch to HQ?**

**Neither you must duck!**

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3NT	

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<p>♠ K ♥ A10865 ♦ 976 ♣ KJ94</p>	<p>♠ AJ95 ♥ Q92 ♦ KJ84 ♣ A8</p> <p>♠ Q872 ♥ K74 ♦ A52 ♣ Q53</p>	<p>♠ 10643 ♥ J3 ♦ Q103 ♣ 10762</p>
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**C4 LEAD!**

**(Run to CQ)**

**North's double guarantees four spades.**

**S2 to SA & S5 to S7.**

**D2 to DJ - DQ spade return.**

**H4 foolishly won by west giving south +450**

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

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# PLAYING IN 3RD POSITION

♠ 74  
♥ J1075  
♦ J98  
♣ J764

♠ Q2  
♥ 94  
♦ A104  
♣ AKQ1053

♠ K653  
♥ AK63  
♦ Q762  
♣ 2

**2ND HIGHEST**  
♠7 LEAD

When partner leads your suit and dummy plays low, play the ♠8, not ♠A

Playing ♠A gives declarer 2 spade tricks and a top.

♠ AJ1098  
♥ Q82  
♦ K53  
♣ 98

**THROW QUEEN**

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

♠ K932  
♥ K875  
♦ 109  
♣ 983

♠ 54  
♥ J32  
♦ AK873  
♣ AQ10

♠ AQJ107  
♥ AQ6  
♦ 652  
♣ J7

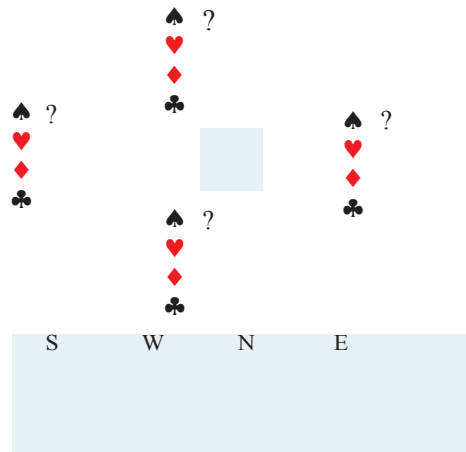
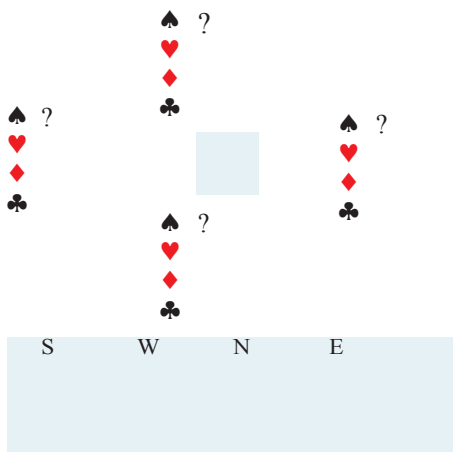
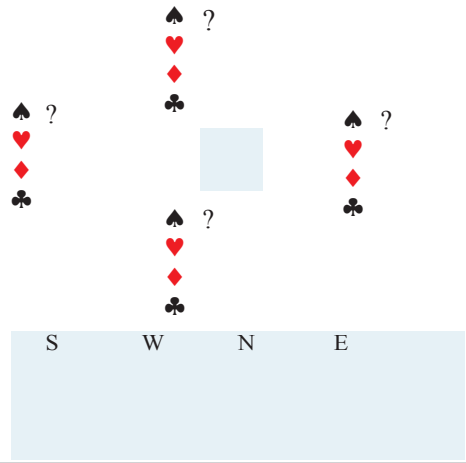
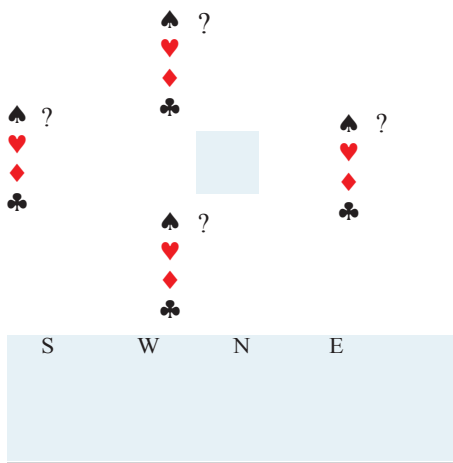
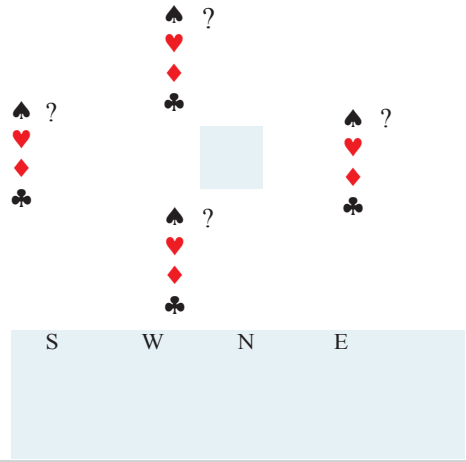
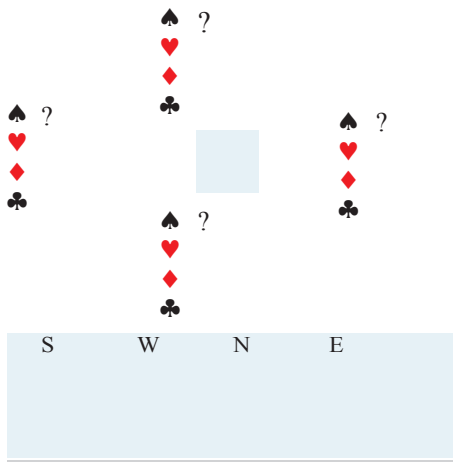
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♣ K6542

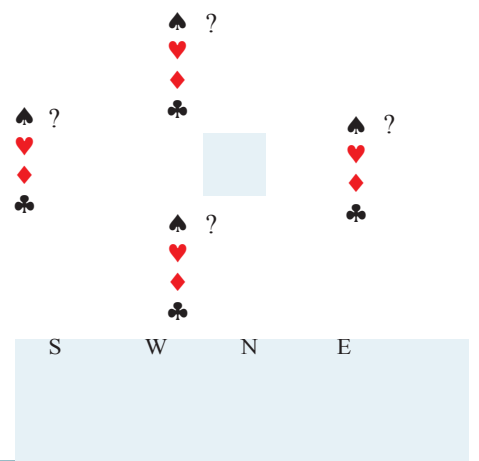
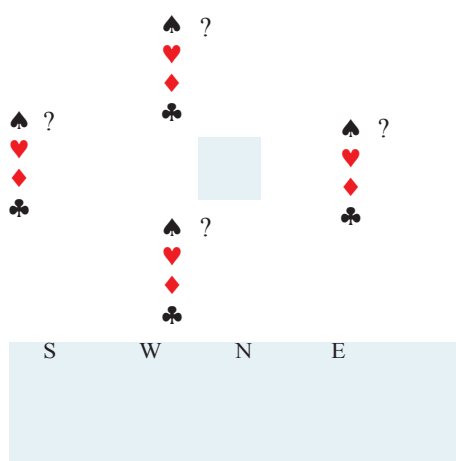
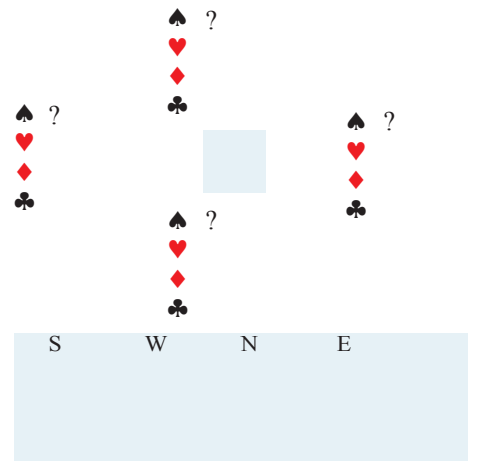
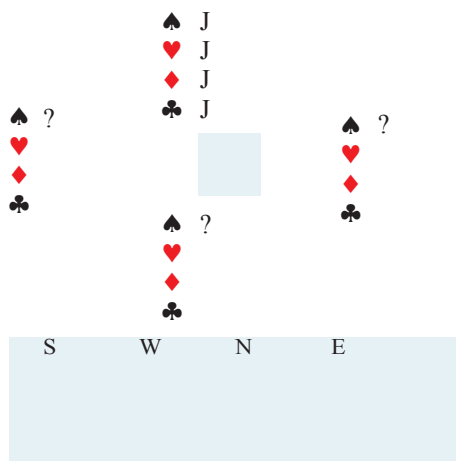
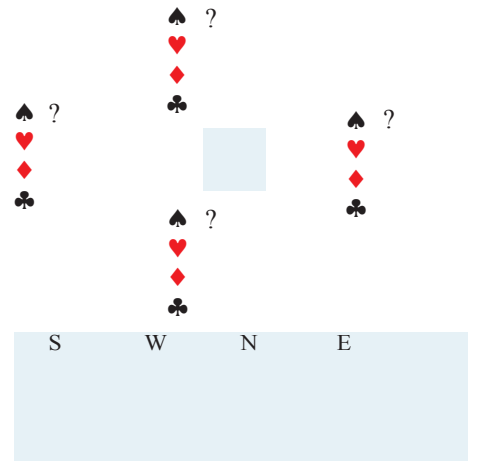
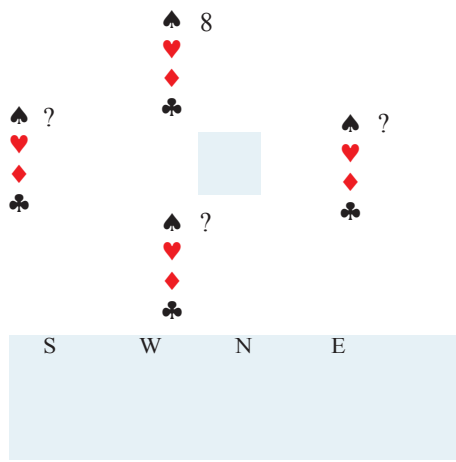
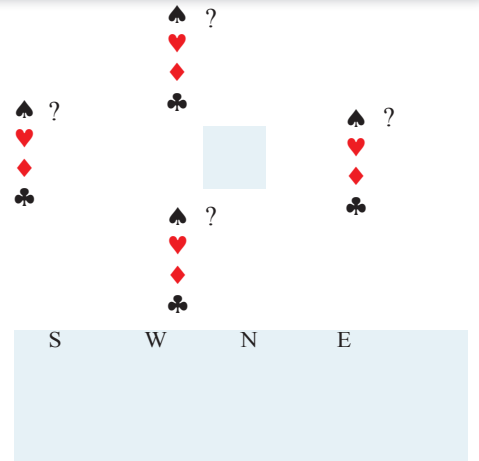
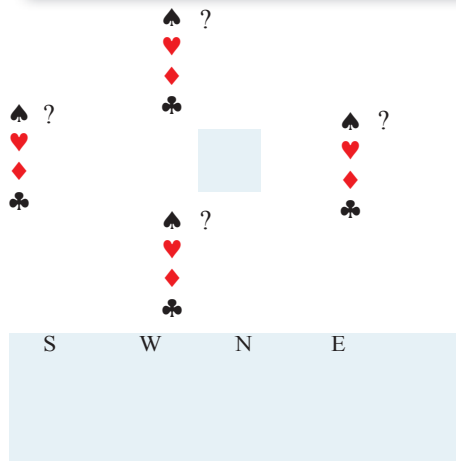
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1C	1S	X	P
2S	P	2NT	P
3NT			

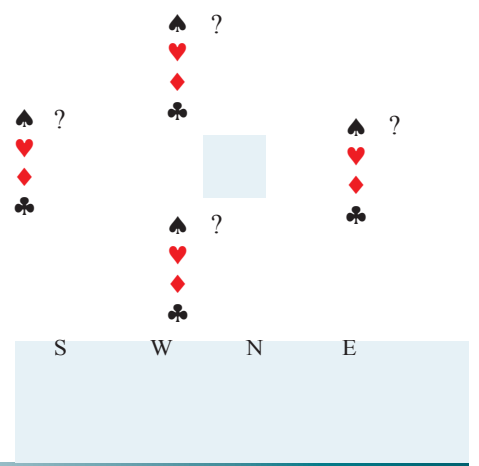
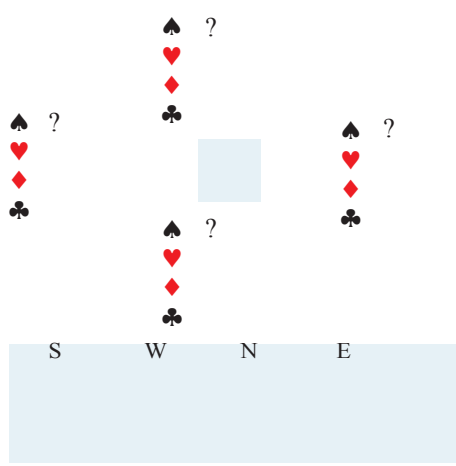
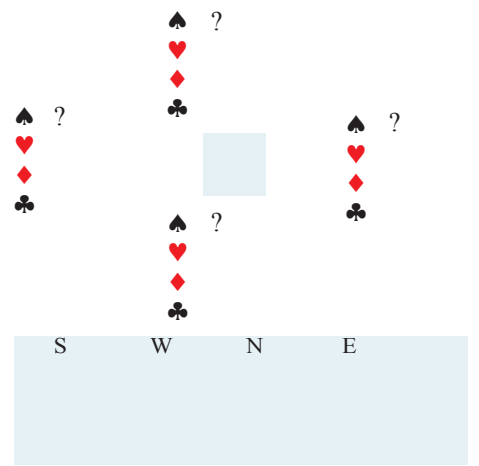
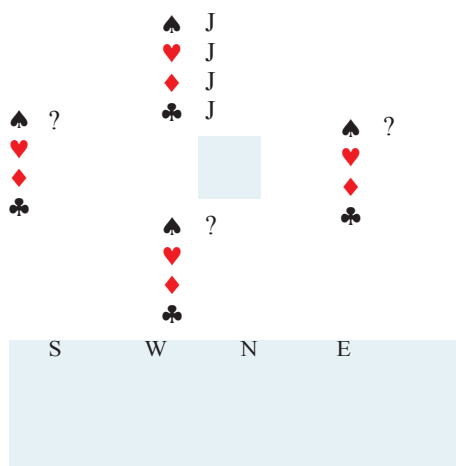
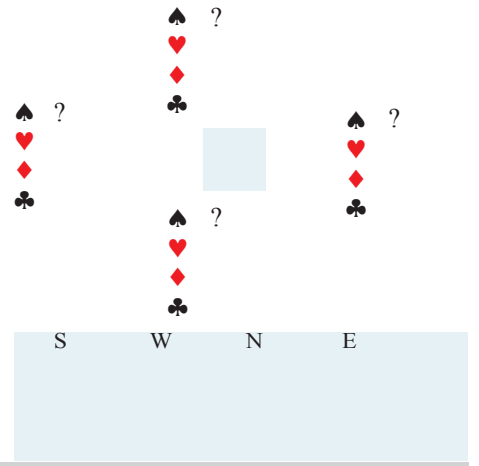
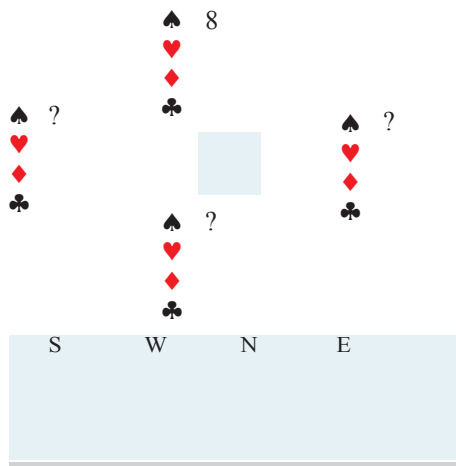
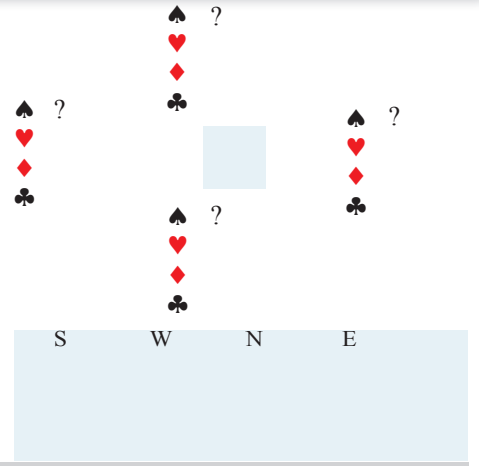
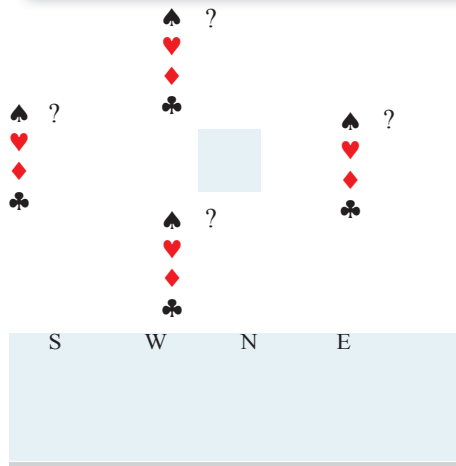
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W	N	E	S
1NT	P	P	2S
P	P	P	

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# DISCUSSION

♠ K7654 ♥ K ♦ 1052 ♣ 10875	♠ QJ983 ♥ J1064 ♦ 8 ♣ 62	♠ 10 ♥ 952 ♦ AJ43 ♣ KQJ43	<p><b>Final contract?</b> <b>Does east open?</b> <b>Open/rebid or pass/ protect</b></p> <p><b>S overcall/ double open/rebid</b></p> <p><b>W spade bid</b></p> <p><b>N competing</b></p>
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E	S	W	N
1C	X	1S	P
2C	X	P/3C	?

♠ 10872 ♥ A9754 ♦ 52 ♣ Q2	♠ Q ♥ K82 ♦ AK983 ♣ 10865	♠ A964 ♥ ♦ QJ1074 ♣ A973
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N	E	S	W
1D	P	1H	P
2C/2H	P	2S/ 2NT/3H	

♠ 98 ♥ 963 ♦ J1098 ♣ Q1084	♠ AQ102 ♥ AJ5 ♦ Q76 ♣ 652	♠ 743 ♥ Q872 ♦ 532 ♣ J93	<p><b>Discuss</b> <b>Final contract</b> <b>Which contract is certain to make</b> 6S <b>Avoid the H finesse</b> <b>AJX - K10X</b> <b>No losers if suit is led.</b> <b>Strip hand and throw in defenders with 7C</b></p>
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S	W	N	E
2N	P	3C	P
3S	P	4NT/6S	P

♠ 5 ♥ KJ87 ♦ QJ106 ♣ J954	♠ K1098 ♥ 542 ♦ K9 ♣ AK73	♠ 72 ♥ 953 ♦ 87532 ♣ Q108
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S	W	N	E
1S	P	2NT/4	P
4NT/3S	P	6S final contract	

♠ KQ93 ♥ J5 ♦ AK98 ♣ AK7	♠ 2 ♥ 864 ♦ 764 ♣ 1098532	♠ 1084 ♥ Q109 ♦ QJ1053 ♣ QJ	<p><b>West is too strong to bid 1NT which would show 16-18 pts the 2nd double is penalty. If south had passed west would bid 2NT.</b> <b>Lead DA</b></p>
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S	W	N	E
1S	X	P	2D
2H	X	P	P
2S	X		

**DUC**

♠ 87 ♥ ♦ ♣	♠ ? ♥ ♦ ♣	♠ ? ♥ ♦ ♣
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S	W	N	E
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♠ 87 ♥ AKQJ97 ♦ J3 ♣ QJ4	♠ AK52 ♥ 52 ♦ KQ106 ♣ A82	♠ J93 ♥ 86 ♦ 9874 ♣ 10973	<p><b>Discuss S bid</b> <b>Plan the play to make 10 tricks.</b> <b>AKQH lead</b> <b>Declarer has a certain club loser and cannot afford an over ruff</b></p> <p><b>Solution throw the 2C loser on loser.</b></p>
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W	N	E	S
1H	X	P	2S
3H	3S	P	4S

**DUCK SJ. THEY CANNOT CATCH SQ 4TH TRICK**

♠ ? ♥ ♦ ♣	♠ ? ♥ ♦ ♣	♠ ? ♥ ♦ ♣
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S	W	N	E
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# TRANSFER QUIZ HANDS

♠ AQ754  
 ♥ 97  
 ♦ KQ6  
 ♣ A52

♠ K63  
 ♥ 854  
 ♦ J1054  
 ♣ 1087

♠ 82  
 ♥ QJ106  
 ♦ A932  
 ♣ J43

♠ J109  
 ♥ AK32  
 ♦ 87  
 ♣ KQ96

**1**

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

Transfer, to show 5 spades then bid 3NT to show game values.

South supports spades holding 3

♠ 87  
 ♥ AK865  
 ♦ Q87  
 ♣ K42

♠ KQJ42  
 ♥ J942  
 ♦ 105  
 ♣ Q6

♠ 1063  
 ♥ Q3  
 ♦ 643  
 ♣ AJ873

♠ A95  
 ♥ 107  
 ♦ AKJ92  
 ♣ 1095

**2**

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

Transfer to show 5 hearts, then bid 2NT to invite game.

Opener passes on a minimum hand

♠ 9872  
 ♥ AK87  
 ♦ K9  
 ♣ Q87

♠ Q3  
 ♥ QJ6  
 ♦ 76542  
 ♣ 962

♠ A654  
 ♥ 432  
 ♦ J103  
 ♣ A53

♠ KJ10  
 ♥ 1095  
 ♦ AQ8  
 ♣ KJ104

**3**

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

2C is stayman 2NT invites game

Only use transfers with 5 card suits

♠ K4  
 ♥ AK9862  
 ♦ Q8  
 ♣ Q65

♠ QJ1032  
 ♥ Q7  
 ♦ 1097  
 ♣ 1087

♠ A87  
 ♥ 105  
 ♦ 6432  
 ♣ A932

♠ 965  
 ♥ J43  
 ♦ AKJ5  
 ♣ KJ4

**4**

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	?	

Either transfer then bid the game in hearts. Rebidding a transfer suit show 6 hearts.

Or bid 4H to keep the spade king protected.

♠ 87  
 ♥ KJ543  
 ♦ AQJ2  
 ♣ A10

♠ KQ642  
 ♥ 10876  
 ♦  
 ♣ 9542

♠ 1095  
 ♥ A2  
 ♦ K10986  
 ♣ 873

♠ AJ3  
 ♥ Q9  
 ♦ 7543  
 ♣ KQJ6

**5**

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

Don't show a 4 card minor suit.

After the transfer, bid 3NT.

♠ A7  
 ♥ KJ542  
 ♦ AQJ65  
 ♣ 7

♠ KQ652  
 ♥ Q76  
 ♦ 72  
 ♣ J104

♠ 943  
 ♥ 1093  
 ♦ K3  
 ♣ Q6532

♠ J108  
 ♥ A8  
 ♦ 10984  
 ♣ AK98

**6**

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

After the transfer tell partner you also hold 5 diamonds by bidding the suit.

(If opener had held stops in the other 2 suits 3NT could be bid.)

♠ AQJ65  
 ♥ J9742  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ 8

♠ 1087  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ A543  
 ♣ K975

♠ 432  
 ♥ 853  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ AJ432

♠ K9  
 ♥ AK10  
 ♦ J10762  
 ♣ Q106

**7**

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

Holding two 5 card majors start with a transfer to spades then either bid hearts twice, or jump to game asking partner to choose. He must hold 3 cards in one of the suits

♠ AQJ43  
 ♥ Q654  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ KQ

♠ K8  
 ♥ 1093  
 ♦ K97  
 ♣ 107653

♠ 7652  
 ♥ A87  
 ♦ A843  
 ♣ 42

♠ 109  
 ♥ KJ2  
 ♦ QJ105  
 ♣ AJ98

**8**

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

Holding both majors, transfer into the five card suit then bid your 4 card suit once.



# TRANSFER QUIZ HANDS 2.

♠ A8  
 ♥ 98  
 ♦ J10  
 ♣ KQJ6543

♠ 974  
 ♥ K642  
 ♦ KQ653  
 ♣ 8

♠ Q632  
 ♥ A53  
 ♦ 942  
 ♣ A92

♠ KJ105  
 ♥ QJ107  
 ♦ A87  
 ♣ 107

S INT    W P    N 3NT    E P

Bid 3NT holding a long solid minor.

♠ KQJ8  
 ♥ KQJ8  
 ♦ 9876  
 ♣ 2

♠ 1096  
 ♥ 9542  
 ♦ K43  
 ♣ AK3

♠ 753  
 ♥ 1073  
 ♦ QJ  
 ♣ J10864

♠ A42  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ A1052  
 ♣ Q975

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

Difficult hand! Stayman then rebid 2NT to show 11/12  
 Hope opener has something in clubs!

♠ Q9643  
 ♥ 108  
 ♦ K4  
 ♣ AJ53

♠ J5  
 ♥ J9543  
 ♦ 9752  
 ♣ 72

♠ A87  
 ♥ K62  
 ♦ A103  
 ♣ KQ84

♠ K102  
 ♥ AQ7  
 ♦ QJ86  
 ♣ 1096

S INT    W X    N P\*    E

\*With such a strong hand there is no need to transfer.  
 You will make 1NT doubled for a big score.  
 (East should take out the double and bid 2H)

♠ Q  
 ♥ 853  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ J1096543

♠ AJ1094  
 ♥ 1062  
 ♦ K107  
 ♣ 72

♠ K76  
 ♥ AQ9  
 ♦ Q8432  
 ♣ KQ

♠ 8532  
 ♥ KJ74  
 ♦ AJ6  
 ♣ A8

S INT    W X    N XX\*    E

\*After a penalty double of 1NT, responder can transfer into ALL suits. Tell opener to bid clubs by re-doubling. (Bidding clubs, transfers to hearts etc.)

♠ 7532  
 ♥ J752  
 ♦ Q853  
 ♣ 2

♠ QJ4  
 ♥ 843  
 ♦ K72  
 ♣ AJ105

♠ AK9  
 ♥ Q1096  
 ♦ 64  
 ♣ K863

♠ 1086  
 ♥ AK  
 ♦ AJ109  
 ♣ Q974

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

Remember you control the auction simply bid staymen and pass any reply!!!

♠ K642  
 ♥ QJ753  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ 74

♠ 975  
 ♥ K109  
 ♦ 643  
 ♣ AKQ5

♠ A3  
 ♥ A84  
 ♦ J1097  
 ♣ 8632

♠ QJ108  
 ♥ 62  
 ♦ AKQ5  
 ♣ J109

S INT    W P    N 2C    E P  
 2S    P    P

Remember you control the auction. Bid Stayman and pass any major suit response. If partner denies a major, bid your 5 card suit. With a stronger hand you would transfer then bid a 2nd suit

♠ 87  
 ♥ KQJ8765  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ A65

♠ QJ102  
 ♥ A10  
 ♦ 9875  
 ♣ K97

♠ A543  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ QJ103  
 ♣ 10432

♠ K96  
 ♥ 432  
 ♦ AK42  
 ♣ QJ8

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

Transfer then bid the game in the 7 card major suit.  
 Win DQ and throw S7 on DK before you do anything else!  
 Then trumps.

♠ 875  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ KQJ876  
 ♣ 865

♠ AJ10  
 ♥ KQJ105  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ Q1043

♠ KQ43  
 ♥ 9432  
 ♦ A53  
 ♣ 72

♠ 962  
 ♥ A86  
 ♦ 1094  
 ♣ AKJ9

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

You can't bid diamonds naturally! Pass and if doubled bid diamonds. Or 2S would be transfer to 2NT then bid 3D.  
 Opener must pass 3D!

# DIFFICULT END OF TERM MIXTURE

<p>♠ K93 ♥ 75 ♦ Q5 ♣ KJ10862</p> <p>♠ Q10542 ♥ K103 ♦ J864 ♣ 9</p>	<p>♠ 876 ♥ J862 ♦ K92 ♣ A73</p> <p>♠ AJ ♥ AQ94 ♦ A1073 ♣ Q54</p>	<p><b>DECLARER UNBLOCK S4 LEAD</b> Do not win a cheap trick with SJ, or you will never get to enjoy your long clubs. SA will block your entry!</p>	<p><b>DON'T DRAW TRUMPS ♦Q LEAD</b> Win ♦A. You will soon have a diamond loser. Set up a heart winner on which you can throw ♦2</p>
<p>S 1H W P N 2C E P 3NT</p>	<p><b>DEFENDER DUCK</b> Cut declarer's communications</p>	<p>S 1S W P N 3S E P 4S</p>	<p>♠ J1063 ♥ KQ3 ♦ 854 ♣ AJ3</p> <p>♠ 42 ♥ A876 ♦ 973 ♣ 9875</p> <p>♠ Q9875 ♥ J5 ♦ AK2 ♣ KQ10</p>

<p>♠ A432 ♥ 105 ♦ KJ9 ♣ KQ82</p> <p>♠ J1098 ♥ AJ3 ♦ 75 ♣ J1095</p>	<p>♠ Q6 ♥ Q98764 ♦ Q86 ♣ 74</p> <p>♠ K75 ♥ K2 ♦ A10432 ♣ A63</p>	<p><b>DANGER HAND 2 WAY FINESSE SJ LEAD</b> Win in hand, play D2 to DK and run the DJ.</p> <p>IF you finesse diamonds into east, the heart switch will set the contract</p>	<p><b>RESPONDING TO DOUBLES SK LEAD</b> With 11pts and a stop, bid NTs. East has no pts. Win and finesse H10. Use diamonds to get back for 2 more heart finesses. You must not give lead away!</p>
<p>S 1NT W P N 2C E P 2D P 3NT</p>	<p>W 1S N X E P S 2NT P 3NT</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ AQJ10 ♦ AQ52 ♣ K872</p> <p>♠ 642 ♥ 95 ♦ 10763 ♣ 9643</p> <p>♠ A983 ♥ 743 ♦ KJ8 ♣ QJ5</p>	<p>♠ KQJ107 ♥ K862 ♦ 94 ♣ A10</p>

<p>♠ 32 ♥ K10965 ♦ 1032 ♣ Q54</p> <p>♠ 1065 ♥ J842 ♦ 8765 ♣ J6</p>	<p>♠ AQ987 ♥ 73 ♦ AQ ♣ K832</p> <p>♠ KJ4 ♥ AQ ♦ KJ94 ♣ A1097</p>	<p><b>TRANSFERS AFTER A 1NT OVERCALL S5 LEAD</b> Transfers (and Stayman) can be used after partner's overcall of 1NT.</p> <p>NV, east may bid on, but not if vulnerable!</p>	<p><b>COVER AN HONOUR WITH AN HONOUR C10 LEAD</b> Three clubs cashed and HA</p> <p>Declarer wins HK, and leads SJ.</p> <p>West MUST cover this!</p>
<p>E 1S S 1NT W P N 2D P 2H P</p>	<p>S 1NT W P N 2H E X 2S P P 3D 3S</p>	<p>♠ AQ943 ♥ 74 ♦ 2 ♣ 87642</p> <p>♠ 1065 ♥ AQ62 ♦ Q84 ♣ AKQ</p> <p>♠ J8 ♥ KJ105 ♦ AKJ6 ♣ J93</p>	<p>♠ K72 ♥ 983 ♦ 109753 ♣ 105</p>

<p>♠ AKQJ2 ♥ KQJ4 ♦ AQJ ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ 108 ♥ 6 ♦ 1098754 ♣ Q1087</p>	<p>♠ 96543 ♥ A8 ♦ K2 ♣ 9654</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ 1097532 ♦ 63 ♣ AKJ3</p>	<p><b>NO FINESSE D10 LEAD</b> Win DA. Cash SA.</p> <p>Throw D3 on SK.</p> <p>NOW draw trumps.</p>	<p><b>LOSING TRICK COUNT CK LEAD</b> North has a big fit. North is a 7 loser and therefore can bid game. - Fast arrival IF west wishes to Takeout, he should bid 4NT</p>
<p>N 2C E P S 2H W P 4NT P 6H 5D</p>	<p>S 1S W X N 4S E P P 74NT</p>	<p>♠ KQ8753 ♥ 10 ♦ 8532 ♣ 73</p> <p>♠ 92 ♥ AQ752 ♦ J97 ♣ J95</p> <p>♠ AJ1064 ♥ J63 ♦ KQ ♣ A106</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ K984 ♦ A1064 ♣ KQ842</p>

# REBIDS - UNIT 5

<p>♠ J10986 ♥ 105 ♦ AK6 ♣ 753</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ J93 ♦ QJ108 ♣ K10842</p> <p>♠ AQ532 ♥ KQ874 ♦ 7 ♣ QJ</p>	<p>♠ K7 ♥ A62 ♦ 95432 ♣ A96</p>	<p><b>TWO SUITED. &amp; 12-16 PTS.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD SJ</b></p> <p>Opener's rebid shows 5-4 in spades &amp; hearts.</p> <p>Responder prefers to play in a 4/3 fit, so passes opener's rebid.</p>
S	W	N	E
1S	P	1NT	P
2H	P	P	P

<p>♠ J10 ♥ AJ62 ♦ J10985 ♣ 87</p>	<p>♠ K98 ♥ 95 ♦ A32 ♣ AK532</p> <p>♠ AQ532 ♥ KQ874 ♦ 7 ♣ QJ</p>	<p>♠ 764 ♥ 103 ♦ KQ64 ♣ 10964</p>	<p><b>TWO SUITED. &amp; 12-16 PTS.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD SJ</b></p> <p>This time opener's rebid shows 5 spades so responder shows the 5-3 fit and 12+ pts. by bidding game</p>
S	W	N	E
1S	P	2C	P
2H	P	4S	P

<p>♠ 43 ♥ KJ983 ♦ 952 ♣ 1062</p>	<p>♠ QJ106 ♥ 652 ♦ A3 ♣ A953</p> <p>♠ A87 ♥ AQ10 ♦ KQ1084 ♣ 74</p>	<p>♠ K952 ♥ 74 ♦ J76 ♣ KQJ8</p>	<p><b>BALANCED &amp; 15+ pts.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD H8</b></p> <p>Opener's rebid shows 15/16 pts. balanced.</p> <p>Responder with no major fit, but 11 pts., bids game in 3NTs</p>
S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S	P
1NT	P	3NT	P

<p>♠ J102 ♥ J9643 ♦ - ♣ K9852</p>	<p>♠ 8763 ♥ 5 ♦ AQ1054 ♣ AJ4</p> <p>♠ Q94 ♥ AKQ102 ♦ KJ7 ♣ 107</p>	<p>♠ AK5 ♥ 87 ♦ 98632 ♣ Q63</p>	<p><b>BALANCED &amp; 15+ pts.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD C5</b></p> <p>Opener's rebid shows 15/16 pts. balanced.</p> <p>Disregarding the singleton of partner's suit, responder bids game in 3NT.</p>
S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
1NT	P	3NT	P

<p>♠ Q82 ♥ AJ964 ♦ 97 ♣ 1053</p>	<p>♠ 1064 ♥ Q52 ♦ Q10652 ♣ A8</p> <p>♠ AK ♥ K108 ♦ KJ8 ♣ KJ974</p>	<p>♠ J9753 ♥ 73 ♦ A43 ♣ Q62</p>	<p><b>BALANCED &amp; 15+ pts.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD H6</b></p> <p>Opener's rebid shows 17/18 pts. balanced.</p> <p>Responder with 8 pts. bids game</p>
S	W	N	E
1C	P	1D	P
2NT	P	3NT	P

<p>♠ 73 ♥ Q853 ♦ KJ97 ♣ 432</p>	<p>♠ K982 ♥ J97 ♦ 1086 ♣ AJ7</p> <p>♠ AQJ6 ♥ A10 ♦ 32 ♣ KQ865</p>	<p>♠ 1054 ♥ K642 ♦ AQ54 ♣ 109</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT &amp; 17+ pts.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD S7</b></p> <p>Opener's rebid shows 17 pts. or 5 loser with 4 card support.</p> <p>Responder with 9 pts can and does bid game in 4S</p>
S	W	N	E
1C	P	1S	P
3S	P	4S	P

<p>♠ A82 ♥ 9754 ♦ K98 ♣ 952</p>	<p>♠ J3 ♥ Q63 ♦ J107 ♣ QJ643</p> <p>♠ Q1065 ♥ AJ82 ♦ AQ ♣ K107</p>	<p>♠ K974 ♥ K10 ♦ 65432 ♣ A8</p>	<p><b>BALANCED &amp; 17+ pts.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD H4</b></p> <p>Opener's pass shows 15/16 pts. balanced.</p>
S	W	N	E
1H	P	1NT	P
P	P	P	P

<p>♠ K972 ♥ 76 ♦ KJ32 ♣ J93</p>	<p>♠ AQ83 ♥ 1032 ♦ 1086 ♣ Q62</p> <p>♠ 65 ♥ AQ985 ♦ A5 ♣ K1074</p>	<p>♠ J104 ♥ KJ4 ♦ Q974 ♣ A85</p>	<p><b>2 SUITED &amp; 12-16 pts.</b></p> <p><b>LEAD D2</b></p> <p>Opener offers 5/4 in hearts &amp; clubs.</p> <p>Responder gives suit preference at the level they can afford</p>
S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
2C	P	2H	P

# OVERCALLS

**1NT OVERCALL**

**West transfers after the overcall and then passes with no interest in game.**

♠ AQ987  
♥ 73  
♦ AQ  
♣ K832

♠ KJ4  
♥ AQ  
♦ KJ94  
♣ A1097

♠ 32  
♥ K10965  
♦ 1032  
♣ Q54

♠ 1065  
♥ J842  
♦ 8765  
♣ J6

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

**BEING TIMID CAN COST**

**SA LEAD**

**South's failure to compete with an overcall lost N/S a game contract.**

**E/W score**

♠ J1043  
♥ AK104  
♦ 107  
♣ K76

♠ Q8  
♥ 97652  
♦ Q2  
♣ AQ94

♠ 52  
♥ Q  
♦ AKJ965  
♣ J1052

♠ AK976  
♥ J83  
♦ 843  
♣ 83

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

**BIDDING ON**

**West shows a 5 card major rather than doubling.**

**East's 2D is constructive. West shows a good hand by bidding 2NT and East bids game.**

♠ 875432  
♥ 32  
♦ Q962  
♣ 6

♠ A9  
♥ QJ  
♦ AJ10843  
♣ 432

♠ KQ6  
♥ K10986  
♦ 5  
♣ AQ95

♠ J10  
♥ A754  
♦ K7  
♣ KJ1087

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

**KNOW WHEN TO STOP.**

**North shows a 5 card major rather than doubling. West makes a re-opening double and north is in trouble IF he bids again.**

♠ QJ9  
♥ AKQ96  
♦ 5  
♣ K763

♠ AK82  
♥ 108  
♦ AQ63  
♣ AJ8

♠ 1064  
♥ J7432  
♦ 42  
♣ 1092

♠ 753  
♥ 5  
♦ KJ10987  
♣ Q54

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

**SK LEAD**

**Not 4th highest**

**Knock out the SA while you still have HA**

**Overcalling the opening bid of 1NT with a good 5 card suit. 3H shows a 5 card suit and values.**

♠ A104  
♥ J10  
♦ AQ532  
♣ K106

♠ KQJ72  
♥ A93  
♦ 84  
♣ 875

♠ 86  
♥ 852  
♦ J976  
♣ J943

♠ 953  
♥ KQ764  
♦ K10  
♣ AQ2

N	E	S	W
1NT	2S	3H	P
3NT			OR
INT	PASS	2D	P
2H	PASS	3NT	

**D7 LEAD STAYMAN AFTER 1NT OVERCALL**

**1NT shows 16-18 pts. with a good diamond stop**

♠ 97432  
♥ 1054  
♦ 75  
♣ 764

♠ Q106  
♥ AQ83  
♦ J43  
♣ 832

♠ K8  
♥ K6  
♦ K109862  
♣ AJ9

♠ AJ5  
♥ J972  
♦ AQ  
♣ KQ105

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

**H7 LEAD**

**Overcall with a five card major with 8-15 pts.**

**2S is just competing 3 card support is enough.**

♠ J42  
♥ 976  
♦ A6  
♣ A8753

♠ Q98  
♥ Q43  
♦ 109834  
♣ K6

♠ AK1053  
♥ J8  
♦ Q5  
♣ Q1042

♠ 76  
♥ AK1052  
♦ KJ72  
♣ J9

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

**HK LEAD**

**Souths 2S bid shows some suport for clubs and is semi-constructive Don't just count HCPs. A good competitive auction.**

♠ A8  
♥ KQJ74  
♦ K732  
♣ Q2

♠ 542  
♥ 9  
♦ Q84  
♣ AK10743

♠ J96  
♥ 10632  
♦ A965  
♣ 96

♠ KQ1073  
♥ A85  
♦ J10  
♣ J85

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



# LOSING TRICK COUNT

♠ K852	♠ J103		
♥ 52	♥ A973		
♦ 10843	♦ KQ7		
♣ 1085	♣ A63		
	♠ A6		
	♥ QJ6		
	♦ J965		
	♣ K742		
	♠ Q974		
	♥ K1084		
	♦ A2		
	♣ QJ9		

**1NT IS LIKELY TO BE AN 8 LOSER**

**With a good 14+ pts it is often best to simply bid 3NT.**

**Play in suits when you can ruff losers!**

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

9

		♠ AJ64	
		♥ 974	
		♦ KQ4	
		♣ J42	
			♠ 105
			♥ 8653
			♦ J108
			♣ A1086
		♠ 9	
		♥ QJ2	
		♦ 963	
		♣ KQ9753	
		♠ KQ8732	
		♥ AK10	
		♦ A752	
		♣ -	

**BUT NOT ALWAYS**

**CK LEAD**

**Although north is a 9 loser it would be ludicrous to bid 2S.**

**Optimise and use a HCP raise to 3S.**

S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	P
6S			

10

		♠ AK862	
		♥ AQ854	
		♦ 432	
		♣ -	
			♠ 1054
			♥ 9
			♦ KQJ6
			♣ KJ1032
		♠ QJ	
		♥ J10732	
		♦ A9	
		♣ Q654	

**5 LOSER**

**CA LEAD**

**With 5-5 north opens higher ranking suit.**

**With 10 pts & 5 hearts, south bids 2H.**

**North with 5 loser bids game.**

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

11

		♠ Q109	
		♥ Q765	
		♦ K106	
		♣ A32	
			♠ KJ8
			♥ A
			♦ J9832
			♣ 10865
		♠ A7542	
		♥ 102	
		♦ AQ5	
		♣ 974	
		♠ 63	
		♥ KJ9843	
		♦ 74	
		♣ KQJ	

**PASSED OUT!**

**No player has an opening hand!**

S	W	N	E
P	P	P	P

12

		♠ AJ73	
		♥ J98732	
		♦ 8	
		♣ 108	
			♠ 986
			♥ KQ10
			♦ A743
			♣ Q97
		♠ KQ105	
		♥ 6	
		♦ J2	
		♣ AKJ643	

**6 pts BECOMES AN 8 LOSER**

**DK LEAD**

**When the spade fit is known, north can bid 3S to show an 8 loser.**

**South can bid game.**

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

13

		♠ K87642	
		♥ -	
		♦ QJ742	
		♣ 82	
			♠ Q
			♥ KJ762
			♦ A8
			♣ J10765
		♠ 5	
		♥ AQ9854	
		♦ 53	
		♣ KQ94	
		♠ AJ1093	
		♥ 103	
		♦ K1096	
		♣ A3	

**RESPONDER'S 6 PTS IS A 6 LOSER!**

**CK LEAD**

**Fast arrival.**

S	W	N	E
1S	2H	4S	?

14

		♠ KJ8	
		♥ A	
		♦ Q982	
		♣ 108765	
			♠ 63
			♥ KJ9843
			♦ 74
			♣ KJ3
		♠ AQ542	
		♥ 102	
		♦ KJ53	
		♣ 94	

**ENOUGH TO OPEN!?**

**S10 LEAD**

**When 5/3 fit is revealed north's 7 loser is enough to bid game.**

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

15

		♠ 97	
		♥ Q875	
		♦ 92	
		♣ AK1076	
			♠ KJ
			♥ J4
			♦ AQ654
			♣ 5432
		♠ Q5432	
		♥ A2	
		♦ J1083	
		♣ 9	
		♠ A1086	
		♥ K10963	
		♦ K7	
		♣ Q8	

**7+7 = GAME**

**C9 LEAD**

**On 9HCPs north can show a fit and a 7 loser by bidding game directly.**

S	W	N	E
1H	P	4H	

16

# Bidding zone - game or slam?

<p>♠ A8 ♥ J872 ♦ 1085 ♣ J975</p> <p>♠ QJ5 ♥ A104 ♦ KQJ6 ♣ AKQ</p> <p>♠ K109642 ♥ KQ5 ♦ A97 ♣ 4</p> <p>♠ 73 ♥ 963 ♦ 432 ♣ 108632</p> <p>N 2NT E P S ? W 9</p>	<p>South should be thinking in the slam zone</p> <p>Holding a hand with shape and a combined minimum of 32 HCPs south should transfer then bid 4NT asking for aces.</p>	<p>West should be thinking in the slam zone</p> <p>After a strong 2H west bids 3D After east bids 3H west asks for aces.</p> <p>Make all 13 tricks by establishing diamonds.</p>	<p>♠ 10984 ♥ 842 ♦ Q4 ♣ 10653</p> <p>♠ K63 ♥ K9 ♦ K107563 ♣ A2</p> <p>♠ Q72 ♥ 65 ♦ J82 ♣ J9784</p> <p>♠ AJ5 ♥ AQJ1073 ♦ A9 ♣ KQ</p> <p>E 2H S P W ? N 10</p>
<p>♠ A984 ♥ 105 ♦ 10532 ♣ Q106</p> <p>♠ KQ7 ♥ KJ43 ♦ A87 ♣ AJ3</p> <p>♠ J1023 ♥ A92 ♦ KJ ♣ K842</p> <p>♠ 65 ♥ Q876 ♦ Q964 ♣ 975</p> <p>S INT W P N ? E 11</p>	<p>North should be thinking in the game zone</p> <p>With 18 HCPs and a balanced hand slam is not on.</p> <p>With combined maximum of 32 HCPs, north should not look for a slam.</p>	<p>West should be thinking in the game zone</p> <p>Despite holding 17 HCPs the hand lacks controls and west should pass.</p>	<p>♠ 87542 ♥ 5 ♦ QJ85 ♣ 875</p> <p>♠ AKJ ♥ QJ7432 ♦ K9 ♣ J6</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ 10986 ♦ A32 ♣ AQ1092</p> <p>W 1H N p E 4H S P 12</p>
<p>♠ J63 ♥ 95 ♦ Q1093 ♣ 9876</p> <p>♠ AQ ♥ AQ843 ♦ K72 ♣ Q43</p> <p>♠ K10754 ♥ J1072 ♦ A8 ♣ J5</p> <p>♠ 982 ♥ K6 ♦ J654 ♣ AK102</p> <p>N 1H E P S 3H W P 13</p>	<p>North should be thinking in the game zone</p> <p>When south bids 3H, limiting the hand to an 8 loser, north should settle for a game contract.</p>	<p>West should be thinking in the slam zone</p> <p>East's jump to 3H shows a six card suit and values for game.</p> <p>West is 5 loser hand and should enquire about aces.</p>	<p>♠ J87432 ♥ 542 ♦ Q96 ♣ 5</p> <p>♠ 6 ♥ K9 ♦ AJ32 ♣ AK9762</p> <p>♠ A1095 ♥ 73 ♦ 8754 ♣ J83</p> <p>♠ KQ ♥ AQJ1086 ♦ K10 ♣ Q104</p> <p>E 1H S P W 2C N P 14</p>
<p>♠ 652 ♥ 652 ♦ 864 ♣ 10987</p> <p>♠ KQ ♥ KQJ43 ♦ 72 ♣ AK43</p> <p>♠ AJ1097 ♥ A107 ♦ QJ103 ♣ Q</p> <p>♠ 843 ♥ 98 ♦ AK95 ♣ J652</p> <p>S 1S W P N 2H E P 15</p>	<p>North should be thinking in the slam zone</p> <p>When south supports hearts, slam is possible but rather than use blackwood a CUE BID OF CA is better. When south denies DA north settles for game.</p>	<p>East should be thinking in the slam zone</p> <p>Voids are difficult to show. With a good club suit and a fit just bid the slam direct!!!</p> <p>Draw trumps and establish the club suit.</p>	<p>♠ QJ986 ♥ 107 ♦ J108 ♣ 432</p> <p>♠ K742 ♥ AJ985 ♦ Q42 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ A1053 ♥ 32 ♦ A753 ♣ Q106</p> <p>♠ KQ65 ♥ K96 ♦ AKJ985</p> <p>W 1H N P E ? S 16</p>

# Mainly Takeout Doubles

♠ 82  
♥ KQJ96  
♦ 54  
♣ AQ104

♠ QJ95  
♥ A7  
♦ AQ1096  
♣ J3

♠ AK76  
♥ 105  
♦ K2  
♣ 7652

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

## RESPONDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

After north's takeout double south should not only bid her best suit but should also indicate 10 ish pts. by bidding one level higher than necessary.

North can invite, or even bid game with a 5.5 loser

♠ 1043  
♥ 832  
♦ J873  
♣ K98

## SMOOTH PASS

West with 5 spades must pass smoothly. East makes a takeout double.

If south does not bid again, west passes.

If south bids 2D, west passes and north should give suit preference. East doubles again and west passes.

♠ KJ986  
♥ A8  
♦ 7<sub>5</sub>4  
♣ A102

♠ 52  
♥ 96532  
♦ 1096  
♣ QJ5

♠ AQ1073  
♥ K7  
♦ A832  
♣ 64

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

♠ AQ97  
♥ 82  
♦ Q65  
♣ Q932

♠ 863  
♥ Q1063  
♦ J32  
♣ A54

♠ K5  
♥ AKJ54  
♦ K1097  
♣ 107

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

## COMPETE!

When south passes the weak support from north, west, in protective position, should make a takeout double to compete.

Don't let opponents play in a fit at the 2 level!

♠ J1042  
♥ 97  
♦ A84  
♣ KJ86

## X PRE-EMPT FOR TAKEOUT

It's never easy to bid after a pre-empt but usually do the same as you would over a 1 level open.

4S could be wrong but east IS a 7 loser on the adjusted LTC.

♠ KJ109  
♥ 7  
♦ 98  
♣ AQ1095

♠ Q82  
♥ Q9  
♦ QJ1076  
♣ J42

♠ 43  
♥ AKJ10652  
♦ 4  
♣ 863

S	W	N	E
3H	X	P	4S

♠ AQ986  
♥ K2  
♦ Q93  
♣ J107

♠ 1054  
♥ J653  
♦ KJ84  
♣ 83

♠ J2  
♥ AQ1074  
♦ 6  
♣ AQ965

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

## PREFER TO OVERCALL

With a good five card major, 8-15, prefer to overcall rather than doubling.

If you double partner will assume that you only have FOUR spades and that there is no fit.

♠ K73  
♥ 98  
♦ A10752  
♣ K42

## NEGATIVE DOUBLE

Negative doubles are made after partner has opened.

After west's overcall, north's negative double shows FOUR of the other major.

A bid of 1S by north, after the overcall would show five.

♠ 104  
♥ AK985  
♦ QJ85  
♣ K4

♠ K652  
♥ 762  
♦ 109  
♣ A1098

♠ AQ93  
♥ J10  
♦ A3  
♣ QJ752

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

♠ J84  
♥ A52  
♦ AKQ103  
♣ A3

♠ 532  
♥ Q1083  
♦ 64  
♣ J1092

♠ AQ7  
♥ K64  
♦ J95  
♣ K754

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

## PENALTY DOUBLE

When west doubles, (15-18), east has 6 pts. and should pass the penalty double

WRIGGLE  
\*Pass is alerted.  
\*\*Requests south to redouble.

\*\*\*2C shows four clubs and another four card suit.

♠ K1096  
♥ J97  
♦ 872  
♣ Q86

## X WITHOUT MAJOR

Normally the double of a major suit will promise four of the other major. Here south is too strong to simply overcall. When north bids spades south changes suit to show 16+ pts.

♠ J9542  
♥ Q106  
♦ 52  
♣ 987

♠ Q1073  
♥ 873  
♦ J1098  
♣ QJ

♠ K6  
♥ A  
♦ K7643  
♣ AK654

E	S	W	N
1H	*X	P	1S
2H	3D	P	P/4D
P	5D.		