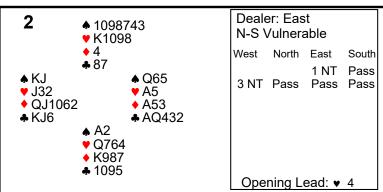
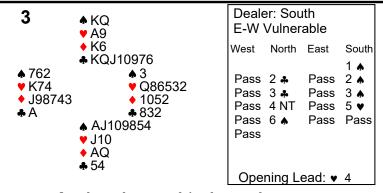


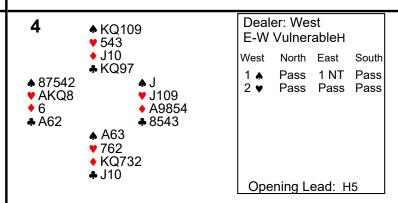
East leads LOW from 10xx in partner's suit. After cashing a second spade, West knows to shift and the * shift beats the contract.



Prefer majors to minors when on lead. The opponents won't have lots of hearts on this auction (but might have lots of either minor).



West leads a heart, his best chance.



North should lead a trump, since he anticipates declarer will ruff spades in dummy. Only a trump lead beats it.

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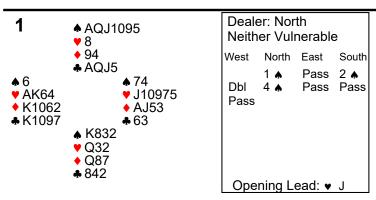
Best Opening Leads:
vs North 1N: Any Card
vs South 1N: Any Card
vs North 1S: Any Card
vs South 1S: Any Card
vs East 1H: H-762

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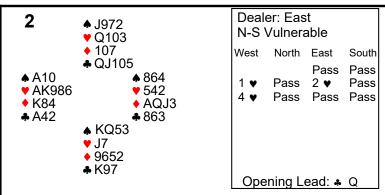
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vs West

Declarer Overview at Laguna Woods



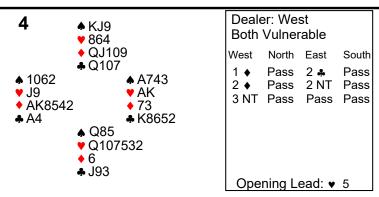
The defense leads and continues hearts. Declarer trumps high (saving the \$5). He draws 2 rounds of trump ending in dummy (saving a second dummy entry). He takes a club finesse and then crosses in trumps to repeat the finesse.



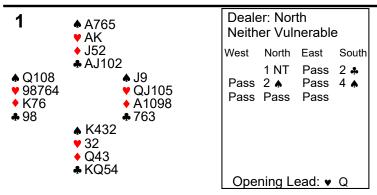
Declarer has to lose 2 clubs and at least 1 heart (needing a 3-2 break). The spade loser can go on the diamonds. After winning the *A, declarer must play ace, king AND ANOTHER trump. If he doesn't play the third trump, North can ruff the 3rd diamond and declarer never gets the 4th diamond.



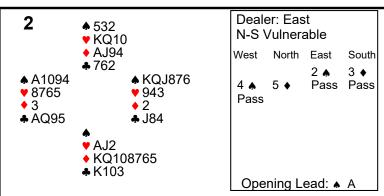
Declarer has 6 top tricks and can knockout the A to get 3 more. He can't afford the Q at trick one. If it loses (as it does), the spade continuation sets him. He plays LOW from dummy and can't be defeated.



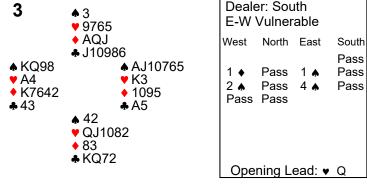
Declarer has 7 top tricks. He should test diamonds with the ace and king. If they split, he concedes a diamond and has an overtrick. When they don't split, he tries clubs and the 3-3 split sees him home. Ducking a diamond first is wrong, because it puts all the eggs in that one basket.



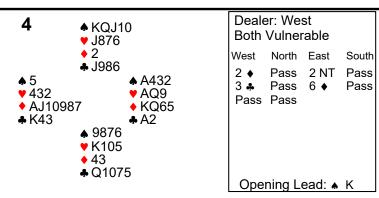
After a normal Stayman auction, East leads the \(\psi_Q\). If declarer starts diamonds, he should lose 3 tricks in that suit. Instead, he should draw 2 trumps, eliminate the clubs and hearts, and throw the defense in with the 3rd spade to break diamonds.



East opens 2* and after South's overcall, West bids a LAWful 4*S. North guesses to bid 5* against which the *A is led. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps (while stripping spades in the process) and cashes three hearts ending in dummy. When he plays a club and East plays low, South inserts the *10 and claims (if East played the jack, South would cover with the king and also have a claim).

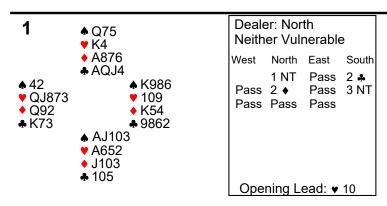


After a straightforward auction, South leads the *Q. Declarer should not play diamonds himself. He can guarantee the contract by drawing trump, stripping the hearts and exiting with Ace and a club. When the defense has to break diamonds, declarer is sure not to lose 3 tricks in the suit (just cover any card South plays).

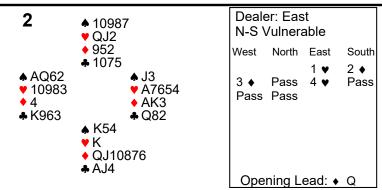


After West's weak 2♦, East can explore for slam with 2NT. West can show his club feature and East has no reason to use Blackwood—he just jumps to slam. Declarer wins the ♠A, ruffs a spade and draws trump while also stripping the black suits. He leads a heart from hand and covers anything North plays to claim his contract.

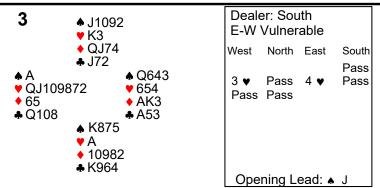
Second Hand Defense at Laguna Woods



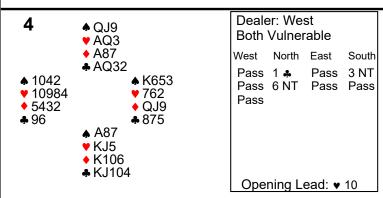
West must cover the \$ 10. East must cover the \$Q. West should not cover the first diamonds.



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



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.



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.