

**1**

♠ 86  
 ♥ AQJ1074  
 ♦ Q7  
 ♣ 983

♠ KQ74  
 ♥ K63  
 ♦ J832  
 ♣ J6

♠ 953  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ 1065  
 ♣ AQ1052

♠ AJ102  
 ♥ 85  
 ♦ AK94  
 ♣ K74

Dealer: North  
 Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

S has 15 HCP so asks N to describe their hand. N replies 3C, showing a strong weak 2 in Hs. Both these bids must be alerted. With this information S now bids the game in Hs.

**2**

♠ 75  
 ♥ A7632  
 ♦ K93  
 ♣ KQ6

♠ KJ  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ A7652  
 ♣ A9432

♠ AQ6432  
 ♥ J84  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ 1087

♠ 1098  
 ♥ KQ105  
 ♦ QJ84  
 ♣ J5

Dealer: East  
 N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

W gives the weakest response to E stating they are not interested in game if E holds a Weak 2 in Hs. E corrects the bid to show a Weak 2 in S.

**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**

♠ 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.

**7**

♠ 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 ITT 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.

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

♠ 97643  
 ♥ J107  
 ♦ 109  
 ♣ A107

♠ A5  
 ♥ Q63  
 ♦ J743  
 ♣ KQ42

♠ 2  
 ♥ AK952  
 ♦ AK52  
 ♣ 983

♠ KQJ108  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ Q86  
 ♣ J65

Dealer: East  
 E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	1 ♠
4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	?	

Opening Lead:

W makes an immediate raise to game anxious to cut out further interference by the opposition. N bids 4Ss easily at this vulnerability. E is in difficulties doubling with his spade holding. W should X giving p option of penalties or bidding 5H. In fact 5H does not make on this hand but 4SX goes 3 light and is a steal for the NS pair bidding according to LTT

12

♠ 732  
 ♥ 854  
 ♦ A85  
 ♣ AJ107

♠ A10  
 ♥ A7  
 ♦ KQ107  
 ♣ KQ932

♠ QJ964  
 ♥ KJ963  
 ♦ 92  
 ♣ 8

♠ K85  
 ♥ Q102  
 ♦ J643  
 ♣ 654

Dealer: West  
 Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

W reverses, bidding C first and then bidding beyond his opening suit, beyond 2C by bidding 2D. This promises 16 plus HCP. Once E explains his hand by showing a repeat in Hs W puts E back to the first bid suit in case it is a 6 card suit. NTs in a misfit is rarely a good option as transport between hands becomes problematic.

**13**

♠ AK10  
 ♥ AKJ107542  
 ♦ 64  
 ♣

♠ 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**

♠ A9  
 ♥ KJ10  
 ♦ KQ96  
 ♣ K1086

♠ 108  
 ♥ Q952  
 ♦ J10  
 ♣ AQJ97

♠ J7632  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ A8532  
 ♣ 2

Dealer: South  
 N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

N should enquire further about S hand and when S indicates a strong point count with Ds be able to confidently bid the makeable 3NT.