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<p> ♠ 10 ♥ AK10743 ♦ A32 ♣ 732 ♠ J743 ♠ Q982 ♥ Q65 ♥ J92 ♦ 1085 ♦ KQJ7 ♣ AKQ ♣ 109 ♠ AK65 ♥ 8 ♦ 964 ♣ J8654 </p>	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>With a weak hand South gives priority to his 4-card spade suit rather than the five clubs. 2♥ shows a minimum opening bid with at least five hearts.</p> <p>East leads ♦K, top of a sequence. Declarer wins ♦A and should cash ♠A K discarding a loser before tackling trumps. Then he plays ♥A K and another heart. He is in luck when the missing six hearts divide 3-3.</p>	West	North	East	South		1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass					
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<p> ♠ J76432 ♥ 65 ♦ 98 ♣ KQ4 ♠ AKQ5 ♠ 10 ♥ K92 ♥ QJ10743 ♦ 654 ♦ A32 ♣ J86 ♣ A73 ♠ 98 ♥ A8 ♦ KQJ107 ♣ 10952 </p>	<p>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>With a balanced hand and 13 points West might consider responding 3NT, but he must show his 4-card major at the one level. 2♥ shows a minimum opening bid with at least five hearts. West has enough for game.</p> <p>South leads ♦K, top of a sequence. Declarer wins ♦A and will be quite happy to discard clubs on dummy's extra spade winners later on so he starts drawing trumps. If he immediately cashes ♠A K Q South ruffs and declarer has only nine tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South			1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass		
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<p>♠ 4 ♥ J10654 ♦ QJ105 ♣ J107</p> <p>♠ AKQJ5 ♥ K2 ♦ 642 ♣ 642</p> <p>♠ 10962 ♥ AQ987 ♦ A9 ♣ Q5</p> <p>♠ 873 ♥ 3 ♦ K873 ♣ AK983</p>	<p>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>East opens his longest suit. East's spades are poor but he knows of an 8-card fit when West responds 1♠ so must support spades. 2♠ shows a minimum opening bid.</p> <p>North leads ♦Q, top of a sequence. Declarer wins ♦A and should easily make ten tricks provided he immediately draws trumps. Failure to do this will result in a heart winner getting ruffed by South.</p>	West	North	East	South			1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass		
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<p>♠ 87643 ♥ KQ ♦ K63 ♣ 732</p> <p>♠ AQ ♥ J763 ♦ 942 ♣ 8654</p> <p>♠ KJ ♥ 109852 ♦ 108 ♣ KQ109</p> <p>♠ 10952 ♥ A4 ♦ AQJ75 ♣ AJ</p>	<p>Board 7 : Dealer South : All vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens his longest suit. North's spades are poor but he also must show them: quantity before quality. South's spades are also poor but he knows of an 8-card fit when North responds 1♠ so he must support spades. 3♠ shows 16-18 points.</p> <p>Although ♣J is missing East has a club sequence so he leads ♣K. Declarer can do no better than win ♣A and rely on trumps being 2-2. He plays a small trump and both defenders follow suit. They cash ♣K but must return the lead to declarer, who now plays another trump. The defenders had the top four trumps, but the 2-2 break meant they took only two trump tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South				1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
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<p> ♠ A ♥ KJ5 ♦ KQ532 ♣ 10532 ♠ KJ952 ♠ 8743 ♥ 6 ♥ A109832 ♦ AJ109 ♦ 86 ♣ 984 ♣ A ♠ Q106 ♥ Q74 ♦ 74 ♣ KQJ76 </p>	<p>Board 9 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3♣</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>North opens his longest suit. 2♣ (a change of suit at the two level) shows at least nine points. 3♣ shows a minimum opening bid. Does it strike you that East/West can make quite a few tricks if they find their spade fit? How can they get into the action? You will learn later that despite having only eight points it is quite reasonable for East to try 1♥ over 1♦.</p> <p>West leads the singleton ♥6. East takes ♥A and returns a heart for West to ruff. Later East regains the lead with ♣A and West can ruff another heart. West's ♦A finally sinks this contract.</p>	West	North	East	South	Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣		3♣	All Pass	
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<p> ♠ KQ10 ♥ 10832 ♦ A7 ♣ 7432 ♠ A632 ♠ 985 ♥ Q754 ♥ AKJ ♦ 832 ♦ QJ1094 ♣ KQ ♣ A10 ♠ J74 ♥ 96 ♦ K65 ♣ J9865 </p>	<p>Board 10 : Dealer East : All vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3NT</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td>1NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>East is too strong to open 1NT, but the 1NT rebid shows 15-16 points. West responds 1♥ the lower of the two 4-card suits he could have bid at the one level. With four spades East would rebid 1♠ rather than 1NT, so West sees no reason to look for a spade fit when East rebids 1NT.</p> <p>South leads ♣6, fourth highest of his longest suit. Provided the defenders are disciplined and keep persevering with clubs whenever they regain the lead they will establish their club tricks before declarer can establish diamond tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South	1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT	Pass
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<p>♠ KQJ102 ♥ Q10754 ♦ 8 ♣ K5</p> <p>♠ 543 ♠ A76 ♥ 832 ♥ 96 ♦ A72 ♦ K653 ♣ Q432 ♣ J1097</p> <p>♠ 98 ♥ AKJ ♦ QJ1094 ♣ A86</p>	<p>Board 11 : Dealer South : Love all</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South is too strong to open 1NT, but the 1NT rebid shows 15-16 points. North responds 1♠ the higher of the two 5-card suits he could have bid at the one level. 4♥ gives South the choice between 4♥ and 4♠.</p> <p>East leads ♣J, top of a sequence. Declarer can win ♣A, draw trumps, force out ♠A and make four spade tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South				1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
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<p>♠ 6543 ♥ A10 ♦ 1062 ♣ 8643</p> <p>♠ AKQ ♠ J2 ♥ J62 ♥ 987543 ♦ 9754 ♦ A83 ♣ KQJ ♣ A5</p> <p>♠ 10987 ♥ KQ ♦ KQJ ♣ 10972</p>	<p>Board 12 : Dealer West : NS vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>West is too strong to open 1NT so he has to open 1♦ his only 4-card suit, even though the diamonds are awful. The 1NT rebid shows 15-16 points. East knows the partnership has at least 24 points, and his 6-card heart suit makes it worth a shot at game in the known major suit fit of at least eight cards.</p> <p>South leads ♦K, top of a sequence. Declarer should aim to get rid of his diamond losers on dummy's extra black suit winners. He wins ♦A, cashes ♣A K Q and then ♠A K Q. Now he plays trumps and makes 11 tricks. The defenders had the top four trumps, but the 2-2 break meant they took only two trump tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South	1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass				
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<p>♠ KQJ ♥ K32 ♦ A765 ♣ A87</p> <p>♠ 1098 ♠ A76 ♥ QJ1097 ♥ 86 ♦ - ♦ QJ10984 ♣ J10943 ♣ Q2</p> <p>♠ 5432 ♥ A54 ♦ K32 ♣ K65</p>	<p>Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>North is too strong to open 1NT so he has to open 1♦. With a balanced hand and 9 points South might consider responding 1NT, but he must show his 4-card major at the one level, however poor its quality. The 2NT rebid shows 17-18 points.</p> <p>East leads ♦Q, top of a sequence. Declarer has to hope spades break 3-3. He wins ♦A and plays spades. Not only does he set up two spade winners by force: the lowly ♠5 becomes his ninth trick.</p>	West	North	East	South		1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass			
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