

BFP BP L10 Opening Lead Trump Contracts

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 10 7
♥ K J 10 8 6
♦ J
♣ 5 3

♠ 4 ♥ A 9 5 2 ♦ A 7 5 4 3 ♣ 10 9 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> ♣K </div>	♠ K 6 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ K Q J 2																															
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West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

4 ♠ by North
Lead: ♣ K

East leads ♣ K **top of a sequence** to drive out the ♣ A and establish ♣ Q etc.

The defence return clubs when they get the lead.

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Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ 4 2
 ♥ A K 9 6 2
 ♦ A 5 4
 ♣ K 10 9

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ Q 7 5
 ♦ K Q 10
 ♣ 8 7 6 4



♠ A Q J 10 7 3
 ♥ J 10 8
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ A 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	2	3	2	-	1
S	2	3	3	-	1
E	-	-	-	2	-
W	-	-	-	2	-

♠ K 6
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ J 9 6 3 2
 ♣ Q J 3 2

14
 7 12
 7

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	2 ♥	2 ♠	All pass

2 ♠ by East
 Lead: ♥ 4

Lead partner's bid suit. With no honours, signal count.

South leads partners hearts. ♥ 4 so as to follow with ♥ 3 showing the doubleton.

Then use McKenney lead to ask for diamond return.

South must look out for a suit preference signal when North leads a third heart for a trump. The high pip count on ♥ 9 indicates a diamond.

A diamond return allows return of a fourth heart establishing the ♠ K.

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Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

	♠ K 9 6																																
	♥ 8																																
	♦ Q 9 5 4																																
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S	3	3	-	-	1																												
E	-	-	4	3	-																												
W	-	-	4	3	-																												
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	♦ A 8 6 3 2	♦ 13																															
	♣ A J 8 6																																

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

4 ♠ by West
Lead: ♥ 8

Count signal

North holds three trumps and a singleton heart. Leads ♥ 8.

South should return the suit trusting partner.

Leading the ♥ 9 suggests a remaining even count. For this count, the ♥ A is ignored as it was a "forced" card.

North can return either side suit for South to take with the ace. Repeat the process for four tricks getting the contract down.

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Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A J 8 4 3
♥ 2
♦ 9 6
♣ A K 10 5 4

♠ 10 7
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ 9 6 3



♠ K 6
♥ A 10 7 6 5
♦ A J 10
♣ 8 7 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	4	2	-	4	-
S	4	2	-	4	-
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ J 8 3
♦ K Q 8 4
♣ Q J

12
5 12
11

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

4 ♠ by North
Lead: ♣ 7

M(iddle) U(p) D(own) lead

East should not lead from spades, hearts or diamonds because every one of these suits has an isolated honour.

Leading from the clubs, East should start with the ♣ 7 (Middle), follow to the next trick with ♣ 8 (Up) and then ♣ 2 (Down).

This MUD sequence tells partner there's no values in the club suit in East's hand.

The lead does no harm, declarer has all the high value clubs.

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ 10 7 6 2
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ K 8 2

♠ A Q J 10
♥ J 8 5
♦ 6 5 2
♣ Q 10 7



♠ K 9 8 6 3
♥ K Q 9
♦ K 7
♣ J 6 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	2	2	2	-	1
S	2	2	2	-	1
E	-	-	-	2	-
W	-	-	-	2	-

♠ 7 2
♥ A 4 3
♦ A 9 4 3
♣ A 9 5 4

6
10 12
12

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass

3 ♠ All pass

3 ♠ by East
Lead: ♠ 2

South holds three isolated aces. All three should be held back to defeat kings or queens.

A "passive" lead of a trump does no harm and preserves the aces for taking declarers honours.

When taking a trick with an ace, South should continue a passive line, lead a trump or return an already played suit, and avoid leading from the remaining suits with isolated aces.

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Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ A 9 8 7 6
♣ Q 3

♠ A Q J 8
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ K 3
♣ A K 2



♠ K 10 6 5
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ J 10 9

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	2	-	3	3	3
W	2	-	3	3	3

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A K
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 8 7 6 5 4

6
17 10
7

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

4 ♠ by East
Lead: ♥ K

South leads K♥ from **AK Doubleton**.

North follows with 8♥ count of even number of hearts.

South continues with A♥ indicating the doubleton.

North follows with a signal for the switch 10♥. It's a high value asking for a switch to the higher ranking suit out of diamonds and clubs. South can see the top clubs in dummy and so would switch to diamonds anyway.

South leads a diamond, won by North.
North returns a heart trumped by South.

Contract down.

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Board 9

North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 8
♥ 8 7 6 5
♦ A K
♣ K Q 2

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A K
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 8 7 6 5 4



♠ 9 7
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ 9 8 7 6 3
♣ A 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	3	-	3	3	3
S	3	-	3	3	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

♠ K 10 6 5
♥ Q 3 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ J 10 9

19
7 5
9

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

4 ♠ by South
Lead: ♥ K

West leads K♥ from **AK Doubleton**.

East follows with 9♥ hinting at count of even number of hearts.

West continues with A♥ indicating the doubleton.

East follows with a signal for the switch 4♥. It's a low value asking for the lower ranking suit out of diamonds and clubs. West can see the top diamonds in dummy and so would switch to clubs anyway.

West leads a club, won by East.
East returns a heart trumped by West.

Contract down.

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Board 10

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 7
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 10 6
♣ K 10 6 4

♠ K 5 3 2
♥ A 6
♦ 8 7 5 4
♣ A Q 7



♠ A Q 9 8 4
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ A K 3
♣ 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	1	5	2	5	4
W	2	5	3	5	4

♠ 10 6
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 9 2
♣ J 9 8 3 2

7
13 15
5

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

6 ♠ by East
Lead: ♠ 6

West/East may or may not bid the slam. It's worth a go but shouldn't make.

South's choice of lead is a case of "least worse". There's no clue in the auction. South shouldn't lead from the unsupported ♥ K. The minors have poor broken holdings. Declarer and dummy have only bid spades naturally.

Lead ♠ 6. No harm done and a chance to see dummy and the first few tricks.

Declarer will be lucky to avoid losing a heart and a diamond.