

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

♠ 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

♠ 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.

4

♠ J8  
♥ Q54  
♦ 5432  
♣ Q1098

♠ A763  
♥ KJ1098  
♦ AK  
♣ J7

♠ KQ1095  
♥ 7  
♦ QJ108  
♣ AK3

♠ 42  
♥ A632  
♦ 976  
♣ 6542

Dealer: West  
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

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

♠ 42  
♥ A632  
♦ 976  
♣ 6542

♠ KQ1095  
♥ 7  
♦ QJ108  
♣ AK3

♠ A763  
♥ KJ1098  
♦ AK  
♣ J7

♠ J8  
♥ Q54  
♦ 5432  
♣ Q1098

Dealer: East  
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead:

East's leap to 4S could have been done opposite as little as 6 points and a 4-card spade suit. He obviously has a strong hand with 4 spades. With a strong hand himself West uses RKCB, the response indicating 2 keycards without the QS. All West needs to know is that the 8 or so points out against them are not comprised of 2 aces. He calls the slam.

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

♠ 982  
♥ 732  
♦ K6  
♣ KJ1084

♠ 5  
♥ AJ5  
♦ QJ9854  
♣ AQ6

♠ AKJ74  
♥ KQ104  
♦ 103  
♣ 97

♠ Q1063  
♥ 986  
♦ A72  
♣ 532

Dealer: West  
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♣ J

N leads JC top of internal sequence. South should give count. When W develops Ds S must be alive to the auction and put up the A to protect the only possible entry for N to those clubs. Protect ps potential entry and fire back a club straight away.

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

♠ AKJ  
♥ 64  
♦ A842  
♣ A1098

♠ Q985  
♥ A98  
♦ KQ96  
♣ 65

♠ 10742  
♥ J32  
♦ 1073  
♣ K32

♠ 63  
♥ KQ1075  
♦ J5  
♣ QJ74

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

♠ A3  
♥ KJ932  
♦ QJ8  
♣ Q64

♠ K109862  
♥ 10  
♦ K3  
♣ AKJ3

♠ Q754  
♥ 865  
♦ 9764  
♣ 87

♠ J  
♥ AQ74  
♦ A1052  
♣ 10952

Dealer: West  
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

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

♠ K75  
♥ 976  
♦ KJ65  
♣ 1083  
♠ Q108643  
♥ 10  
♦ A94  
♣ A52  
♠ 92  
♥ AQJ84  
♦ 107  
♣ K976  
♠ AJ  
♥ K532  
♦ Q832  
♣ QJ4

Dealer: East  
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead:

The bid of 2S by W is purely saying ... I hear what you say p, but Ss might be the best place. On a max of 10 E could invite game by bidding 3S which W with a ropey S suit would do well to decline.

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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.