

1

♠ 7
♥ QJ10874
♦ KJ5
♣ Q102

♠ A982
♥ 652
♦ Q64
♣ A83

♠ QJ106
♥ A3
♦ 9732
♣ 965

♠ K543
♥ K9
♦ A108
♣ KJ74

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

With 14HCP S enquires the strength of the 2H opener. Remembering 1-2-1-2-3 N responds 3H confirming 1 top honour and max points. S bids game.

2

♠ 94
♥ QJ63
♦ K5
♣ J10932

♠ 7
♥ A1095
♦ AQJ108
♣ AQ8

♠ KQ8652
♥ 87
♦ 42
♣ K75

♠ AJ103
♥ K42
♦ 9763
♣ 64

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

With 17HCP W needs to know the strength of his ps 2S opening bid. Learning it contains 2 top honours (5HCP) and weak W signs off in 3S. 3NT is a risk as p may only have another J somewhere and with a singleton S holding may struggle to set up the S suit.

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♠ K76
♥ A987
♦ J1053
♣ J8

♠ A8
♥ Q102
♦ Q96
♣ KQ1092

♠ 102
♥ K654
♦ A872
♣ A75

♠ QJ9543
♥ J3
♦ K4
♣ 643

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			2 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead:

After S opens the bidding 2D, N bids 3S. This shows 8 to 10 HCP and 3S and 4H exactly. S is happy to leave the contract in 3S. Note how this cuts the ops out of their available contracts.

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♠ QJ54
♥ 7
♦ AJ10
♣ K7642

♠ 106
♥ KQ10642
♦ Q953
♣ Q

♠ 9872
♥ 853
♦ K7
♣ AJ93

♠ AK3
♥ AJ9
♦ 8642
♣ 1085

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

E should respond 3H to Ws opening 2D bid. This shows 8 to 10 HCP and 3Hs and 4Ss exactly. W, with a Weak 2 in Hs, is happy to leave the contract there.

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

♠ 8643
♥ 72
♦ 8642
♣ 952

♠ J1075
♥ AK5
♦ QJ
♣ KQ64

♠ K92
♥ QJ3
♦ A73
♣ J1087

♠ AQ
♥ 109864
♦ K1095
♣ A3

Dealer: South
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

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

8

♠ 72
♥ 98
♦ KQ542
♣ J1076

♠ 5
♥ QJ64
♦ A96
♣ KQ983

♠ KQJ104
♥ A753
♦ 73
♣ 54

♠ A9863
♥ K102
♦ J108
♣ A2

Dealer: West
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

W cannot mention his Hs on a rebid as that would be through the barrier and he has a minimum hand. Rebidding clubs with a singleton is correct. E is able to rebid with 10 HCP and mention Hs. Given E has 10 HCP and a 7 loser hand a bid of 3H may be warranted. Whether 2H or 3H, both tell W of 5Ss and 4Hs. With a fit E can now invite game if E bid 2H. Sadly the KH is offside and if the defence lead KD, a standout lead, there is nothing declarer can do as he cannot escape AS, AC and KH with QD taking it one trick light.

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

♠ 62
♥ Q108
♦ A1062
♣ J1097

♠ AKQ108
♥ J9632
♦ 95
♣ Q

Dealer: South
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
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Opening Lead:

♠ J7
♥ 74
♦ J4
♣ AK65432

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♠ 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
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Opening Lead:

♠ QJ98
♥ AQ
♦ J10432
♣ A5

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♠ 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 ♣
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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.

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.

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♠ AJ52
♥ 6
♦ K983
♣ AQ97
♠ KQ7
♥ AJ10954
♦ Q10
♣ 52
♠ 9643
♥ 872
♦ J754
♣ KJ
♠ 108
♥ KQ3
♦ A62
♣ 108643

Dealer: West
E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

Unfortunately disaster strikes as the clubs are unhelpfully positioned!

JH led - what's your plan?