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Bidding: E/W bid 1C-1S-4S (played by West).

Key Point: North leads AC from AK. South has QC and should make a positive attitude signal.

Discussion: When South encourages, North continues with KC and a low club. N/S take 3 club tricks and later get the KD for down 1.

North should not play a low club at trick 2 in case South is encouraging with a doubleton.

If North does not continue clubs, East can pitch a club on the extra heart, losing only 2C & 1D, making 4.

2		♠ A105 ♥ K84 ♦ KQ6 ♣ A654	Dlr: E Vul: N-S																															
♠ J962 ♥ A3 ♦ 108753 ♣ J7			♠ 843 ♥ QJ1072 ♦ J9 ♣ K109																															
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Bidding: South is too weak & too flat to open. North opens 1NT. South bids 3NT.

Key Point: East leads QH. Do not encourage with Ax or Kx. Overtake (unblock) and lead the suit back.

Discussion: To defeat the contract, E/W must get 4 heart tricks & KC.

If West plays AH on QH and returns the 3H, even if North holds up, West can knock out the KH before any other suit is played. E/W do get 4 hearts + 1 club.

If West encourages with 3H (upside down attitude) and wins trick 2 with AH, West has no more hearts to play. If any other suit is led, North can dislodge KC while still holding KH stopper, making 3S+1H+3D+2C = 9 tricks.

<div>3</div> <div><div>♠ KJ32</div><div>♥ 976</div><div>♦ 1053</div><div>♣ AQ7</div></div> <div><div>5</div><div>1017</div><div>8</div></div>	<div>♠ A96</div> <div>♥ 1082</div> <div>♦ J984</div> <div>♣ 853</div>	<div>Dlr: S</div> <div>Vul: E-W</div>																														
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Bidding: E/W bid 1NT-2C-2S-4S (played by East).

Key Point: South leads KH from KQ. North does not have A or J, so does not encourage. East ducks smoothly hoping South will lead another heart. But South now knows that East has both AH & JH. If South continues hearts, this will give away a trick.

Discussion: South should switch to another suit. The 2C looks best. (Bottom Of Something. Low from a Jack not quite as bad as low from a Queen.)

If South plays another heart, N/S get only 1 heart trick & the contract makes. Switching to any other suit defeats the contract. N/S get Ace of spades and eventually a 2nd heart and a diamond.

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Bidding: N/S bid 1C-3NT (no 4-card major, 13+ points).

Key Point: West leads heart K promising the Queen. East holds a touching honor, the Jack. East should make a positive attitude signal.

Discussion: If E/W continue hearts, they will get 4 heart tricks and eventually the KS, down 1.

South will hold up AH twice, hoping that East has KS and no more hearts to return. But no luck this time.

If E/W switch to any other suit at trick 2 or 3, South can knock out the KS while still holding the AH. South then makes $3S+1H+4D+2C=10$ tricks.

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Bidding: E/W bid 1D-1S-2S-4S (played by West).

Key Point: When dummy has a singleton, show suit preference, not attitude. Whether you hold a touching honor or not is pointless when dummy has a singleton.

Discussion: North leads AC. Dummy has a singleton. The two other outside suits are H & D. South plays low, 2C, indicating some values in the lower suit, diamonds. If North now plays a diamond, N/S get QD, AD and a diamond ruff. North should play hi/lo in diamonds (8D, then 2D) to give partner a clue that he has only two.

If North plays any other suit at trick 2, E/W will win the trick, pull trump, and make their contract. N/S will never get the diamond ruff.

6		♠ KQ108		Dlr: E																															
		♥ 73		Vul: E-W																															
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Bidding: N/S bid 1C-1S-4S (played by North)

Key Point: Partner leads A from AK. At a suit contract, encourage with a doubleton. You can ruff the 3rd round.

Discussion: East leads AC. West makes a positive attitude signal. East continues with KC and 4C. West ruffs the 3rd one. West later gets the KD for down one.

If West fails to encourage and East switches to any other suit, N/S will win the trick and pull trump. E/W will not get the club ruff. N/S will make the contract.

Declarer play: If East switches to a diamond, South must rise with the A rather than taking the finesses. South should see the danger of a club ruff and should pull trump ASAP.

7	♠ 652	<i>Dlr: S</i>				
	♥ A82	<i>Vul: Both</i>				
	♦ 10984					
	♣ 985					
♠ Q1087	♠ AJ93					
♥ J103	♥ 975					
♦ AQJ7	♦ K53					
♣ K4	♣ AQ7					
4	♠ K4					
13	♥ KQ64					
14	♦ 62					
9	♣ J10632					

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Bidding: E/W bid 1D-1S-2S-4S (played by East).

Key Point: Partner leads the K. Encourage with the Ace.

Discussion: South leads heart K from KQ. North should encourage with the Ace.

South should continue with a low heart. If pard has the Ace, pard has at least 3 hearts. With Ax, pard would overtake and lead back the small one. But pard might have only Jx and not want to throw the Jack on the King. N/S get 3 heart tricks and spade K. E/W are down 1.

If South does not continue hearts, East wins the trick and throws a losing heart on the club Q. E/W then lose only 2 hearts and make the contract.

8		♠ A943		Dlr: W																															
		♥ 1054		Vul: None																															
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Bidding: N/S bid 1NT-2C-2H-3NT (played by South)

Key Point: Partner leads a Q from QJT or QJ9 at no trump. Overtake with the Ace. Encourage with K or T or 9. Discourage otherwise.

Discussion: West leads QS. East should discourage. South ducks this trick, letting West win it. What should West do next?

If West leads a diamond, East can set up 4 diamond tricks with an eventual entry in clubs. Any other lead at trick 2 and N/S make 3NT. It is not obvious whether to lead D or C, but some chance is better than no chance.

(There is no future in spades. N/S still have A,K,9. South bid hearts. Not a good idea to lead that.)

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Bidding: E/W bid 1D-1H-2H-4H (played by West).

Key Point: Partner leads A from AK. Encourage with the Queen (or doubleton), but not with the Jack.

Discussion: North leads AC. If South encourages, North continues with KC and another club. West then makes the contract, pitching 3 diamonds on West's extra spade winners, losing only 2 clubs & 1 diamond.

If South discourages, North knows declarer has QC and switches to another suit. Spades will not produce any defensive tricks (singleton Ace in dummy). So North switches to a diamond. South takes AD, KD, then returns a club to North's known KC. Down 1.

10	♠ KQ3	Dlr: E	
	♥ KQJ74	Vul: Both	
	♦ J10		
	♣ 1065		
♠ A642	♠ 10985		
♥ 82	♥ 106		
♦ AQ43	♦ 9852		
♣ 972	♣ KQ8		
12	♠ J7		
10	♥ A953		
5	♦ K76		
13	♣ AJ43		

Bidding: N/S bid 1C-1H-2H-4H (played by North)

Key Point: Pard leads KC from KQ. AJ are in dummy. Showing attitude is pointless. Partner already knows you do not have A or J. Show suit preference instead. Relevant other suits are S & D (not trump). Play low club (2C) to show preference for low suit (diamonds).

Discussion: If East leads a diamond, West scores QD & AD to go with 1 club trick & AS. Will East know to lead a diamond? Maybe not. So tell him.

If West has to lead diamonds, E/W get only 1 diamond trick.

If East never leads a diamond, South pitches a diamond on dummy's 4th club, avoiding the 2nd diamond loser.

12	♠ K765 ♥ AQ93 ♦ 5 ♣ A753	<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>
	♠ 82 ♥ 654 ♦ AK84 ♣ J1098	♠ AQ93 ♥ 102 ♦ 9732 ♣ 642

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Key Point: Partner leads K from KQ. Do not encourage with a doubleton. Only encourage with A or J.

Discussion: South leads KC. Suppose you encourage with a doubleton. Declarer will duck the KC, capture the QC with AC and pull your trump. You will not get a ruff. Plus, declarer will score the un-merited JC and make the contract.

Bidding: N/S bid 1D-1H-2H-4H (played by South)

Key Point: Pard leads AD. Dummy has a singleton. Show suit preference, not attitude. Showing a touching honor is irrelevant since dummy will ruff.

Discussion: West leads AD. Dummy has a singleton. The relevant other suits are S & C (not trump). East plays high (9D) indicating some values in the higher suit, spades. If West now plays a spade, E/W get QS, AS and a spade ruff. West should play hi/lo in spades (8S, then 2S) to give partner a clue that he has only two.

If West plays any other suit at trick 2, N/S will win the trick, pull trump, and make their contract. E/W will not get the spade ruff.