

BFP BP L15 Signals and Discards

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ 3 2
♦ Q J 5 2
♣ K 3

♠ 7 6 2
♥ K J
♦ A K 9 7 4
♣ 6 5 4



♠ 8
♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4
♦ 8 6
♣ A 8 7 2

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

♠ A 5 4 3
♥ A Q 8
♦ 10 3
♣ Q J 10 9

12
11 4
13

West North East South
 1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
All pass

East doesn't have a good opening lead, best of a bad bunch looks to be **top of a sequence** ♥ 10.

Declarer wins with dummy's ♥ A and West's high encouraging ♥ J **signals** that he has ♥ K.

As declarer clears trumps, East has an opportunity to use a discard **signal for a club 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, East can win ♣ A and then lead a second round of hearts. West wins ♥ K and then cashes ♦ A and ♦ K to defeat the contract.

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Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 7 6 5
♥ J 10 9
♦ 9 8
♣ 10 9 8 6

♠ Q 10 2
♥ Q 6 4 2
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ 7 5



♠ K 3
♥ K 5 3
♦ A 5 4 3 2
♣ K 3 2

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

♠ J 9 8 4
♥ A 8 7
♦ K 7
♣ A Q J 4

5
7 13
15

West

North

East
1 NT

South
All pass

South should avoid leading clubs which is almost certain to give away a trick, instead his opening lead should be ♠ 4. This **fourth highest lead** shows partner at least four spades with at least one honour at the top.

North wins ♠ A and, noting the club weakness in dummy, switches to clubs returning ♣ 10, **top of a sequence**. This allows the defence to take the first five tricks.

South does not play diamonds, so as to protect the K♦. South returns to the spade suit.

Declarer cannot avoid losing two more tricks, K♦ and A♥.

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Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ J 10 7 2
 ♥ J 6 3
 ♦ A K 7 2
 ♣ K Q

♠ A K
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ Q 9 8 6
 ♣ 8 7 4 3 2



♠ 9 8 6 3
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ 10 9 6 5

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

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

14
9 5
12

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	

West leads ♠ K. East follows with ♠ 3 (a discouraging card).

When West follows with ♠ A, it **shows an AK doubleton**. At trick three West leads a club won by dummy's ♣ Q.

When declarer tries to draw trumps ♥ J is best as a deceptive card, but East must rise with ♥ A and return a spade to be trumped by West.

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Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 9 7
♥ A K 9 6 3 2
♦ 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

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

♠ 10
♥ 10 5
♦ Q J 10 9 8
♣ J 10 6 5 3

8
18 10
4

West	North	East	South
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 hoping that South can force out a spade honour.

If declarer discards ♦ 5 (loser on a loser), he will be able to make the contract by taking the remaining 10 tricks.

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

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Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ A Q 8 3 2
♦ 10 6 2
♣ 9 6 2

♠ J 6 5 3
♥ 6 5
♦ A K 5 4
♣ A Q 7



♠ 10
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ J 10 4 3

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

♠ A K Q 7 4 2
♥ K 7
♦ 8 7
♣ K 8 5

6
14 5
15

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

West leads ♦ A. Because East's ♦ J and ♦ 9 have control over ♦ 10 in dummy, ♦ Q can be played as **an encouraging signal**.

When partner has led an Ace, **playing the Queen promises either the Jack, or the Queen is a singleton**. In either case partner can now safely lead a small card from that suit.

If West leads a small diamond at trick two, East wins the trick and seeing the weakness in dummy should lead ♣ J.

Without that defence, declarer will be able to throw a losing club on dummy's hearts.

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Board 6
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 7 6 2
♥ K J
♦ K 9 7 4
♣ A 6 5 4

♠ A 5 4 3
♥ A Q 8
♦ 10 3
♣ Q J 10 9



♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ 3 2
♦ Q J 5 2
♣ K 3

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

♠ 8
♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4
♦ A 8 6
♣ 8 7 2

11
13 12
4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

South doesn't have a good opening lead. All three side suits could be damaged by leading from them. A **passive lead** of ♠ 8 does no harm.

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

If the system is **High to Encourage, Low to Discourage**, then ♦ 8 will do the job. If they have agreed **reverse attitude** then 8♣ discourages clubs.

When declarer leads clubs, North wins ♣ A, and leads ♦ 4. South wins the trick with ♦ A, looks at dummy and notes that hearts in dummy are missing some honours.

South switches to hearts which sets up partner's ♥ K. North can play ♥ K and ♦ K to defeat the contract.

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Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8 4

♥ 9 8 7

♦ K 7

♣ A J 5 4

♠ K 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ A 5 4 3 2

♣ K 3 2



♠ Q 10 2

♥ Q 6 4 2

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ Q 7

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

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ A J 10

♦ 9 8

♣ 10 9 8 6

9
13 9
9

West

1 NT

North

All pass

East

South

South leads **top of a sequence of honours** ♣ 10.

Declarer plays low from dummy, North takes the trick with the ♣ A and returns ♣ J.

Diamonds are declarer's priority, but the finesse loses to North's ♦ K. North continues the attack on clubs, leading to ♣ K.

Declarer can take four diamond tricks, but the defence have set up many other tricks.

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Board 9
North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A K Q
♣ 10 8 5

♠ Q 6 5
♥ 10 7 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ K 4



♠ K J 8 4 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 5 4
♣ 9 7 6

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

♠ 10 7
♥ K 6
♦ J 6 3 2
♣ A Q J 3 2

16
5 8
11

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
All pass			

East leads ♠ 4 and West's ♠ Q wins the trick. West returns ♠ 6 for East's ♠ J to win the trick.

Now East can lead either ♠ K or ♠ 8 to force out North's ♠ A. Leading ♠ K would be a suit preference signal for hearts whereas ♠ 8 would show a preference for diamonds (dummy's clubs rule out that suit).

Without that signal West would probably lead ♦ 10 when he wins ♣ K and declarer will make the contract with 4 tricks in each of diamonds and clubs. However, if West leads hearts East wins ♥ A and 2 spade tricks and the contract is one down.

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Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 9 6 4 3

♥ 5

♦ 10 5 4

♣ A 10 9

♠ Q J 5

♥ 9 7 6

♦ A J 2

♣ K Q J 3



♠ 10 7

♥ A K Q J 4

♦ K Q 7 6 3

♣ 4

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

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 8 3 2

♦ 9 8

♣ 8 7 6 5 2

11
14 15
0

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

2 ♠

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All pass

3 ♦

Pass

South leads ♠ 8 in response to North's spade overcall. North cashes ♠ K and ♠ A and now knows that both East and South have no more spades. From the bidding he also knows that East has at most one club.

If North leads another spade, East can simply discard his losing club to make the contract.

If North cashes ♣ A before leading a spade, East must ruff high and that promotes South's ♥ 10 which will eventually become a trick and the contract is one down.

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Board 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 10 3 2
 ♥ A Q 4 2
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ A J 9

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ 10 7 5 3
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 8 7 6 4



♠ K J 9 4
 ♥ J 9 8
 ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ 10 3 2

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

♠ 7 6
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K Q J 10 9 6
 ♣ K Q 5

13
 8 5
 14

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

East leads ♠ 4 and West wins ♠ A. West returns ♠ 8, his highest remaining spade in a 3-card suit, declarer plays ♠ 10 and East wins with ♠ J.

East now knows that declarer still has ♠ Q and a small spade, so he must change suit to avoid giving declarer a spade trick.

When West wins a trick with his ♦ A he can then lead a third round of spades enabling East to win both ♠ 9 and ♠ K to take the contract one down.

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Board 12
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 9 8 5 2
♥ 9 8
♦ Q J
♣ 9 7 6 3

♠ J 4
♥ K 10 4 3
♦ A 7 4
♣ K Q J 2



♠ Q 6
♥ Q 7 2
♦ K 10 8 6 2
♣ A 10 8

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

♠ K 10 7 3
♥ A J 6 5
♦ 9 5 3
♣ 5 4

7
14 11
8

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All pass		

North leads fourth highest ♠ 5 and South wins ♠ K.

If South had two more spades, he would return the highest but when he has three, he should return the lowest (♠ 3).

North wins ♠ A and now knows that partner has either zero or two spades left. Leading ♠ 8 finds South with ♠ 10 and now N/S can take the first five tricks.

When North wins ♠ 2, South should signal for a heart. The ♥ A will be a sixth trick to take the contract two down.

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Board 13
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ A 2
♦ A K Q J 10
♣ K 5

♠ A Q 6
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 2
♣ Q J 7 4 2



♠ 2
♥ K 10 5
♦ 9 7 6 5 4
♣ 10 9 8 3

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

♠ K J 5 4 3
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ A 6

17
9 3
11

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

West leads ♦ 2 hoping for a ruff. It is obvious to East that it is a singleton because he can already see eleven diamonds, so he should signal a suit preference for hearts by playing ♦ 9.

Without this signal West would probably lead ♣ Q when he gets the lead with ♠ Q.

On a ♥ 9 heart lead by West declarer will probably win ♥ A but then must lose another spade to West's ♠ A. Another heart lead from West finds East's ♥ K and now East can return a diamond for West to ruff and the contract is one down.

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Board 14
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ 10 9 3 2
 ♣ A 9 7 2

♠ K 10
 ♥ J 8 2
 ♦ K Q J 5
 ♣ K J 10 5



♠ A Q J 7 5 4
 ♥ 10 9 5
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ Q 3

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

♠ 8 2
 ♥ A K Q 4 3
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ 8 6 4

4
 14 13
 9

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

South leads ♥ A, ♥ K and North plays ♥ 7, ♥ 6. When South next plays ♥ Q, North has an opportunity to signal for a club lead in accordance with their agreed discard system. If the system is a simple High to Encourage, Low to Discourage, then ♣ 9 will do the job.

If South leads a club to North's ♣ A, the contract is one down. If South leads a diamond, declarer can make the contract by discarding his two losing clubs on West's diamonds.

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Board 15
 South Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A 6
 ♥ 8 5 3
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ K Q 9 3
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ A 7 5
 ♣ 10 7 5 3



♠ J 7 4
 ♥ J 10 7 2
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ J 9

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

♠ 10 8 5 2
 ♥ A K Q 4
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ A K Q

10
9 3
18

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
All pass			

West leads fourth highest ♠ 3 and East's ♠ J wins the trick. East returns ♠ 7, the highest of his two remaining spades, and now West's ♠ 9 will force out declarer's ♠ A.

Declarer must drive out ♦ A to be able to make 9 tricks, but West wins ♦ A, ♠ K and ♠ Q to take the contract one down.

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Board 16
West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A K
♥ 9 7
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ 8 7 4 3 2

♠ Q 5 4
♥ K Q 10 8 5 2
♦ 10 3
♣ A J



♠ J 10 7 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 7 2
♣ K Q

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

♠ 9 8 6 3
♥ A 4
♦ J 5 4
♣ 10 9 6 5

9
12 14
5

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

North leads ♠ K followed by ♠ A showing a doubleton.

When declarer tries to clear trumps, South can immediately win ♥ A and then return a spade for North to ruff to take the contract one down.

If South delays winning ♥ A for one round, North will no longer have a trump and the contract will make.