



Random Exercises 4

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Examples 1 & 2

Lead to NT

Lead to Trumps

Your North hand is:

A

♠	A	3	2		
♥	10	2			
♦	K	J	8	4	3
♣	J	8	6		

B

♠	A	J	10	8	2
♥	8	3			
♦	J	10			
♣	10	8	7	6	

C

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

D

♠	Q	9	4		
♥	J	10	3		
♦	A	4	3	2	
♣	K	J	3		

Bidding history 1

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

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

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

- A. J ♣ Nothing is attractive.
- B. J ♦ Looking for safety
- C. 3 ♣ Not looking to ruff a ♠, as you have a trump trick
- D. 3 ♥ 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:

♠ **K Q 9 6 3**
 ♥ **J 4**
 ♦ **A K**
 ♣ **9 7 6 2**

East's hand:

♠ **J 7 5 4**
 ♥ **K 10 2**
 ♦ **J 9 4 2**
 ♣ **J 4**

West has 13 HCPs and SQOT of 7 in ♠ s.

She overcalls 1 ♠.

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.

West knows they have 9 ♠ s and two ♦ 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 ♠.

Bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♠
4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
X	Pass	Pass	Pass

Example 4

Red Suit Transfer

Vulnerability: **North / South**
Dealer: **West**

West's hand:

♠ Q J 8 7
♥ A Q
♦ Q J 5 2
♣ 10 9 3

East's hand:

♠ 6 2
♥ 10 8 7 4 2
♦ K 4
♣ J 7 6 4

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 ♥.

Bidding:			
West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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:

♠ A J 8 7
♥ 5
♦ A J 7 6 3
♣ K Q 8

East's hand:

♠ Q 5
♥ A Q J 9 4 2
♦ 8 4
♣ J 9 5

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			

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.

Example 6

Vulnerability: East / West
Dealer: North
West can open 1 ♦

Weak 2 / Weak O'call

North's hand:

♠ K 10 7 4
♥ A J 9 5 4 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 8

North has 7 HCPs and a SQOT 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.

She passes.

South's hand:

♠ Q 6 5
♥ 8 6
♦ J 8
♣ A Q 9 7 5 3

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 ♦.

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

The bidding continues....

Bidding:			
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
2 ♥			

Example 7

Losing Trick Count

Vulnerability: **North / South**
Dealer: **West**

West's hand:

♠ A Q 9 5 2
♥ K 10 6
♦ Q 2
♣ A Q 8

East's hand:

♠ J 8 6 4
♥ A J 9
♦ K 8 7 5 3
♣ 10

West has 17 HCPs; balanced.
Opens 1 ♠.

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

She bids 3 ♠.

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

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 ♠.

Example 8

1 NT O/call & Stayman

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

West's hand:

♠ J 9 6 5
 ♥ A J 5 2
 ♦ A K 9
 ♣ K J

East's hand:

♠ K 10 7 4
 ♥ Q 10 5
 ♦ J 8 7
 ♣ Q 5 3

West has 17 HCPs; balanced and a stop in ♦ 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 ♠ s fit.

West responds with 2 ♥.

Bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

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

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

West bids 4 ♠.



Thank you