

# **Random Exercises 4**

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#### Examples 1 & 2 Lead to NT Lead to Trumps Your North hand is: B С Α 10 8 2 10 9 Α Q 4 3 2 Α 8 3 J 9 3 2 3 10 10 2 10 7 6 4 3 2 Α Q Α Κ J 8 4 3 10 8 7 6 10 4 3 Κ 3 Q J 8 6

Bidding history 1						
West	North	East	South			
1 NT	PASS	2 NT	PASS			
3 NT	PASS	PASS	PASS			

What is your Opening lead with each of the hands for the bidding history shown above?

- A.  $4 \blacklozenge$  Hoping to develop the suit, with a  $\blacklozenge$  entry to enjoy it
- B. J ♠ Hoping that partner will get the lead and return a ♠
- C. <u>3</u>♣ Since A, K, or J ♣ in Partner's hand will help you
- D.  $2 \blacklozenge$  Probably the best, although J  $\checkmark$  is an alternative

Bidding history 2:							
South	West	North	East				
PASS	1 🎔	PASS	2 💙				
PASS	4 💙	PASS	PASS				
PASS							

## What is your Opening lead with each of the hands for the bidding history shown above?

- A. J . Nothing is attractive.
- **B**.  $\mathbf{J} \blacklozenge$  Looking for safety
- C. 3  $\clubsuit$  Not looking to ruff a  $\clubsuit$ , as you have a trump trick
- D. <u>3</u>♥ Lead lowest ♥ in case Partner has singleton Q ♥

## **Example 3**

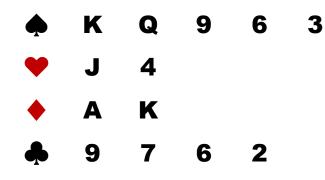
## **Suit overcall**

#### **Vulnerability: North / South**

#### Dealer: South, who opened 1 •

### North bids 2 🖤 as a response and South rebids 4 🎔

#### West's hand:



West has 13 HCPs and SQOT of 7 in  $\clubsuit$  s. She overcalls 1  $\clubsuit$ .

East has 6 HCPs and has 4 ♠ s. She uses "Level of Fit" to bid 3 ♠.

West has no idea of the strength of East's hand, other than it is no more than 9 HCPs.

Bidding:								
South	West	North	East					
1 🎔	1 🛦	2 🎔	3 🛧					
4 🎔	4 秦	Pass	Pass					
X	Pass	Pass	Pass					

#### East's hand:

•	J	7	5	4
•	Κ	10	2	
•	J	9	4	2
	J	4		

West knows they have  $9 \triangleq s$  and two  $\blacklozenge$  winners.

The Vulnerability means that East / West can lose 2 tricks (assuming North / South doubles) in 4 ♠ and get a better score of -500 than -620 if North South make 4 ♥.

West thinks she can make 8 tricks and bids 4 ♠.



## **Red Suit Transfer**

#### Vulnerability: North / South Dealer: West

#### West's hand:

•	Q	J	8	7
۷	Α	Q		
٠	Q	J	5	2
	10	9	3	

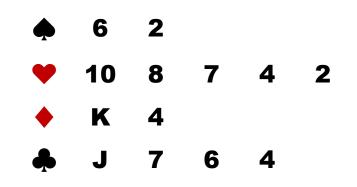
West has 12 HCPs; balanced Opens 1 NT.

East has 5 ♥ s and Red Suit Transfer applies, regardless of the strength of her hand. She bids 2 ♦.

West automatically bids  $2 \mathbf{\Psi}$ .

Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 🔶	Pass
2 🎔	Pass	Pass	Pass

#### East's hand:



East has only 4 HCPs and knows there is no chance of Game. She passes.

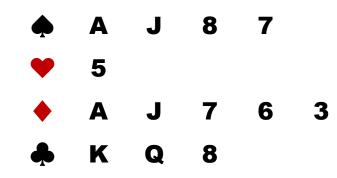
Note West /East are still better playing in 2 ♥ with a fit of 7 cards and 18 HCPs than playing in 1 NT.

## **Example 5**

## **Doubling**

#### Vulnerability: North / South Dealer: South, who opened 1 ♥ Opponents only pass after this first bid

#### West's hand:

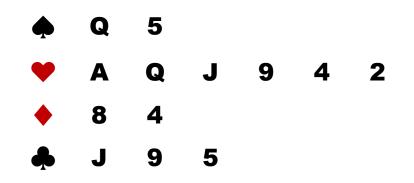


West has 15 HCPs, a SQOT of 7 in ♦ s, which is not enough for a 2 level suit overcall.

She is short in ♥ s and has tolerance (3+ cards) in the other suits, so doubles.

Bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 🎔	X	Pass	Pass
Pass			

#### East's hand:



There is no intervening bid and West will expect East to bid, whatever her strength.

East has an exceptional hand with 6 ♥ s, including 3 honours. She knows they have at least 20 HCPs.

She passes, turning the take-out double into a penalty.



of 8 in • s, meeting the criteria for a Weak 2 opening.

However, she also has a 4 card Major, in ♠ s. You should never open a Weak 2 if you have a 4 card Major – you might miss a Major Game opportunity.

Bidding:									
North	East	South	West						
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 🔶						
2 🎔									

South has 9 HCPs and a SQOT of 8 in **\$** s.

However a 2 bid would be a strong one. She also passes.

West bids  $1 \blacklozenge$ .

North overcalls 2 ♥, jumping to show a Weak overcall.

The bidding continues....

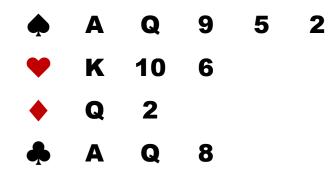
She passes.



## **Losing Trick Count**

#### Vulnerability: North / South Dealer: West

#### West's hand:



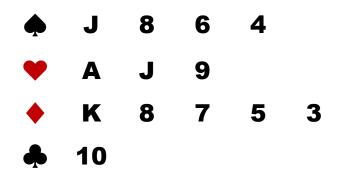
West has 17 HCPs; balanced. Opens 1 ♠.

East has 9 HCPs so she must respond. She has a fit in  $\bigstar$  s and 8 losing tricks. (8 + 7 =15; 18 - 15 = 3)

She bids 3  $\bigstar$ .

Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
1 🛧	Pass	3 🛧	Pass
4 🛧	Pass	Pass	Pass

#### East's hand:



West changes her plan from bidding 2 NT to responding to the ♠ s fit.

She knows East assumed she had 7 losing tricks when bidding 3 ♠, but she only has 6.

West can raise the bidding one level to  $4 \spadesuit$ .

## **Example 8**

#### **Vulnerability: North / South**

## Dealer: South, who opened 1

#### **Opponents only pass after this first bid**

#### West's hand:



•	J	9	6	5	•	Κ	10	7	4
۷	Α	J	5	2	•	Q	10	5	
•	Α	Κ	9		•	J	8	7	
•	Κ	J			•	Q	5	3	

West has 17 HCPs; balanced and a stop in  $\blacklozenge$  s. She overcalls 1 NT.

East has 8 HCPs and exactly 4 ♠ s. She knows they have at least 23 HCPs and so uses Stayman to ask about a  $\bigstar$  s fit.

West responds with  $2 \mathbf{\Psi}$ .

Bidding:								
South	West	North	East					
1 🔶	1 NT	Pass	2 秦					
Pass	2 🎔	Pass	2 NT					
Pass	4 🛧	Pass	Pass					
Pass								

East has not found a  $\bigstar$  s fit, but Game could still be on. She bids 2 NT.

**1 NT O/call &** 

Stayman

West now knows that East bid Stayman because she has 4  $\bigstar$  s. She also knows they have at least 25 HCPs.

West bids 4 .



# Thank you