

Larry Cohen - Palo Alto Bridge Center May 12 Lesson Deals

1

♠ Q75
♥ K4
♦ A876
♣ AQJ4

♠ 42
♥ QJ873
♦ Q92
♣ K73

♠ K986
♥ 109
♦ K54
♣ 9862

♠ AJ103
♥ A652
♦ J103
♣ 105

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ 10

West must cover the ♣ 10. East must cover the ♠ Q. West should not cover the first diamonds.

2

♠ 10987
♥ QJ2
♦ 952
♣ 1075

♠ AQ62
♥ 10983
♦ 4
♣ K963

♠ J3
♥ A7654
♦ AK3
♣ Q82

♠ K54
♥ K
♦ QJ10876
♣ AJ4

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 ♦
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♦ Q

If/when dummy's ♥ 10 is played, North must not cover. South must cover the ♠ J. On declarer's low club lead, South must play low.

3

♠ J1092
♥ K3
♦ QJ74
♣ J72

♠ A
♥ QJ109872
♦ 65
♣ Q108

♠ Q643
♥ 654
♦ AK3
♣ A53

♠ K875
♥ A
♦ 10982
♣ K964

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ J

If/when declarer leads spades from dummy, south plays low. On declarer's ♥ Q lead from hand, North must play low. When a low club is led from dummy, South must play low to give declarer a guess.

4

♠ QJ9
♥ AQ3
♦ A87
♣ AQ32

♠ 1042
♥ 10984
♦ 5432
♣ 96

♠ K653
♥ 762
♦ QJ9
♣ 875

♠ A87
♥ KJ5
♦ K106
♣ KJ104

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 10

East must not cover the first spade honor from dummy. East must split his diamond honors if dummy leads low. Still, with a proper view, declarer can endplay East.

1

♠ 1085
♥ A432
♦ A73
♣ 542

♠ Q764 ♠ AK2
♥ KQ6 ♥ J75
♦ 2 ♦ Q865
♣ QJ1096 ♣ AK7

♠ J93
♥ 1098
♦ KJ1094
♣ 83

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♦ J

South leads the ♦J (top of the interior sequence). North wins the ♦A and returns the 7 (top of a doubleton). Declarer's 8 goes to South's 9. South knows the diamond layout, so shifts. The ♥10 is best/safest. North wins to play another diamond for down 2.

2

♠ KJ3
♥ KQ10
♦ 843
♣ Q1093

♠ AQ10842 ♠ 76
♥ 983 ♥ AJ764
♦ A5 ♦ 97
♣ J5 ♣ 7642

♠ 95
♥ 52
♦ KQJ1062
♣ AK8

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♦
1 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	?	

Opening Lead: ♠ 7

West wins the ♠A and sees no future in spades. He shifts to the ♥9 (Top of Nothing) and East ducks declarer's king (if declarer plays the 10, East wins the jack and returns a low one). West gets in with the ♠A to play another heart for down 2.

3

♠ A4
♥ Q
♦ Q1098754
♣ K63

♠ Q7 ♠ KJ105
♥ 7543 ♥ 109862
♦ ♦ A63
♣ 10987542 ♣ A

♠ 98632
♥ AKJ
♦ KJ2
♣ QJ

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
?			

Opening Lead: ♣ 10

East wins the ♣A and counts points. His partner has 0-2. East's best (only) chance is a low spade switch (not the jack, which might block the suit).

4

♠ 10852
♥ J1097
♦ 5432
♣ 3

♠ Q63 ♠ A4
♥ KQ65 ♥ 843
♦ AK6 ♦ 87
♣ J65 ♣ KQ10982

♠ KJ97
♥ A2
♦ QJ109
♣ A74

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	?		

Opening Lead: ♥ J

South wins the ♥A and knowing declarer has all the remaining HCP, makes the spectacular play of the ♠K (Merrimac coup) to knock out dummy's entry to the clubs.