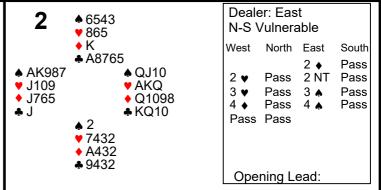
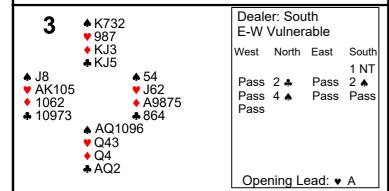


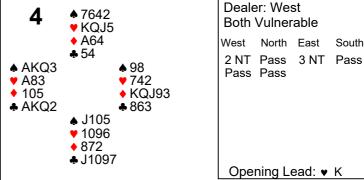
N opens a strong Multi2D despite holding a 5CM. S has 8HCP so offers the weakest response of 2H. Both bids must be alerted as unnaturual. N now explains the hand by rebidding 2NT - flat with 19/20 HCP. S makes a Puppet Stayman enquiry. N answers 3S showing a 5CM. With 3 card support S bids the spade game.



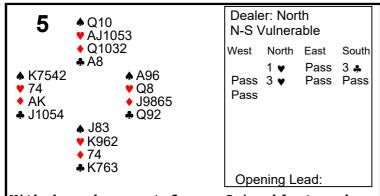
E rebids 2NT to show 19/20 flat hand. W transfers into spades and then bid 4D to show the unbalanced shape. E chooses game in 4S.



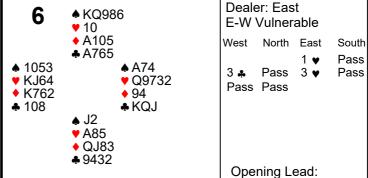
W should lead AH ... asking for attitude. E should play the 6 saying no p, I do not have a shortage and I do not hold the Q. W then switches to a trump to defeat the contract. How do you pick 6H as E's highest? A couple of clues: which ones can you see that are missing? why did declarer NOT play the 2? Tip for declarers - the 2 is a very telling card. You should think twice before showing that you have it.



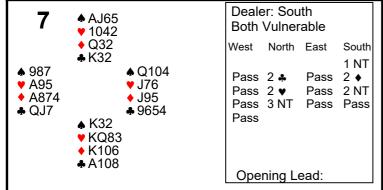
E may use Puppet Stayman. EW should end up in the same contract. N leads KH. S should see the Ds in dummy and see there is no other entry to the hand. It is therefore crucial to give count to p on his D holding so N can hold up the A correctly. W should duck the first H and S should play the 6H showing an odd number. When W wins the second H trick and leads the 10D, N should duck and S must play the 2 showing an odd number. N then knows the count and knows to play the A at trick 2.



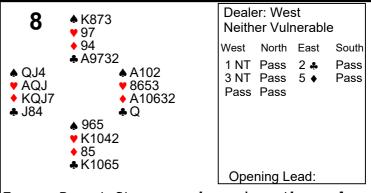
With 4 card support for p, S is able to make a Bergen raise. 3C confirms 7 to 10 HCP. N has a basic 7 loser hand and decides to leave the auction at 3H. The 3C bid must be alerted as it is a non-natural bid.



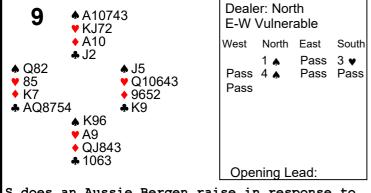
E opens a revolting H suit but finds p has 4 card support and 7 to 10 HCP with the 3C bid which must be alerted. What does N do? The premptive value of the Bergen raise is shown here. Does N leap in with 3S and hope? Or X and see if p is able to leave it in for penalties? E will sign off in 3H and the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



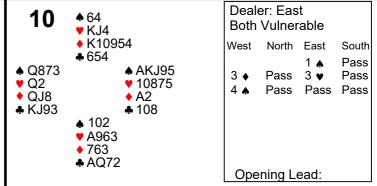
N uses Puppet Stayman and received the 2D reply, min points and one or two 4 card major, no 5 card major. N now bids 2Hs, the major he DOES NOT HAVE. S bids 2NT as not holding the spades looked for and N is able to move to 3NT as there are game points.



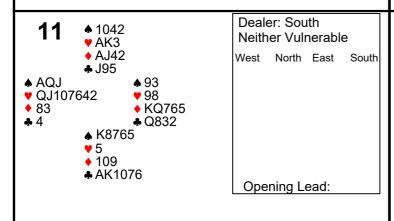
E uses Puppet Stayman and receives the reply 3NT, no 5 card major, no 4 card major, max points. E takes the safer line of moving the partnership into 5D. The lucky slam of 6D should not be bid as it relies on two successful finesses.



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.

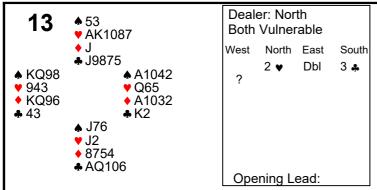


Here W has 4 card support for E and 11 HCP. A Bergen raise of 3D tells W the range and good support. With a 7 loser hand E has shape but needs p at the top end to reach game. 3H is an invitation to game. W has a 7 loser hand and should accept the game invite bidding 4S. Both the 3D and 3H bids must be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

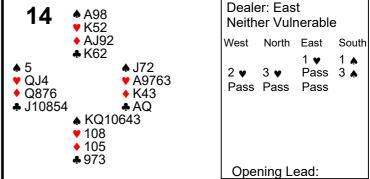


12 ♦ K9 **♥** J32 ♦ J107 ♣ KJ1098 **▲** AQJ108 ♠ 632 ♥ AK10 **7654** ♦ K83 ♦ AQ65 ***** 72 **4**3 **♦** 754 **9** Q98 942 ♣ AQ65

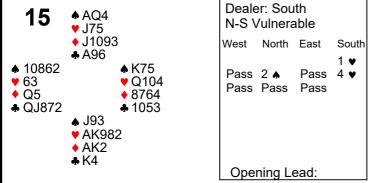
Dealer: West
N-S Vulnerable
West North East South
Opening Lead:



At this vul EW are going to have to be bold to enter the auction over the Muiderberg 2 opener by N. It is not the soundest of X by E as he is not short in opener's suit. S can confidently bid 3C seeking to pass or correct. W may bid onto 3S or even 4S, above their means. N/S can bid onto a making 4C giving EW even more of a headache.



N can cue bid to ask p how good was that overcall. S confirms it was very weak.



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.