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♠ Q9
♥ KQ975
♦ Q94
♣ A86

♠ J762
♥ 62
♦ K1063
♣ K72

♠ K104
♥ AJ84
♦ J7
♣ J1093

♠ A853
♥ 103
♦ A852
♣ Q54

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

N opens 1H showing 5Hs. S bids 1S to show a major. The rebid by N in Standard American shows 12 to 14 HCP. With 10 HCP S leaves the auction there.

2

♠ A984
♥ 973
♦ 3
♣ J10732

♠ Q1073
♥ K104
♦ AJ985
♣ 4

♠ K52
♥ Q65
♦ KQ102
♣ A65

♠ J6
♥ AJ82
♦ 764
♣ KQ98

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

E opens the better minor. Here the longer suit with 4 cards 1D. Although W immediately knows there is a fit in D (at least 3 with p and 5 in hand) W shows a 4 card major first. When E rebids 1NT W puts E back to the safe contract of 2D. There is also nothing wrong with a jump to 3D by W to ask E if at max to bid game and the 5D can be found that way.

3

♠ Q7
♥ QJ7432
♦ Q97
♣ J5

♠ J632
♥ A95
♦ J106
♣ Q98

♠ 984
♥ 86
♦ A432
♣ A743

♠ AK105
♥ K10
♦ K85
♣ K1062

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

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

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
♥ 874
♦ K86
♣ 986

♠ A6
♥ AQ92
♦ J42
♣ AQ74

♠ Q7543
♥ KJ10
♦ A107
♣ 105

♠ 102
♥ 653
♦ Q953
♣ 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.

5

♠ Q10

♥ AJ1053

♦ Q1032

♣ A8

♠ K7542

♥ 74

♦ AK

♣ J1054

♠ A96

♥ Q8

♦ J9865

♣ 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

♥ KJ64

♦ K762

♣ 108

♠ A74

♥ Q9732

♦ 94

♣ 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

♠ AQJ952

♥ A103

♦ J63

♣ 8

♠ K10

♥ 9754

♦ AKQ97

♣ 96

♠ 84

♥ K86

♦ 108

♣ AK10754

♠ 763

♥ QJ2

♦ 542

♣ QJ32

Dealer: South

Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South

Opening Lead:

8

♠ Q9643

♥ A8

♦ AK1062

♣ 9

♠ K10

♥ KQ109

♦ 985

♣ Q864

♠ 87

♥ 7542

♦ Q43

♣ A1072

♠ AJ52

♥ J63

♦ J7

♣ KJ53

Dealer: West

Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South

Opening Lead:

<div>9</div> <div><div><div>♠ J8</div><div>♥ AKQ95</div><div>♦ J732</div><div>♣ Q8</div></div><div><div>♠ A1062</div><div>♥ 63</div><div>♦ 105</div><div>♣ AJ532</div></div><div><div>♠ KQ943</div><div>♥ J8</div><div>♦ A96</div><div>♣ 1064</div></div><div><div>♠ 75</div><div>♥ 10742</div><div>♦ KQ84</div><div>♣ K97</div></div></div> <div><div>Dealer: North</div><div>E-W Vulnerable</div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div>Opening Lead:</div></div>		<div>10</div> <div><div><div>♠ Q95</div><div>♥ A93</div><div>♦ KJ</div><div>♣ A9875</div></div><div><div>♠ K742</div><div>♥ KJ2</div><div>♦ A1076</div><div>♣ 32</div></div><div><div>♠ AJ10863</div><div>♥ Q6</div><div>♦ 32</div><div>♣ J104</div></div><div><div>♠ 108754</div><div>♥ Q9854</div><div>♣ KQ6</div></div></div> <div><div>Dealer: East</div><div>Both Vulnerable</div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div>Opening Lead:</div></div>	
<div>11</div> <div><div><div>♠ AKJ</div><div>♥ 64</div><div>♦ A842</div><div>♣ A1098</div></div><div><div>♠ Q985</div><div>♥ A98</div><div>♦ KQ96</div><div>♣ 65</div></div><div><div>♠ 10742</div><div>♥ J32</div><div>♦ 1073</div><div>♣ K32</div></div><div><div>♠ 63</div><div>♥ KQ1075</div><div>♦ J5</div><div>♣ QJ74</div></div></div> <div><div>Dealer: South</div><div>Neither Vulnerable</div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2 NT</div><div>Pass</div><div>2 ♥</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>3 NT</div><div>Pass</div><div>3 ♥</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div></div><div>Pass</div><div>Pass</div></div><div>Opening Lead:</div></div>	<p>N asks S to describe their hand and learns it is a strong two suiter with clubs. With a fit in clubs and good spades the partnership have a minimum of 25 HCP so N bids 3NT and hopes for the best on the Ds.</p>	<div>12</div> <div><div><div>♠ AK10</div><div>♥ 107</div><div>♦ QJ98</div><div>♣ J874</div></div><div><div>♠ Q72</div><div>♥ AJ852</div><div>♦ 6</div><div>♣ 10965</div></div><div><div>♠ 9643</div><div>♥ Q963</div><div>♦ 7432</div><div>♣ 3</div></div><div><div>♠ J85</div><div>♥ K4</div><div>♦ AK105</div><div>♣ AKQ2</div></div></div> <div><div>Dealer: West</div><div>N-S Vulnerable</div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div>2 ♥</div><div>Pass</div><div>3 ♥</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>Pass</div><div></div><div></div></div><div>Opening Lead:</div></div>	<p>EW are not vul against vul ops. Remember ... not vul against vul ... licence to thrill! W opens 2H and immediately gives N problems with 11 HCP on whether to bid at all. If N passes or if N doubles .. E should not hesitate. With 2 HCP and knowing p has a max of 10 opposite game is on for the ops and it is a vulnerable game. With E shape you could be bold and bid 4H. What is S going to do? You will be doubled but you can afford to go 3 light for 500 and a top board while other pairs either bid the NT or the minor game. Daylight robbery thanks to Muiderberg 2s!</p>

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♠ KJ1075
♥ J2
♦ AK83
♣ J6

♠ 9
♥ Q10985
♦ Q975
♣ A42

♠ AQ62
♥ 43
♦ 104
♣ Q9753

♠ 843
♥ AK76
♦ J62
♣ K108

Dealer: North
Both Vulnerable
West North East South

Opening Lead:

14

♠ KJ84
♥ J2
♦ A10874
♣ J7

♠ 109
♥ K8754
♦ 95
♣ A1064

♠ Q52
♥ 109
♦ KQJ63
♣ 832

♠ A763
♥ AQ63
♦ 2
♣ KQ95

Dealer: East
Neither Vulnerable
West North East South

Opening Lead:

15

♠ 7632
♥ 106
♦ 963
♣ 8642

♠ K5
♥ A874
♦ J872
♣ K53

♠ J10
♥ J953
♦ Q4
♣ AQJ97

♠ AQ984
♥ KQ2
♦ AK105
♣ 10

Dealer: South
N-S Vulnerable
West North East South
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 1 ♠
Pass Pass

Opening Lead:

W needs to jump straight to 3S after p opens the bidding 1S. Although zero points the Bergen raise, based on LTT, confirms a 9 card fit and weak cutting the ops out of the auction. The jump bid of 3S must be alerted since its ordinary meaning would be invitational and here it has a special meaning of 4 card support and 0 to 6 HCP. This information must be available to the ops if they ask and only by alerting the bid are they told of your special agreement. There are no secrets at the bridge table so you must alert the jump bid.

16

♠ 852
♥ Q854
♦ Q6
♣ KJ42

♠ AK963
♥ A10
♦ 9754
♣ 109

♠ J104
♥ K
♦ J10832
♣ AQ87

♠ Q7
♥ J97632
♦ AK
♣ 653

Dealer: West
E-W Vulnerable
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening Lead:

E jumps to 3H an Aussie Bergen raise. The 3H bid must be alerted as not natural. W now knows p has 3 card support and 10 to 12 HCP. With a basic opener W rebids 3S signing off. It is a lucky 4S and most players should not be in the game contract.