

BFP BP L14 McKenney

Board 1	♠ A Q J 7 5 4								
North Deals	♥ 10 9 5								
None Vul	♦ A 7								
	♣ Q 3								
♠ 9 6 3		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W	S	E	♠ 8 2
	N								
W	S	E							
♥ 8 2			♥ A K Q 4 3						
♦ 10 9 3 2			♦ 8 6 4						
♣ A 9 7 2			♣ 8 6 4						
	♠ K 10								
	♥ J 7 6								
	♦ K Q J 5								
	♣ K J 10 5								

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	7	9	7	9	9	+140
E/W	3	2	5	3	4	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			


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 ♣ 8. If McKenney or Revolving it would be ♦ 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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Board 2	♠ 7 6 2		
East Deals	♥ K J		
N-S Vul	♦ K 9 7 4		
	♣ A 6 5 4		
♠ A 5 4 3		♠ K Q J 10 9	
♥ A Q 8		♥ 3 2	
♦ 10 3		♦ Q J 5 2	
♣ Q J 10 9		♣ K 3	
	♠ 8		
	♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4		
	♦ A 8 6		
	♣ 8 7 2		

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	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	4	3	7	5	4	-400
E/W	9	9	6	7/8	7	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

South doesn't have a good opening lead, best of a bad bunch looks to be top of a sequence ♥ 10. Declarer wins dummy's ♥ A and North's ♥ J signals that he has ♥ K.

As declarer clears trumps, South has an opportunity to signal for a diamond lead in accordance with their agreed discard system. If the system is a simple High to Encourage, Low to Discourage, then ♦ 8 will do the job.

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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Board 3

South Deals ♠ A 5 4 3
 E-W Vul ♥ A Q 8
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ Q J 10 9

♠ — ♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4 ♦ A 8 6 4 ♣ 8 7 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 6 2 ♥ K J ♦ K 9 7 ♣ A 6 5 4
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	♠ K Q J 10 9 ♥ 3 2 ♦ Q J 5 2 ♣ K 3	
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	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	9	9	5	6	7	+400
E/W	4	3	8	6	6	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	1 ♠

West doesn't have a good opening lead, best of a bad bunch looks to be top of a sequence ♥ 10. Declarer wins dummy's ♥ A and West's ♥ J signals that he has ♥ K.

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 the system is a simple High to Encourage, Low to Discourage, then ♦ 8 will do the job. If using McKenney, then 7 ♥. (Not spades, not hearts, yes, the higher ranking of diamonds and clubs. Don't use the ♥ 10 or 9 because the ♥ 8 is not visible.)

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.

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Board 4 ♠ J 9 7
 West Deals ♥ A K 9 6 3 2
 Both Vul ♦ 7 6
 ♣ 8 2

♠ Q 8 6 5 4 ♥ Q 7 ♦ A K 5 ♣ A K 7		♠ A K 3 2 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ Q 9 4
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♠ 10
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ Q J 10 9 8
 ♣ J 10 6 5 3

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	2	2	5	5	5	-660
E/W	11	10	7	8	8	
<i>West</i>		<i>North</i>		<i>East</i>		<i>South</i>
1 ♠		Pass		3 ♠		Pass
4 ♠		All pass				

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 ♠ Q, he will lose two more tricks to ♠ J and ♦ Q for one down.

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

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Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 5 4 3 ♥ 5 3 2 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ 5 4 3	♠ K J 10 8 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ A 10 ♣ A Q 10 9	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 7 6 2 ♥ A K Q 10 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ 7 6 2	♠ Q 9 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ K Q J 9 5 ♣ K J 8
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	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	8	9	8	9	9	+140
E/W	4	3	5	3	1	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>			
	1 NT	Pass	3 NT			

All pass

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.

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Board 6

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 10 4 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ A 6 5 4 3 2
♣ Q

♠ K 7 6
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 7
♣ A K J 10 6 5



♠ A Q J 8
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K J 9
♣ 9 4 2

10
13 13
4

♠ 9 5 3
♥ K J 8 4 2
♦ 10 8
♣ 8 7 3

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	3	1	7	6	2	-620
E/W	7	10	6	6	10	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
3 NT	All pass		

In the absence of an honour sequence, South leads from his longest suit.

South starts with ♥4. North wins with ♥A and returns ♥9, declarer playing ♥6 followed by ♥T.

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 South cashes ♥82 to defeat the contract.

Before leading to trick 6 South recalls what his partner discarded on the last two tricks. He played ♦6 followed by ♦2. This is known as a "high-low signal" and is used to encourage partner to lead the suit. With nothing special in spades, South therefore switches to a diamond. North wins with A and the contract goes two down.

If South had played a spade at trick 6 (through not noticing or ignoring North's discards) declarer would have discarded his losing diamonds on dummy's winning clubs and escaped for one down, but we've taken the first six to put the contract two down.

Our low heart lead worked out very well when partner turned up with ♥Axx, since we were then able to cash five tricks in the suit.

On the last two hearts, partner discarded ♦6 followed by ♦2. A high-low signal, encouraging us to lead that suit. We duly switched to a diamond to collect the second undertrick.

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Board 7 ♠ K 7 6
 South Deals ♥ 5 3
 Both Vul ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K J 10 6 5

♠ 9 5 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 4 2
♥ K J 8 4 2		♥ A 9
♦ 10 8		♦ 9 6 5 4 2
♣ 8 7 3		♣ 9 4

	♠ J 10 8
13	♥ Q 10 7 6
4 10	♦ A K J 3
13	♣ Q 2

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	8	8/7	6	7	9	+120
E/W	3	5	6	6	2	
<i>West</i>		<i>North</i>		<i>East</i>		<i>South</i>
Pass		3 NT		All pass		1 NT

With no honour sequence, West should lead from his longest ♥ 4. East wins with ♥ A and returns ♥ 9, declarer playing ♥ 6 followed by ♥ T.

Winning economically with ♥ J, West reasons the missing hearts are ♥ Q7. Hoping that East has one, West leads ♥ K, but East discards ♦ 9. What should West lead to trick 4?

Declarer has ♥ Q, so West needs to switch suit. No point in leading a club, so it is spades or diamonds.

On the third round of hearts, East discarded ♦ 9. Using McKenney, East is not asking for the led suit, hearts, nor the discard suit, diamonds. The high pip value of "9" suggests the higher ranking out of spades and clubs. West switches clubs.

East wins two tricks with his ♠ AQ to defeat the contract. Declarer now has plenty of tricks, but we've taken the first five to put the contract one down.

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Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5 3
♥ K J 8 4 2
♦ 10 8
♣ 8 7 3

♠ A Q J 8
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K J 9
♣ 9 4 2



♠ K 7 6
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 7
♣ A K J 10 6 5

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13 13
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♠ 10 4 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ A 6 5 4 3 2
♣ Q

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	3	1	7	6	2 -420
E/W	7	10	6	6	10
<i>West</i>		<i>North</i>		<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT		Pass		3 NT	All pass

South realises that his singleton ♣Q gives dummy six tricks in clubs, but at least his partner has led to one of his red aces.

South wins the first trick with ♥A and returns ♥9, returning the higher card from two in partner's led suit. Declarer plays ♥T and North wins with ♥J. North wins the next trick with ♥K, on which declarer plays ♥Q.

The fall of declarer's ♥Q allows North to win the next two tricks with ♥82, so South will need to find two discards. What should they be?

The useful card in South's hand is ♦A, but he should discard two of his insignificant cards in such a way as to encourage North to lead diamonds. Using McKenney, South discards ♠10 on the first heart to ask for the higher ranking of diamonds and clubs.

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