

1

♠ 7	♠ QJ106
♥ QJ10874	♥ A3
♦ KJ5	♦ 9732
♣ Q102	♣ 965

♠ A982	♠ K543
♥ 652	♥ K9
♦ Q64	♦ A108
♣ A83	♣ KJ74

Dealer: North
 Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

With 14HCP S enquires the strength of the 2H opener. Remembering 1-2-1-2-3 N responds 3H confirming 1 top honour and max points. S bids game.

2

♠ 94	♠ KQ8652
♥ QJ63	♥ 87
♦ K5	♦ 42
♣ J10932	♣ K75

♠ 7	♠ AJ103
♥ A1095	♥ K42
♦ AQJ108	♦ 9763
♣ AQ8	♣ 64

Dealer: East
 N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead:

With 17HCP W needs to know the strength of his ps 2S opening bid. Learning it contains 2 top honours (5HCP) and weak W signs off in 3S. 3NT is a risk as p may only have another J somewhere and with a singleton S holding may struggle to set up the S suit.

3

♠ KQ1075	♠ A432
♥ Q97	♥ 63
♦ 92	♦ KJ104
♣ J102	♣ A63

♠ J9	♠ 86
♥ 42	♥ AKJ1085
♦ A863	♦ Q75
♣ KQ987	♣ 54

Dealer: South
 E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	3 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass			Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

A raise of partner's Weak opening suit is weak and not intended as an invitation. With 3 card support and ps promised 6, it is safe to raise to 3H and make life hard for the ops. One light not vul, even if doubled, is better than allowing them to find their minor part score.

4

♠ 42	♠ K1075
♥ AQ1092	♥ J87
♦ 732	♦ A109
♣ J83	♣ AK9

♠ AQ983	♠ J6
♥ 6	♥ K543
♦ KQ86	♦ J54
♣ Q62	♣ 10754

Dealer: West
 Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

E bids 2NT to show at least 4 card support and 13 plus points. After W shows the shortage E does the calculation to 26. Provided the QS is in partners hand a slam looks sure. E uses RKCB and gets the answer 1 or 3. A Q check with the next suit up shows the Q is held allowing E to bid 6S

5

♠ AKJ87
 ♥ 98
 ♦ J72
 ♣ K32

♠ 106
 ♥ K1042
 ♦ K1084
 ♣ J84

♠ 92
 ♥ J53
 ♦ AQ963
 ♣ Q95

♠ Q543
 ♥ AQ76
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A1076

Dealer: North
 N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

South is able to splinter on the way to game. With the recalculation by N after the splinter, and falling short of 26 TP, N stops in game.

6

♠ K108
 ♥ 103
 ♦ J96
 ♣ K9762

♠ 532
 ♥ AJ42
 ♦ AK2
 ♣ AQJ

♠ AQ764
 ♥ KQ9876
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 3

♠ J9
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q108753
 ♣ 10854

Dealer: East
 E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

After learning of the club shortage W is turned off as the magic 26 cannot be reached. However in this instance E knows he has a 4 loser hand despite low points and decides to Keycard anyway. It is a risky slam based upon the spade finesse working. A 50 50 slam in teams should definitely be bid.

7

♠ AJ65
 ♥ 1042
 ♦ Q32
 ♣ K32

♠ 987
 ♥ A95
 ♦ A874
 ♣ QJ7

♠ Q104
 ♥ J76
 ♦ J95
 ♣ 9654

♠ K32
 ♥ KQ83
 ♦ K106
 ♣ A108

Dealer: South
 Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

N uses Puppet Stayman and received the 2D reply, min points and one or two 4 card major, no 5 card major. N now bids 2Hs, the major he DOES NOT HAVE. S bids 2NT as not holding the spades looked for and N is able to move to 3NT as there are game points.

8

♠ K873
 ♥ 97
 ♦ 94
 ♣ A9732

♠ QJ4
 ♥ AQJ
 ♦ KQJ7
 ♣ J84

♠ A102
 ♥ 8653
 ♦ A10632
 ♣ Q

♠ 965
 ♥ K1042
 ♦ 85
 ♣ K1065

Dealer: West
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

E uses Puppet Stayman and receives the reply 3NT, no 5 card major, no 4 card major, max points. E takes the safer line of moving the partnership into 5D. The lucky slam of 6D should not be bid as it relies on two successful finesses.

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

♠ J65
 ♥ 10976
 ♦ KQ3
 ♣ A109

♠ 109842
 ♥ K2
 ♦ A72
 ♣ Q43

♠ AQ3
 ♥ 54
 ♦ 10865
 ♣ K872

♠ K7
 ♥ AQJ83
 ♦ J94
 ♣ J65

Dealer: South
 Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

N makes a Bergen raise indicated 7 to 10 HCP. S should rebid 3H saying even at maximum that is not enough for game and signing off. N should respect his p unless he has remarkable shape to add value. Here N is flat and should leave the contract at 3H even though top of the point range. The 3C bid must be alerted as not natural.

12

♠ 9
 ♥ KJ92
 ♦ J1076
 ♣ K642

♠ AJ1073
 ♥ 84
 ♦ AK3
 ♣ J93

♠ KQ62
 ♥ AQ3
 ♦ 54
 ♣ Q875

♠ 854
 ♥ 10765
 ♦ Q982
 ♣ A10

Dealer: West
 N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

The response by E of 2NT confirms you are the very least going to game in spades. The 2NT response says 13+ HCP and asks the opener to describe their hand in more detail. By jumping to 4S, the weakest response, W is confirming a minimum opening hand with no singleton or void. E leaves the contract at 4S.

13

♠ KJ1075
 ♥ J2
 ♦ AK83
 ♣ J6

♠ AQ62
 ♥ 43
 ♦ 104
 ♣ Q9753

♠ 843
 ♥ AK76
 ♦ J62
 ♣ K108

♠ 9
 ♥ Q10985
 ♦ Q975
 ♣ A42

Dealer: North
 Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South

Opening Lead:

14

♠ KJ84
 ♥ J2
 ♦ A10874
 ♣ J7

♠ Q52
 ♥ 109
 ♦ KQJ63
 ♣ 832

♠ A763
 ♥ AQ63
 ♦ 2
 ♣ KQ95

♠ 109
 ♥ K8754
 ♦ 95
 ♣ A1064

Dealer: East
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South

Opening Lead:

15

♠ AQ4
 ♥ J75
 ♦ J1093
 ♣ A96

♠ K75
 ♥ Q104
 ♦ 8764
 ♣ 1053

♠ J93
 ♥ AK982
 ♦ AK2
 ♣ K4

♠ 10862
 ♥ 63
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ QJ872

Dealer: South
 N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

S knows they have between 28 and 30 points after N makes the Aussie Bergen raise. S has a flat hand which puts off slam interest.