

1

♠ 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

♠ K532
♥ KQJ
♦ 8765
♣ Q6

♠ 1064
♥ 65432
♦ J102
♣ 87

♠ 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.

4

♠ 432
♥ 32
♦ K32
♣ 98732

♠ Q109
♥ KQJ
♦ AQJ109
♣ KQ

♠ 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.

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

♠ QJ875
♥ J8
♦ QJ6
♣ J105

♠ 1042
♥ KQ109
♦ 84
♣ KQ74

♠ 63
♥ 542
♦ K109752
♣ 62

♠ AK9
♥ A763
♦ A3
♣ A983

Dealer: South
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

Upon learning S has a strong flat hand N transfers p into spades. Transfers are on after the 2NT rebid and it does not matter that N has already bid Hs in answer to the initial 2D bid. The 3H bid is a transfer which S accepts. N should then bid 3NT to explain only 5 spades are held and give N the option of NT. With 3 good S support S bids 4S.

8

♠ 7652
♥ AJ10
♦ 10752
♣ 107

♠ KQ
♥ Q7
♦ AJ9
♣ AKQJ42

♠ 9843
♥ K9642
♦ Q8
♣ 53

♠ AJ10
♥ 853
♦ K643
♣ 986

Dealer: West
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

After E responds 2H showing a weak hand W explains their hand is strong 19 to 22 HCP with a long C suit. E bids 3H to show 5Hs in case a fit in a major is possible. With some relief at help on the H front W now bids 3NT.

9

♠ 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
			1 ♠
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

The thought of jump-bidding his clubs probably crossed West's mind, but he remembered just in time he was playing Michaels CRO. Even if he wasn't N would still cue-support the spades. Finding S with a little more strength would make for slam aspirations.

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
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead:

It's interesting how often you see a 4-3 fit making game ... everything is right here. However, most pairs will settle for a partial score after an exploratory auction such as this. Note: if East does not test the club position at the 2-level there is a danger of becoming overbid.

13

♠ AK10
♥ AKJ107542
♦ 64
♣
♠ 9875
♥
♦ K9753
♣ 9752
♠ 2
♥ Q93
♦ 102
♣ KQJ10864
♠ QJ643
♥ 86
♦ AQJ8
♣ A3

Dealer: North
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

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

♠ 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.

15

♠ 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.