

1 ♠ AKQ *Dlr: N*
 ♥ AK9 *Vul: None*
 ♦ A1063
 ♣ 962

♠ 10743 ♠ 985
 ♥ 765 ♥ QJ1042
 ♦ J72 ♦ KQ8
 ♣ A83 ♣ 75

20 ♠ J62
 5 ♥ 83
 8 ♦ 954
 7 ♣ KQJ104

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
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Bidding: N/S bid 2NT-3NT (played by North).

Key Point: East must show doubleton club. So North has 3 clubs. West must take AC on 3rd round of clubs.

Discussion: East leads QH from QJT. Everyone can see the semi-solid club suit in dummy. The key to defending this hand is to kill dummy's club suit.

If West takes AC on 1st or 2nd round, N/S make 4 club tricks & 4NT. If West take AC on 3rd round of clubs, N/S make only 2 club tricks and go down 1.

East must show the doubleton club by playing hi-lo, first 7C then 5C. West will then know declarer has 3 clubs and hold back AC until 3rd round of clubs.

2 ♠ QJ43 *Dlr: E*
 ♥ K975 *Vul: N-S*
 ♦ 96
 ♣ J85

♠ 962 ♠ AK108
 ♥ AQJ8 ♥ 104
 ♦ 873 ♦ AK4
 ♣ 932 ♣ AQ64

7 ♠ 75
 7 ♥ 632
 20 ♦ QJ1052
 6 ♣ K107

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E	3	2	2	3	2
W	3	1	2	3	2

Bidding: E/W bid 2NT-3NT (played by East).

Key Point: South shows 3 hearts. So declarer has 2. North must win KH on 2nd round of hearts.

Discussion: South leads QD from QJT. Declarer wins and advances the TH. South must give count, playing low (2H) from 3 cards in the suit.

North can now place all the the hearts. Declarer has only 2. So North must win KH on the 2nd round of hearts to hold E/W to only 1 heart trick and down 1. If North takes KH on any other trick, E/W can make 3NT.

3		Dlr: S Vul: E-W																															
♠ 10982 ♥ Q95 ♦ K104 ♣ A53		♠ A3 ♥ 1063 ♦ 976 ♣ J10972																															
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Bidding: N/S bid 2NT-3NT (played by South).

Key Point: East must show doubleton club. So South has 3. West must take AC on third round of clubs.

Discussion: West leads TS from T98. Declarer ducks. East wins KS and returns a spade to dummy's Ace, removing that as an entry to the dummy.

Declarer plays 2C from dummy. East must play hi-lo from a doubleton club, playing 8C on the first round. West can now place all the clubs. Declarer must have 3. So West must wait until the 3rd round of clubs to take the Ace, holding N/S to only 2 club tricks for down 1. (East might have 4 clubs and South a singleton K or Q. But this is less likely. Play for the more likely layout.)

4		Dlr: W Vul: Both																															
♠ AK76 ♥ AK6 ♦ AQJ7 ♣ 87		♠ 983 ♥ Q952 ♦ K94 ♣ A94																															
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Bidding: E/W bid 2NT-3NT (played by West).

Key Point: South must show 3 cards in clubs so that North knows to take the club Ace on the second round.

Discussion: South leads QS from QJT. Declarer wins & attacks clubs. South must play lo-hi (5C then 6C) to let partner know he/she has 3 clubs. This leaves West with 2 clubs. North now knows to win the 2nd round of clubs.

If North wins 1st round of clubs, West makes 4 club tricks + 7 other tricks = 5NT.

If North wins 3rd round of clubs, West makes 2 club tricks + 7 other tricks = 3NT.

If North wins 2nd round of clubs, West makes 1 club trick + 7 other tricks = down 1.

5	♠ 85	<i>Dlr: N</i>				
	♥ AQ982	<i>Vul: N-S</i>				
	♦ KJ95					
	♣ A8					
	♠ KQ1063	♠ 972				
♥ 1053	♥ J4					
♦ 83	♦ Q1072					
♣ 943	♣ KQJ5					
14	♠ AJ4					
5	♥ K76					
9	♦ A64					
12	♣ 10762					
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		S	2	3	4	1 4
		E	-	-	-	-
		W	-	-	-	-

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

Key Point: When declarer plays diamonds, West should play hi-lo to show only 2 diamonds.

Discussion: East leads KC from KQ. West discourages. North wins the Ace. North pulls 3 rounds of trump.

North then plays AD & 4D toward JD, hoping for finesse to work & hoping to make 4 diamond tricks. West should play hi-lo in diamonds (8D then 3D) to let East know that West has only 2. East wins QD. West has discouraged clubs, has no more diamonds, so East plays good QC & JC, or switches to a spade.

N/S lose 1S+2D+1C, down 1. Let partner know your count so partner does not have to guess what to do next. If West leads another diamond, N/S make 4H.

6	♠ 108432	Dlr: E	
	♥ 87	Vul: E-W	
	♦ J742		
	♣ 83		
♠ J75	♠ AKQ		
♥ 942	♥ AK5		
♦ 95	♦ A1063		
♣ KQJ104	♣ 962		
1	♠ 96		
7	♥ QJ1063		
20	♦ KQ8		
12	♣ A75		

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E	4	2	1	2	2
W	4	2	1	2	2

Bidding: E/W bid 2NT-3NT (played by East).

Key Point: North must show doubleton club. So East has 3 clubs. South must take AC on 3rd round of clubs.

Discussion: South leads QH from QJT. Everyone can see the semi-solid club suit in dummy. The key to defending this hand is to kill dummy's club suit.

If South takes AC on 1st or 2nd round, E/W make 4 club tricks & 4NT. If West take AC on 3rd round of clubs, E/W make only 2 club tricks and go down 1.

North must show the doubleton club by playing hi-lo, first 8C then 3C. South will then know declarer has 3 clubs and hold back AC until 3rd round of clubs.

7	♠ 987	<i>Dlr: S</i>					
	♥ A94	<i>Vul: Both</i>					
	♦ QJ102						
	♣ 1094						
♠ 432	♠ 1065						
♥ QJ106	♥ K85						
♦ A87	♦ 6543						
♣ J83	♣ Q72						
	♠ AKQJ						
7	♥ 732						
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Bidding: N/S bid 2NT-3NT (played by South).

Key Point: East must show an even number of cards in diamonds (2 or 4). West must consider the possibilities and conclude that it is right to win the 2nd diamond.

Discussion: West leads QH. South waits until 3rd round to win dummy's Ace. South then leads 2D to KD. Which diamond trick should West win with the Ace?

East must play a high diamond on first diamond trick, showing 2 or 4 cards in the suit. West must THINK. If East has 2 diamonds (South 4), it makes no difference when West takes the Ace. South can always make 3 diamond tricks. If East has 4 diamonds (South 2), then West must take the 2nd diamond trick to hold N/S to one diamond trick, down 1. Therefore, win 2nd diamond.

8		♠ 1063		Dlr: W																															
		♥ 94		Vul: None																															
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		♣ KQ632																																	
♠ AKQJ52		♠ 8																																	
♥ 73		♥ KQJ862																																	
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Bidding: E/W bid 1S-1NT*-4S (played by West).

Key Point: North must give count in hearts so that South knows not to take the Ace on first heart trick.

Discussion: North leads KC from KQ. West wins this & pulls trump in 3 rounds. Everyone can see the menacing heart suit in dummy. West then plays 3H to KH.

North should play 9H on this trick, hi-lo from two. South should THINK. North's 9H might be singleton or doubleton. North would play low from 3 cards. West must have 2-3 hearts. South can safely duck round 1.

If South wins 1st heart, E/W make 5S. If South wins 2nd heart, E/W are down 1. If South wins 3rd heart, E/W make 4H. North's play of 9H on 1st heart trick & then 4H on 2nd trick allows N/S to defeat the contract.

9	♠ AJ64	Dlr: N																															
	♥ AK108	Vul: E-W																															
	♦ AK4																																
	♣ 102																																
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Bidding: N/S bid 1C-1D-2NT-3NT (played by North).

Key Point: East shows 3 clubs. So declarer has 2. West can safely win KC on 2 nd round of clubs.

Discussion: East leads QD from QJT. Declarer wins and advances the TC. East must give count, playing low (3C) from 3 cards in the suit.

West can now place all the clubs. Declarer has 2. So West must not win KC on 1st round of clubs. North will return to hand to try the club finesse again. West can safely win 2nd round of clubs knowing that declarer has no more. The AC in dummy is now un-reachable. N/S make only 2 club tricks. If West takes KC on 1st round, N/S will make 3 club tricks.

10		♠ Q72 ♥ K85 ♦ 8653 ♣ 1065		Dlr: E Vul: Both																															
♠ 1094 ♥ 1074 ♦ KJ102 ♣ 987		♠ AK65 ♥ A32 ♦ Q9 ♣ AKQJ																																	
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Key Point: North shows an even number of cards in diamonds (2 or 4). South must consider the possibilities and conclude that it is right to win the 2nd diamond.

Discussion: South leads QH. East waits until 3rd round to win the Ace. East then leads QD. Which diamond trick should South win with the Ace?

Not the first one. Wait to see partner's count signal. North plays 8D, showing 2 or 4. South must THINK. If North has 2 diamonds (East 4), it makes no difference when South takes the Ace. East can always make 3 diamond tricks. If North has 4 diamonds (East 2), then South must take the 2nd diamond trick to hold E/W to one diamond trick, down 1. Best bet: win 2nd diamond.

11		♠ 843 ♥ 52 ♦ KQJ63 ♣ 863		<i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: None</i>																															
♠ Q952 ♥ 983 ♦ 952 ♣ K94		♠ J107 ♥ QJ104 ♦ A104 ♣ 1052																																	
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Key Point: West must show 3 cards in diamonds so that East knows to take the Ace on the 2nd round.

Discussion: West leads 4th best 2S. Declarer wins & attacks diamonds. West must play low (2D) to tell partner West has 3 diamonds. This leaves South with only 2. East now knows to win the 2nd round.

If East wins 1st round: South makes 4 diamond tricks + 7 other tricks = 5NT.

If East wins 3rd round: South makes 2 diamond tricks + 7 other tricks = 3NT.

If East wins 2nd round: South makes 1 diamond trick + 7 other tricks = down 1.

12		♠ Q95 ♥ J1092 ♦ A53 ♣ Q104		<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>																															
♠ AJ8 ♥ Q84 ♦ K76 ♣ AKJ3		♠ 1063 ♥ A3 ♦ QJ1092 ♣ 976																																	
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Key Point: South must show count, 2 diamonds. So West has 3. North must take AD on third round.

Discussion: North leads JH. Declarer ducks. South wins KH & returns a low heart to dummy's Ace, removing that as an entry to the dummy.

Declarer plays 2D from dummy. South must play hi-lo from a doubleton, playing 8D on the 1st round. North can now place all the diamonds. West must have 3. So North must wait until the 3rd round of diamonds to take the Ace, holding E/W to only 2 diamond tricks, down 1. (South might have 4 diamonds and East a singleton K. But this is less likely. Play for the more likely layout.)