

1

♠ KQ76	♠ 1053
♥ AQ872	♥ 5
♦ QJ3	♦ K972
♣ 3	♣ A9542
♠ 98	♠ AJ42
♥ 943	♥ KJ106
♦ A1086	♦ 54
♣ J876	♣ KQ10

Dealer: North
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead:

South bids 2NT to show four card support and 13 plus HCP and no singleton or void. North shows the shortage but with values in the short suit South is turned off. South has only 10 TP leaving the partnership well short to 26 TP.

2

♠ 82	♠ KQ1064
♥ 972	♥ AQJ
♦ 108753	♦ J2
♣ K54	♣ 972
♠ AJ93	♠ 75
♥ K108	♥ 6543
♦ AQ4	♦ K96
♣ J103	♣ AQ86

Dealer: East
 N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

W bids 2NT to show 4 card support and 13 plus HCP. E rebids at the 4 level to show a basic opener which W who has a flat hand is happy to pass.

3

♠ Q7	♠ 984
♥ QJ7432	♥ 86
♦ Q97	♦ A432
♣ J5	♣ A743
♠ J632	♠ AK105
♥ A95	♥ K10
♦ J106	♦ K85
♣ Q98	♣ K1062

Dealer: South
 E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	2 ♦	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥

Opening Lead:

N bids 2D as a transfer to Hs. S accepts the transfer and N raises to 3H indicating 6Hs held and invitational values. S has 16 and so going to game is optional. Deciding any lead can only help the position of his kings in making tricks the invitation is accepted. Don't beat yourself up if you decline but with 6Hs in the N hand N must also have some shape to help you out.

4

♠ KJ98	♠ Q7543
♥ 874	♥ KJ10
♦ K86	♦ A107
♣ 986	♣ 105
♠ A6	♠ 102
♥ AQ92	♥ 653
♦ J42	♦ Q953
♣ AQ74	♣ KJ32

Dealer: West
 Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

E bids 2H to transfer W into Ss. The subsequent bid of 3NT shows game values and just 5Ss held. W decides to stay in NT as E has struck his doubleton.

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♠ Q10			
♥ AJ1053			
♦ Q1032			
♣ A8			
♠ K7542	♠ A96		
♥ 74	♥ Q8		
♦ AK	♦ J9865		
♣ J1054	♣ Q92		
	♠ J83		
	♥ K962		
	♦ 74		
	♣ K763		

Dealer: North
 N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

With 4 card support for p, S is able to make a Bergen raise. 3C confirms 7 to 10 HCP. N has a basic 7 loser hand and decides to leave the auction at 3H. The 3C bid must be alerted as it is a non-natural bid.

6

♠ KQ986			
♥ 10			
♦ A105			
♣ A765			
♠ 1053	♠ A74		
♥ KJ64	♥ Q9732		
♦ K762	♦ 94		
♣ 108	♣ KQJ		
	♠ J2		
	♥ A85		
	♦ QJ83		
	♣ 9432		

Dealer: East
 E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

E opens a revolting H suit but finds p has 4 card support and 7 to 10 HCP with the 3C bid which must be alerted. What does N do? The preemptive value of the Bergen raise is shown here. Does N leap in with 3S and hope? Or X and see if p is able to leave it in for penalties? E will sign off in 3H and the penalty X is difficult to find. NS are robbed of 3S.

7

♠ AQ3			
♥ AJ3			
♦ A53			
♣ KJ98			
♠ 865	♠ J974		
♥ 10842	♥ 9		
♦ J86	♦ Q1092		
♣ 754	♣ Q1032		
	♠ K102		
	♥ KQ765		
	♦ K74		
	♣ A6		

Dealer: South
 Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	6 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

With a flat hand and values in all suits plus knowing there can be only a maximum of 5 points out against them, N saves time by going direct to 6NT. You can go via Puppet and RKCB but this gives opportunities for the ops to X to indicate lead preferences on artificial bids. You have the points ... go straight there.

8

♠ J62			
♥ QJ853			
♦ A754			
♣ 5			
♠ Q107	♠ AK84		
♥ 7	♥ K109		
♦ KQJ108	♦ 963		
♣ A864	♣ KQ9		
	♠ 953		
	♥ A642		
	♦ 2		
	♣ J10732		

Dealer: West
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

North's intervention may seem a little light but he has good shape and is not vulnerable. East's X smacks strongly of his holding 4 spades. South "barrage bids" by jumping in hearts. This has merit because it soaks up bidding space for the side with points and because the ITT implies a profitable score with nine trumps. Holding good trumps, East's second X is for penalties. Although the contract goes 2 light for -300, it is a good sacrifice should E/W play in 4S.

9

♠ A10743
 ♥ KJ72
 ♦ A10
 ♣ J2

♠ Q82
 ♥ 85
 ♦ K7
 ♣ AQ8754

♠ J5
 ♥ Q10643
 ♦ 9652
 ♣ K9

♠ K96
 ♥ A9
 ♦ QJ843
 ♣ 1063

Dealer: North
 E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

S does an Aussie Bergen raise in response to ps 1S opener. 3H, which must be alerted, shows 3 card spade support and 10 to 12 HCP. N decides with shape that is enough for game.

10

♠ 64
 ♥ KJ4
 ♦ K10954
 ♣ 654

♠ Q873
 ♥ Q2
 ♦ QJ8
 ♣ KJ93

♠ AKJ95
 ♥ 10875
 ♦ A2
 ♣ 108

♠ 102
 ♥ A963
 ♦ 763
 ♣ AQ72

Dealer: East
 Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead:

Here W has 4 card support for E and 11 HCP. A Bergen raise of 3D tells W the range and good support. With a 7 loser hand E has shape but needs p at the top end to reach game. 3H is an invitation to game. W has a 7 loser hand and should accept the game invite bidding 4S. Both the 3D and 3H bids must be alerted as artificial.

11

♠ 9543
 ♥ AK5
 ♦ KQ873
 ♣ 8

♠ J7
 ♥ 74
 ♦ J4
 ♣ AK65432

♠ 62
 ♥ Q108
 ♦ A1062
 ♣ J1097

♠ AKQ108
 ♥ J9632
 ♦ 95
 ♣ Q

Dealer: South
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

The thought of jump-bidding his clubs probably crossed West's mind, but he remembered just in time he was playing Michaels CRO. Even if he wasn't N would still cue-support the spades. Finding S with a little more strength would make for slam aspirations.

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♠ K64
 ♥ 9532
 ♦ A97
 ♣ 1074

♠ QJ98
 ♥ AQ
 ♦ J10432
 ♣ A5

♠ 1032
 ♥ KJ864
 ♦ K6
 ♣ K32

♠ A75
 ♥ 107
 ♦ Q85
 ♣ QJ986

Dealer: West
 N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead:

It's interesting how often you see a 4-3 fit making game ... everything is right here. However, most pairs will settle for a partial score after an exploratory auction such as this. Note: if East does not test the club position at the 2-level there is a danger of becoming overbid.