

<p>1</p> <p>♠ K6 ♥ 103 ♦ KQJ986 ♣ QJ10</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ KQ942 ♦ 5432 ♣ 952</p> <p>♥ 10542 ♥ A765 ♦ A ♣ 7643</p> <p>♠ AQJ987 ♥ J8 ♦ 107 ♣ AK8</p>	<p>Dealer: North Neither Vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1 ♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1 ♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♦</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4 ♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>Opening Lead: ♥ K</p>	West	North	East	South		1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠		Pass	2 ♦	Pass		Pass	Pass	4 ♠		Pass	Pass	Pass
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W should lead KH. E should realise W lead is from a H suit headed by KQ and also that unless the defence is dynamic, declarer will draw trumps and pitch his losers on dummy's long D suit. E holds a singleton AD but if he plays it can he get his partner back in to give him a ruff? Yes. E should overtake Ws KH with his AH. Cash his AD and then return a H to Ws Q. W recognises E AD must be singleton and returns a D or a ruff.

<p>2</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ 9532 ♦ A432 ♣ 10643</p> <p>♠ J1076 ♥ A64 ♦ QJ86 ♣ Q8</p> <p>♠ KQ953 ♥ K8 ♦ 1075 ♣ AKJ</p> <p>♠ A84 ♥ QJ107 ♦ K9 ♣ 9752</p>	<p>Dealer: East N-S Vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1 NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 ♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♠</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 ♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>Opening Lead: ♥ Q</p>	West	North	East	South			1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
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You, South, lead QH. Declarer plays low from dummy and wins in hand with KH. He now leads KS. You duck this trick because you know from bidding N has only one trump and you will get a chance to see an informative discard on the second round of trumps. Declarer continues with a low trump and you hop up with your AS and watch for partner's card. He plays 2D. N is telling you he likes diamonds rather than a club. Looking at dummy, p surely has the AD. You play KD then 9D and N sends a D back for a ruff to defeat the contract.

<p>3</p> <p>♠ AQ1096 ♥ Q43 ♦ Q4 ♣ AQ2</p> <p>♠ 54 ♥ J62 ♦ A9875 ♣ 864</p> <p>♠ J8 ♥ AK105 ♦ 1062 ♣ 10973</p> <p>♠ K732 ♥ 987 ♦ KJ3 ♣ KJ5</p>	<p>Dealer: South E-W Vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1 NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4 ♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>Opening Lead: ♥ A</p>	West	North	East	South				Pass	Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
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E should lead AH ... asking for attitude. W should play the 6 saying no p, I do not have a shortage and I do not hold the Q. E then switches to a trump to defeat the contract. How do you pick 6H as W'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.

<p>4</p> <p>♠ 7642 ♥ KQJ5 ♦ A64 ♣ 54</p> <p>♠ AKQ3 ♥ A83 ♦ 105 ♣ AKQ2</p> <p>♠ 98 ♥ 742 ♦ KQJ93 ♣ 863</p> <p>♠ J105 ♥ 1096 ♦ 872 ♣ J1097</p>	<p>Dealer: West Both Vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3 NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Opening Lead: ♥ K</p>	West	North	East	South	2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass		
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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.

5

♠ 103
♥ KJ
♦ AQJ5
♣ AJ543

♠ Q54
♥ 6532
♦ 10863
♣ 97

♠ A9876
♥ 10874
♦ K7
♣ K8

♠ KJ2
♥ AQ9
♦ 942
♣ Q1062

Dealer: North
N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ 9

If you always play the highest in ps suit see what happens here. If you play the QS your p doesn't know where the J is. Best to lead low from the Q. Declarer is kept to 1 trick in spades instead of being gifted 2.

6

♠ J1082
♥ 83
♦ A10864
♣ 92

♠ AQ54
♥ 652
♦ KJ3
♣ J107

♠ K6
♥ AJ7
♦ Q75
♣ KQ864

♠ 973
♥ KQ1094
♦ 92
♣ A53

Dealer: East
E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ K

S leads KH which must be from KQJ or KQT... N can both discourage (as he does not hold the J if p has led from KQT) and show count by playing 8H. Play 8H to show an even number. Declarer should duck. S now knows to discontinue Hs and find the diamond switch (lead through strength) to ps hand to have the H led through. This is all about timing. A switch to any other suit gives declarer a tempo to set up the clubs and make his contract.

7

♠ J1075
♥ AK5
♦ QJ
♣ KQ64

♠ AQ
♥ 109864
♦ K1095
♣ A3

♠ 8643
♥ 72
♦ 8642
♣ 952

♠ K92
♥ QJ3
♦ A73
♣ J1087

Dealer: South
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

Lead ps suit unless you have something better. Play 7H ... doubleton. West should keep attacking Hs and try not to switch suits unless some better plan opens up.

8

♠ 982
♥ 732
♦ K6
♣ KJ1084

♠ 5
♥ AJ5
♦ QJ9854
♣ AQ6

♠ AKJ74
♥ KQ104
♦ 103
♣ 97

♠ Q1063
♥ 986
♦ A72
♣ 532

Dealer: West
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♣ J

N leads JC top of internal sequence. South should give count. When W develops Ds S must be alive to the auction and put up the A to protect the only possible entry for N to those clubs. Protect ps potential entry and fire back a club straight away.

9

♠ KJ8
♥ K852
♦ 86
♣ Q976
♠ 752
♥ A64
♦ KQ1073
♣ 102
♠ 643
♥ J97
♦ J92
♣ J543
♠ AQ109
♥ Q103
♦ A54
♣ AK8

Dealer: North
E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♦ K

W should lead KD. E recognises this is from KQ10. E jettisons the J on the first round to show W its whereabouts and prevent W switching suits.