

1

♠ K6
♥ 103
♦ KQJ986
♣ QJ10

♠ 10542
♥ A765
♦ A
♣ 7643

♠ AQJ987
♥ J8
♦ 107
♣ AK8

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ K

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 dummies 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.

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♠ 2
♥ 9532
♦ A432
♣ 10643

♠ KQ953
♥ K8
♦ 1075
♣ AKJ

♠ A84
♥ QJ107
♦ K9
♣ 9752

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

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.

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♠ K532
♥ KQJ
♦ 8765
♣ Q6

♠ AJ7
♥ 10987
♦ A43
♣ 432

♠ Q98
♥ A
♦ KQ9
♣ AKJ1095

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

S opens 2D and rebids to show a min. 6 card club suit. N has to decide what to do. There is an 8 card fit in Clubs but would NT be better? N must think about South's HCP. With 19 to 22 N holds the QC. Therefore at best only 8 of his partner's points are in Clubs. With at least 11 HCP elsewhere, 3NT should be possible.

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♠ 432
♥ 32
♦ K32
♣ 98732

♠ 876
♥ A1098
♦ 765
♣ AJ10

♠ AKJ5
♥ 7654
♦ 84
♣ 654

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

W opens 2D and rebids to show a strong flat hand. E enquires using Puppet Stayman. With no 4/5 card major W bids 3NT.

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♠ 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.

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♠ AQ3
♥ AJ3
♦ A53
♣ KJ98

♠ 865
♥ 10842
♦ J86
♣ 754

♠ J974
♥ 9
♦ Q1092
♣ Q1032

♠ K102
♥ KQ765
♦ K74
♣ A6

Dealer: South
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

With a flat hand and values in all suits plus knowing there can be only a maximum of 5 points out against them, N saves time by going direct to 6NT. You can go via Puppet and RKCB but this gives opportunities for the ops to X to indicate lead preferences on artificial bids. You have the points ... go straight there.

8

♠ J62
♥ QJ853
♦ A754
♣ 5

♠ Q107
♥ 7
♦ KQJ108
♣ A864

♠ AK84
♥ K109
♦ 963
♣ KQ9

♠ 953
♥ A642
♦ 2
♣ J10732

Dealer: West
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

North's intervention may seem a little light but he has good shape and is not vulnerable. East's X smacks strongly of his holding 4 spades. South "barrage bids" by jumping in hearts. This has merit because it soaks up bidding space for the side with points and because the LTT implies a profitable score with nine trumps. Holding good trumps, East's second X is for penalties. Although the contract goes 2 light for -300, it is a good sacrifice should E/W play in 4S.

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♠ 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

♠ 9543

♥ AK5

♦ KQ873

♣ 8

♠ J7

♥ 74

♦ J4

♣ AK65432

♠ 62

♥ Q108

♦ A1062

♣ J1097

♠ AKQ108

♥ J9632

♦ 95

♣ Q

Dealer: South

Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South

Opening Lead:

12

♠ K64

♥ 9532

♦ A97

♣ 1074

♠ QJ98

♥ AQ

♦ J10432

♣ A5

♠ 1032

♥ KJ864

♦ K6

♣ K32

♠ A75

♥ 107

♦ Q85

♣ QJ986

Dealer: West

N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South

Opening Lead:

13

♠ 53

♥ AK1087

♦ J

♣ J9875

♠ KQ98

♥ 943

♦ KQ96

♣ 43

♠ A1042

♥ Q65

♦ A1032

♣ K2

♠ J76

♥ J2

♦ 8754

♣ AQ106

Dealer: North

Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	2 ♥	Dbl	3 ♣
?			

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.

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♠ A98

♥ K52

♦ AJ92

♣ K62

♠ 5

♥ QJ4

♦ Q876

♣ J10854

♠ J72

♥ A9763

♦ K43

♣ AQ

♠ KQ10643

♥ 108

♦ 105

♣ 973

Dealer: East

Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

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

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♠ AQ4

♥ J75

♦ J1093

♣ A96

♠ 10862

♥ 63

♦ Q5

♣ QJ872

♠ K75

♥ Q104

♦ 8764

♣ 1053

♠ J93

♥ AK982

♦ AK2

♣ K4

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.