

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

	♠ K Q 5		
	♥ K Q 2		
	♦ K J 7 5		
	♣ 8 4 3		
♠ A 9 8 7		♠ 10 4 3 2	
♥ A 9 4		♥ 3	
♦ 10 9 6		♦ 8 4 3	
♣ A 6 5		♣ K Q J 10 9	
	♠ J 6		
	♥ J 10 8 7 6 5		
	♦ A Q 2		
	♣ 7 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	All pass	

Lead: ♣ K

2 ♦ shows 5+ hearts and requires partner to bid 2 ♥.

South is using the transfer to sign off in 2 ♥.

Note that 2 ♥ should make 9 tricks, but 1 NT is one off if East leads the obvious club.

Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ 8 7	♠ A K 5	♠ 9 3 2
♥ K J 5 3 2	♥ 9 8 6	♥ Q 10 7
♦ K 7 5	♦ 10 8 6 4	♦ A Q J
♣ A 10 7	♣ Q J 3	♣ K 5 4 2

♠ Q J 10 6 4
♥ A 4
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 9 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	All pass

Lead ♠ Q

2 ♦ shows 5+ hearts and requires partner to bid 2 ♥.

2 NT shows 11-12 HCP and exactly 5 hearts.

East signs off in 3 ♥ because he has a minimum 1 NT and 3- card heart support.

3 ♥ makes 9 tricks. 2 NT is one off on a spade lead.

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

	♠ 8 7		
	♥ K J 9 3 2		
	♦ K 7 5		
	♣ A 10 7		
♠ Q J 10 6 4	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K 5	
♥ A 4		♥ 8 6 5	
♦ 9 3 2		♦ 10 8 6 4	
♣ 9 8 6		♣ J 5 3	
	♠ 9 3 2		
	♥ Q 10 7		
	♦ A Q J		
	♣ K Q 4 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			

Lead: ♠ Q

2 ♦ shows 5+ hearts and requires partner to bid 2 ♥.

2 NT shows 11-12 HCP and exactly 5 hearts.

South jumps to 4 ♥ because he has a maximum 1 NT and 3- card heart support.

4 ♥ makes 10 tricks. 3 NT is two off on a spade lead

Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul

	♠ Q J 10 6 4	
	♥ K J	
	♦ 9 3 2	
	♣ 9 8 6	
♠ 9 3 2		♠ 8 7
♥ 7 5		♥ A 9 4 3 2
♦ A Q J 4		♦ K 7 5
♣ K Q 5 4		♣ A 10 7
	♠ A K 5	
	♥ Q 10 8 6	
	♦ 10 8 6	
	♣ J 3 2	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	All pass

Lead: ♠ Q

2 ♦ shows 5+ hearts and requires partner to bid 2 ♥.

2 NT shows 11-12 HCP and exactly 5 hearts.

West passes because he has a minimum 1 NT and only two hearts.

2 NT makes exactly after losing the first 5 spade tricks. A heart contract loses 2 spade tricks and 3 heart tricks.

Board 5
 North Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A K 5	♠ Q 10 2	♠ J 9 6 4 3
♥ Q 10 8 6	♥ 7 5	♥ K J
♦ 10 8 6	♦ A Q J 4	♦ 9 3 2
♣ J 3 2	♣ K Q 5 4	♣ 9 8 6
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ 8 7	
	♥ A 9 4 3 2	
	♦ K 7 5	
	♣ A 10 7	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

Lead: ♠ 4

2 ♦ shows 5+ hearts and requires partner to bid 2 ♥.

2 NT shows 11-12 HCP and exactly 5 hearts.

North raises to 3 NT because he has a maximum 1 NT but only 2 hearts.

3 NT makes 9 or 10 tricks. A heart contract loses 2 spade tricks and 3 heart tricks.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

	♠ A K 5		
	♥ Q 10 8 6		
	♦ 10 8 6		
	♣ J 3 2		
♠ 8 7		♠ Q 10 2	
♥ A 9 4 3 2		♥ 7 5	
♦ K 7 5		♦ A Q J 4	
♣ A Q 7		♣ K 10 5 4	
	♠ J 9 6 4 3		
	♥ K J		
	♦ 9 3 2		
	♣ 9 8 6		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 NT	All pass		

Lead: ♠ A

2 ♦ shows 5+ hearts and requires partner to bid 2 ♥.

3 NT shows 13+ points and exactly 5 hearts.

East passes because he has only 2 hearts.

3 NT makes 9 or 10 tricks. A heart contract loses 2 spade tricks and 3 heart tricks.

Board 7

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q J 9 6 4 ♥ J 6 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ 9 8 6		<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>		♠ 8 7 ♥ A 9 4 3 2 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ A Q 7	♠ A K 5 3 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ J 3 2
				♠ 10 2 ♥ K 7 5 ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ K 10 5 4	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>		<i>East</i>		<i>South</i>
					1 NT
Pass	2 ♦		Pass		2 ♥
Pass	3 NT		Pass		4 ♥
All pass					

Lead: ♠ Q or ♣ 8

- 2 ♦ shows 5+ hearts and requires partner to bid 2 ♥.
- 3 NT shows 13+ points and exactly 5 hearts.
- South bids 4 ♥ because he has 3 hearts.
- 4 ♥ makes 10 tricks, losing just 2 spades and a trump trick.
- 3 NT is one off on a spade lead.

Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

		♠ 2		
		♥ K Q 3 2		
		♦ J 9 8 4		
		♣ K J 10 9		
♠ Q 3			♠ K J 9 7 6 5	
♥ J 10 6			♥ 9 7	
♦ A K Q 5			♦ 7 2	
♣ 7 5 4 3			♣ A Q 2	
		♠ A 10 8 4		
		♥ A 8 5 4		
		♦ 10 6 3		
		♣ 8 6		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass	
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	All pass	

Lead: ♥ K

2 ♥ shows 5+ spades and requires partner to bid 2 ♠.

3 ♠ shows 6+ spades and is a game try.

With a minimum 1 NT opening West passes.

3 ♠ makes 9 tricks: The club finesse is right but there are two trump losers. 2[©] shows 5+ spades and requires partner to bid 2^a.

3^a shows 6+ spades and is a game try.

With a maximum 1 NT opening North raises to 4^a.

4^a loses 2 heart tricks and a trump trick.

Board 9

North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 10 8 4 2 ♥ A J 5 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ 8 7 6	♠ A 3 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ A K 10 5 ♣ K 5 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"><tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr><tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr></table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q ♥ K Q 8 3 2 ♦ J 9 8 4 ♣ J 10 9
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ K J 9 7 6 5 ♥ 9 7 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A Q 2											
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>									
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥									
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠									
Pass	4 ♠	All pass										

Lead: ♥ K

- 2 ♥ shows 5+ spades and requires partner to bid 2 ♠.
- 3 ♠ shows 6+ spades and is a game try.
- With a maximum 1 NT opening North raises to 4 ♠.
- 4 ♠ loses 2 heart tricks and a trump trick.


Board 10
 East Deals
 Both Vul

	♠ K J 9 4		
	♥ 10 5 3		
	♦ 8 6		
	♣ A K J 6		
♠ 7 3 2	N	♠ A Q 10 6	
♥ 8 4 2	W	♥ A 7 6	
♦ Q J 10 9 3 2	S	♦ K 4	
♣ 8	E	♣ 9 7 5 4	
	♠ 8 5		
	♥ K Q J 9		
	♦ A 7 5		
	♣ Q 10 3 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	All pass		

West's 2 ♠ requires East to bid 3 ♣. West converts to 3 ♦, which East must pass. This is known as a weak takeout into a long minor. If West had long clubs instead of diamonds West would pass East's 3 ♣ bid.

West has to have at least 6 cards in the suit and fewer than 7 points to make a 3 level takeout. With a 7-11 points West should pass. With 12+ points West should bid 3 NT - East has at least two diamonds.

Board 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ K Q 9 2 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ 7 6 5</p>		<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ A Q 4 3 ♣ A K Q 2</p>	<p>♠ A 3 ♥ K 10 9 6 3 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ 9 8 3</p>
		<p>♠ J 10 8 7 6 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K J 5 ♣ J 10 4</p>	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
All pass			

Lead: ♥ 6

3 ♥ shows 5+ spades and requires partner to bid 3 ♠.

3 NT shows 13+ points and exactly 5 spades.


With only 2 spades East passes.

3 NT makes 9 tricks. 4 ♠ loses 4 trump tricks and maybe a heart as well.

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 2		♠ Q 5	
♥ J 4		♥ A 5 3 2	
♦ 7 6 3 2		♦ A Q 4	
♣ 7 6 5 4		♣ A K Q 2	
			
		♠ A 3	
		♥ K Q 10 9 6	
		♦ 10 9 8	
		♣ 9 8 3	
		♠ J 10 8 7 6 4	
		♥ 8 7	
		♦ K J 5	
		♣ J 10	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

Lead: ♥ K

3 ♥ shows 5+ spades and requires partner to bid 3 ♠.

4 ♠ is a sign off, showing 6+ spades.

4 ♠ loses just 2 trump tricks if declarer wins the heart lead and immediately plays 3 rounds of clubs, discarding a heart. 3 NT is at least one off on a heart lead.