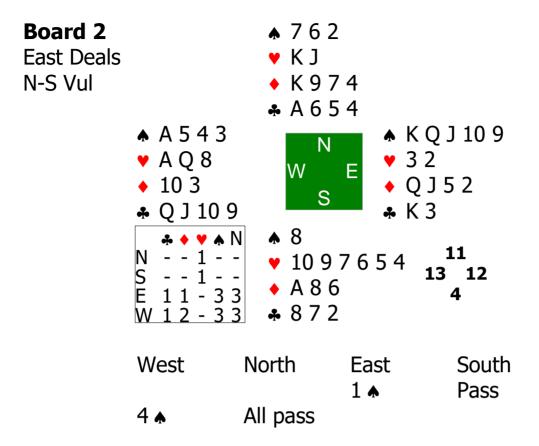


East leads ♥ A followed by ♥ K and ♥ Q, when West encourages with ♥ 8 and ♥ 2.

On the third round of hearts West has an opportunity to signal for a club lead in accordance with their agreed discard system. If using HELD it would be \clubsuit 7. If McKenney or Revolving it would be \spadesuit 2.

If East leads a club to West's • A the contract is one down, but if East leads a diamond declarer can make the contract by drawing trumps and discarding his two clubs on dummy's diamonds.



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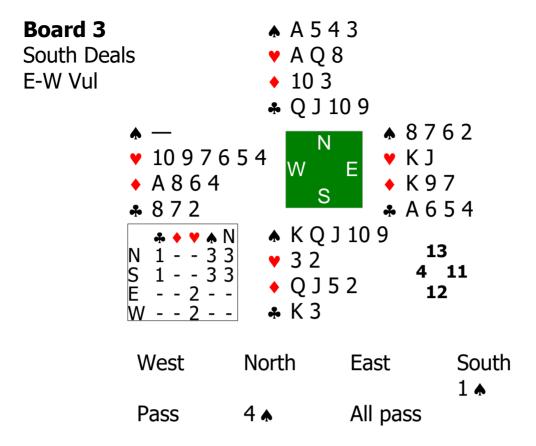
As declarer clears trumps, South has an opportunity to signal for a diamond lead in accordance with their agreed discard system.

If using HELD ◆ 8 would do the job.

If McKenney it would be ♥ 7 (not hearts, so the higher ranking of diamonds and clubs).

If Revolving it would be • 4 (down the ranking to diamonds).

When declarer leads clubs, North wins ♣ A, cashes ♥ K, then leads ◆ 4. South wins ◆ A and returns a diamond to North's ◆ K to defeat the contract.



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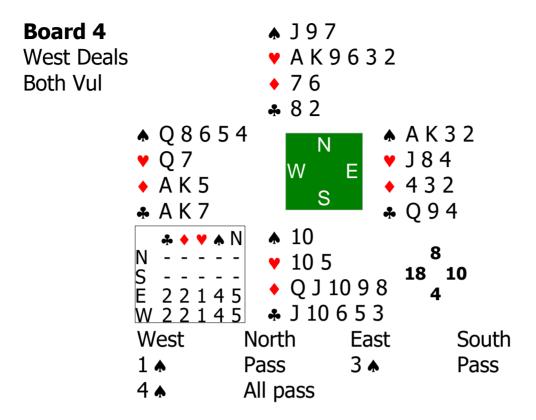
Declarer takes a round of trumps, discovering the 4-0 break.

West must discard and this is an opportunity to signal for a diamond lead in accordance with their agreed discard system. If using HELD • 8 would do the job.

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Declarer switches to clubs. East wins ♣ A, cashes ♥ K, then leads ◆ 7. West wins ◆ A and returns a diamond for East to win ◆ K to defeat the contract.

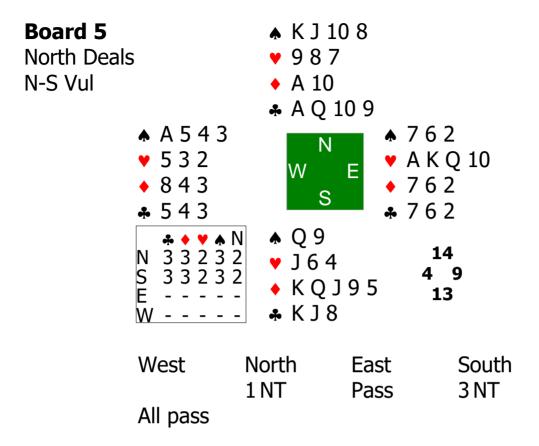


North leads ♥ A followed by ♥ K after South has encouraged with ♥ 10.

When West plays ♥ Q, North knows that both South and West have no more hearts. East's ♥ J is now a winner, so North plays another round of hearts to be ruffed by South.

If declarer overruffs with $\blacktriangle Q$, he will lose two more tricks to $\blacktriangle J$ and $\blacklozenge Q$ for one down.

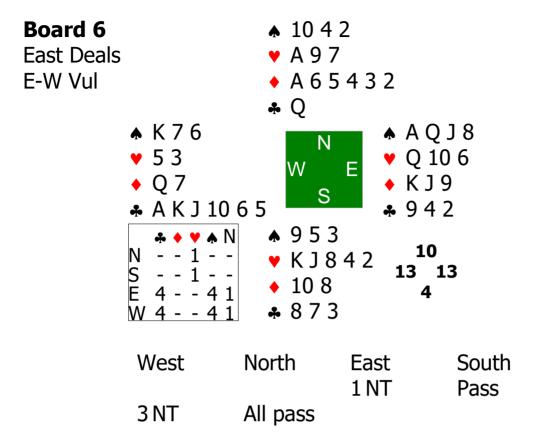
If declarer simply discards ◆ 5, he will be able to make the contract by taking the remaining 10 tricks.



After East leads ♥ A, ♥ K, ♥ Q, and ♥ 10, West wants to signal for a spade lead using their agreed discard system.

Using HELD it is difficult and best perhaps is * 3 to discourage clubs and hoping partner guesses you don't want diamonds. Using McKenney discarding * 8 or using Revolving discarding * 3 are clearer signals for a spade.

Note that if North does not lead spades immediately after the hearts, then declarer can make nine tricks in the minors.



With no honour sequence, South leads fourth highest ♥ 4 from his longest suit. North wins with ♥ A and returns ♥ 9. Declarer plays ♥ 6 followed by ♥ 10.

Winning economically with ♥ J, South reasons that the only missing hearts are ♥ Q7. Hoping that North has one, South continues with ♥ K. When declarer's ♥ Q falls under ♥ K, North cashes ♥ 8 and ♥ 2 to defeat the contract.

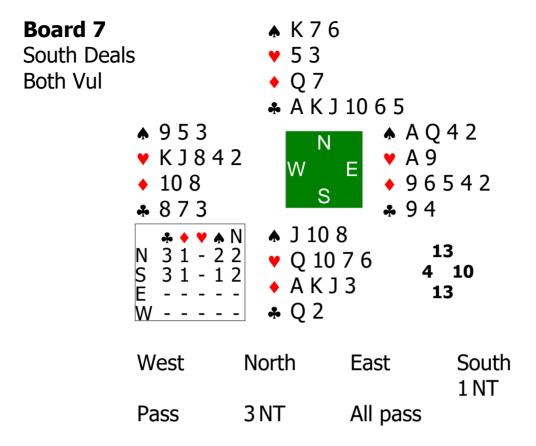
When South is winning hearts North's discards should be trying to signal for a diamond lead.

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South switches to a diamond and North wins with • A. Declarer now has all the remaining tricks, but we've taken the first six to put the contract two down.



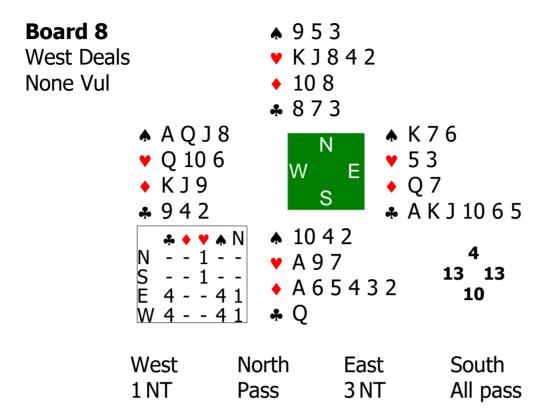
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On the third round of hearts, partner discarded ◆ 2, so does not want diamonds led. Looking at dummy's clubs and knowing that declarer must have at least two for a 1 NT opener, it is unlikely that partner wants clubs, so spades is the only option.

East wins two tricks with his ♠ Q and ♠ A to defeat the contract.

Declarer now has all the remaining tricks, but we've taken the first five to put the contract one down.



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