

1

♠ 9 8

♥ 9 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6

♣ J 8 7 6

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ A Q 8 7 2

♦ Q J 3

♣ 3

♠ 10 5 3

♥ 5

♦ K 9 7 2

♣ A 9 5 4 2

♠ A J 4 2

♥ K J 10 6

♦ 5 4

♣ K Q 10

N

W E

S

Dealer: North

Neither Vulnerable

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

No. 21405

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

♠ A J 9 3

♥ K 10 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ J 10 3

♠ 8 2

♥ 9 7 2

♦ 10 8 7 5 3

♣ K 5 4

♠ K Q 10 6 4

♥ A Q J

♦ J 2

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 7 5

♥ 6 5 4 3

♦ K 9 6

♣ A Q 8 6

N

W E

S

Dealer: East

N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

No. 21406

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

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A J 6 5 3

♦ J 6 5

♣ A 7

♠ K 10 8 4

♥ Q 10 2

♦ Q 9 4 2

♣ K 4

♠ A J 2

♥ K 8

♦ A 10 8 7

♣ Q 9 8 2

N

W E

S

♠ 9 7 5

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 3

♣ J 10 6 5 3

Dealer: South

E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

No. 21357

Note the X by N indicated 8 plus points and strongly suggests 4S held if 5 Ss held on that situation the bid would be 1S. N's subsequent bid is asking for help with the H suit in order to move into NTs.

4

♠ K 10 2

♥ K Q 7 6 5

♦ 7 4

♣ A 6 4

♠ 8 6 5

♥ 10 8 4

♦ A K Q J 6

♣ J 5

♠ A Q 3

♥ A J 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ K 9 8 7

♠ J 9 7 4

♥ 9

♦ 10 9 8 2

♣ Q 10 3 2

N

W E

S

Dealer: West

Both Vulnerable

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

2 ♦

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

No. 21358

Opening Lead:

The cue bid by E tells partner good support for Hs. On hearing the rebid on W as 3H, a minimum hand, E leaves the contract in game.

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5

♠ A 4

♥ 8 6 5 3

♦ A 9 7 5

♣ 10 4 3

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ Q J

♦ K J 10

♣ K J 9 6

♠ J 8 5

♥ A 9 7 2

♦ Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

N

W E

S

♠ Q 7 6 2

♥ K 10 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ Q 5

Dealer: North

N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

No. 21359

S's 1H bid may be 5 cards but his 2D advance is intended as 4th-suit forcing. With the promise of 10HCP for using 4th suit forcing N calls 3NT with the D stopped. A more conservative N might only bid 2NT but 14 plus ps 10 is 24. 3NT makes half the time with 24 points so better to try for game especially if this were teams.

6

♠ 10 5 3

♥ K J 6 4

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ 10 8

♠ K Q 9 8 6

♥ 10

♦ A 10 5

♣ A 7 6 5

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 9 7 3 2

♦ 9 4

♣ K Q J

♠ J 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ 9 4 3 2

N

W E

S

Dealer: East

E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

No. 21076

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

♠ A 8 4

♥ A 8 4

♦ Q 10 9 6 3 2

♣ 5

♠ 9 7

♥ Q 9 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K 10 9 8 6 4

♠ Q 5 3

♥ K J 10 5 3

♦ K J 4

♣ A 3

N

W E

S

♠ K J 10 6 2

♥ 7 6

♦ A 7

♣ Q J 7 2

Dealer: South

Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

N uses Aussie Bergen to explain 3 card H support and 10 to 12 HCP. With this information S decides with shape there is enough to go to straight to game.

8

♠ 9 7 5

♥ A J 10 8 6

♦ Q J 10

♣ A 8

♠ K Q 4

♥ 9 3 2

♦ 9 8 6 3

♣ K 9 7

♠ J 10 6 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ A 4 2

♣ 6 3 2

♠ A 8 3

♥ K 5

♦ K 7 5

♣ Q J 10 5 4

N

W E

S

Dealer: West

Neither Vulnerable

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Opening Lead:

A simple raise showing 6 to 9 HCP and 3 card support. W should pass and the contract is 2H.

9

♠ 9 5

♥ J 6

♦ 7 5 3 2

♣ 10 8 7 6 5

♠ K Q 3 2

♥ A 10 7 4

♦ A 4

♣ A K 9

♠ A J 8

♥ 5 3 2

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ J 4 2

♠ 10 7 6 4

♥ K Q 9 8

♦ J 10 9

♣ Q 3

N

W E

S

Dealer: North

E-W Vulnerable

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Opening Lead:

N opens a multi 2D with a 19/20 HCP and flat hand. S jumps to 3NT (alert) showing 4/4 in the majors and 8 to 10 HCP. N recognisess partner's bid (crucial!) and can choose either major to play in.

10

♠ J 10 9

♥ A 10 7

♦ A 10 6

♣ A Q 9 8

♠ 6 4 3

♥ J 9 8 2

♦ K Q 9 2

♣ K 5

♠ A 8

♥ Q 6 5 4 3

♦ J 8 5 3

♣ J 3

N

E

W

S

♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ K

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 7 6 4 2

Dealer: East

Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

E is able to open a Muiderberg 2 as he is 5/5 at this vul. W now knows about 10 of Es cards. By bidding 2NT W seeks a further description and learns it is a weak hand with Clubs. The clubs add value to W hand who has two of Es potential losers covered with the two red As. W bids game.

11

♠ Q 9 8 5

♥ A 9 8

♦ K Q 9 6

♣ 6 5

♠ A K J

♥ 6 4

♦ A 8 4 2

♣ A 10 9 8

♠ 10 7 4 2

♥ J 3 2

♦ 10 7 3

♣ K 3 2

♠ 6 3

♥ K Q 10 7 5

♦ J 5

♣ Q J 7 4

N

W

S

E

Dealer: South

Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

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.

12

♠ K 10 9 8 6 2
♥ 10
♦ K 3
♣ A K J 3

♠ A 3
♥ K J 9 3 2
♦ Q J 8
♣ Q 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ 8 7

♠ J
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ A 10 5 2
♣ 10 9 5 2

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

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

No. 21238

Opening Lead:

13

♠ AK10

♥ AKJ107542

♦ 64

♣

♠ 9875

♥

♦ K9753

♣ 9752

♠ QJ643

♥ 86

♦ AQJ8

♣ A3

N

W

E

S

♠ 2

♥ Q93

♦ 102

♣ KQJ10864

Dealer: North

Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

No. 21367

S's 2S response promises at least 5 spades and 7+ points. He shows 2 key cards and QS in response to the RKCB bid. Although he knows there is at least an 8-card fit in S's, N has 8 H's of his own - any that S may have are a bonus. The knowledge that QS and two black aces are with S makes 6H almost bomb-proof.

14

♠ 5

♥ Q J 4

♦ Q 8 7 6

♣ J 10 8 5 4

♠ A 9 8

♥ K 5 2

♦ A J 9 2

♣ K 6 2

N

W E

S

♠ J 7 2

♥ A 9 7 6 3

♦ K 4 3

♣ A Q

♠ K Q 10 6 4 3

♥ 10 8

♦ 10 5

♣ 9 7 3

Dealer: East

Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

No. 21368

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

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15

♠ 10 8 6 2

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 5

♣ Q J 8 7 2

♠ A Q 4

♥ J 7 5

♦ J 10 9 3

♣ A 9 6

♠ J 9 3

♥ A K 9 8 2

♦ A K 2

♣ K 4

N

W E

S

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 10 4

♦ 8 7 6 4

♣ 10 5 3

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.