

**1**

♠ 65  
♥ AKQ107  
♦ KQ  
♣ K865

♠ AKJ82  
♥ 92  
♦ 32  
♣ QJ109

♠ 1043  
♥ 543  
♦ 8765  
♣ A32

♠ Q97  
♥ J86  
♦ AJ1094  
♣ 74

Dealer: North  
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ 3

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

**2**

♠ 1098743  
♥ K1098  
♦ 4  
♣ 87

♠ KJ  
♥ J32  
♦ QJ1062  
♣ KJ6

♠ Q65  
♥ A5  
♦ A53  
♣ AQ432

♠ A2  
♥ Q764  
♦ K987  
♣ 1095

Dealer: East  
N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ 4

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).

**3**

♠ KQ  
♥ A9  
♦ K6  
♣ KQJ10976

♠ 762  
♥ K74  
♦ J98743  
♣ A

♠ 3  
♥ Q86532  
♦ 1052  
♣ 832

♠ AJ109854  
♥ J10  
♦ AQ  
♣ 54

Dealer: South  
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 4

West leads a heart, his best chance.

**4**

♠ KQ109  
♥ 543  
♦ J10  
♣ KQ97

♠ 87542  
♥ AKQ8  
♦ 6  
♣ A62

♠ J  
♥ J109  
♦ A9854  
♣ 8543

♠ A63  
♥ 762  
♦ KQ732  
♣ J10

Dealer: West  
E-W VulnerableH

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: H5

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

**1**

♠ 97  
♥ 10972  
♦ 986  
♣ K842

♠ J1082  
♥ AK  
♦ J1042  
♣ A73

♠ AKQ53  
♥ J64  
♦ Q7  
♣ J95

♠ 64  
♥ Q853  
♦ AK53  
♣ Q106

Dealer: North  
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♦ A

On the ♦A lead, North discourages with the (readable) ♦6. South's normal switch to the ♣6 sets the contract.

**2**

♠ A104  
♥ 653  
♦ 54  
♣ KQJ106

♠ KQJ9  
♥ 872  
♦ 982  
♣ A92

♠ 83  
♥ 1094  
♦ QJ1076  
♣ 743

♠ 7652  
♥ AKQJ  
♦ AK3  
♣ 85

Dealer: East  
N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ K

West ignores East's T1 signal and plays spades until dummy's ♠A is dislodged. When clubs are played, East's count signal tells West to win the SECOND club. Dummy takes only 1 club trick.

**3**

♠ 65  
♥ KQ107  
♦ 1042  
♣ Q854

♠ AKJ987  
♥ J862  
♦  
♣ KJ7

♠ 1043  
♥ 943  
♦ AKQJ9  
♣ A2

♠ Q2  
♥ A5  
♦ 87653  
♣ 10963

Dealer: South  
E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ K

East-West discover there is no heart control. South overtakes the ♥K with the ace and plays a second heart. North wins and plays a 3rd high heart. South throws a discouraging club. North plays a 4th heart and South overruffs dummy for down 1.

**4**

♠ AJ106  
♥ J98  
♦ QJ1087  
♣ A

♠ 87  
♥ A10432  
♦ A654  
♣ 72

♠ 952  
♥ 7  
♦ 93  
♣ KQJ10983

♠ KQ43  
♥ KQ65  
♦ K2  
♣ 654

Dealer: West  
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	3 ♣	Dbf
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ 7

West wins the ♥A and returns a S.P. ♥10. When East ruffs, he knows to play a diamond (not a club) to West's ace for a second heart ruff.

**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**

♠ AK	
♥ K63	
♦ K9876	
♣ K62	
♠ J97	♠ Q5432
♥ 985	♥ J1074
♦ 543	♦ AQ
♣ Q987	♣ J10
	♠ 1086
	♥ AQ2
	♦ J102
	♣ A543

Dealer: North  
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ 3

Trick 1 (West plays cheapest spade) tells East that declarer started with ♠AK doubleton. When he wins his diamond honor, he should continue spades.

**2**

♠ J94	
♥ 3	
♦ AJ1092	
♣ Q1063	
♠ 863	♠ Q75
♥ KQ2	♥ AJ10987
♦ Q65	♦ K8
♣ J542	♣ AK
	♠ AK102
	♥ 654
	♦ 743
	♣ 987

Dealer: East  
N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ A

On the ♠A (from AK) lead, North discourages. South switches (a trump is as good/safe as anything). Declarer must lose 3 spades and a diamond (assuming the defense makes no mistakes).

**3**

♠ A53	
♥ J82	
♦ J1032	
♣ Q54	
♠ Q862	♠ J107
♥ 1076	♥ 43
♦ K98	♦ A765
♣ A102	♣ 8763
	♠ K94
	♥ AKQ95
	♦ Q4
	♣ KJ9

Dealer: South  
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ 2

East plays the ♠10 (cheaper of equals). When declarer wins the king, West knows that East has the ♠J. When in with the ♦K, West continues spades to set the contract.

**4**

♠ K854	
♥ J76	
♦ AK6	
♣ 1073	
♠ A7	♠ 10632
♥ K542	♥ AQ
♦ Q73	♦ J1098
♣ KJ96	♣ AQ2
	♠ QJ9
	♥ 10983
	♦ 542
	♣ 854

Dealer: West  
Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ 4

Whether East responds 1♦ or 1♠, North's most attractive lead is the 4th-best spade. South plays the 9. When declarer has to win the ace, the entire spade holding is revealed. When North gets in with a high diamond, he knows to lead a low spade to partner. The defense gets 3 spades and 2 diamonds for down 1.

**1**

♠ A765  
♥ AK  
♦ J52  
♣ AJ102

♠ Q108  
♥ 98764  
♦ K76  
♣ 98

♠ J9  
♥ QJ105  
♦ A1098  
♣ 763

♠ K432  
♥ 32  
♦ Q43  
♣ KQ54

Dealer: North  
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

After a normal Stayman auction, East leads the ♥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.

**2**

♠ 532  
♥ KQ10  
♦ AJ94  
♣ 762

♠ A1094  
♥ 8765  
♦ 3  
♣ AQ95

♠ KQJ876  
♥ 943  
♦ 2  
♣ J84

♠  
♥ AJ2  
♦ KQ108765  
♣ K103

Dealer: East  
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 ♠	3 ♦
4 ♠	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♠ A

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).

**3**

♠ 3  
♥ 9765  
♦ AQJ  
♣ J10986

♠ KQ98  
♥ A4  
♦ K7642  
♣ 43

♠ AJ10765  
♥ K3  
♦ 1095  
♣ A5

♠ 42  
♥ QJ1082  
♦ 83  
♣ KQ72

Dealer: South  
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

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).

**4**

♠ KQJ10  
♥ J876  
♦ 2  
♣ J986

♠ 5  
♥ 432  
♦ AJ10987  
♣ K43

♠ A432  
♥ AQ9  
♦ KQ65  
♣ A2

♠ 9876  
♥ K105  
♦ 43  
♣ Q1075

Dealer: West  
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass		
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ K

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.

**1**

♠ AQJ1095  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ 94  
 ♣ AQJ5

♠ 6  
 ♥ AK64  
 ♦ K1062  
 ♣ K1097

♠ 74  
 ♥ J10975  
 ♦ AJ53  
 ♣ 63

♠ K832  
 ♥ Q32  
 ♦ Q87  
 ♣ 842

Dealer: North  
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Dbl	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ J

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.

**2**

♠ J972  
 ♥ Q103  
 ♦ 107  
 ♣ QJ105

♠ A10  
 ♥ AK986  
 ♦ K84  
 ♣ A42

♠ 864  
 ♥ 542  
 ♦ AQJ3  
 ♣ 863

♠ KQ53  
 ♥ J7  
 ♦ 9652  
 ♣ K97

Dealer: East  
 N-S Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♣ Q

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.

**3**

♠ AQ4  
 ♥ 432  
 ♦ QJ86  
 ♣ KJ6

♠ J9762  
 ♥ Q10  
 ♦ A52  
 ♣ 984

♠ K103  
 ♥ J975  
 ♦ 94  
 ♣ 10753

♠ 85  
 ♥ AK86  
 ♦ K1073  
 ♣ AQ2

Dealer: South  
 E-W Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ 6

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.

**4**

♠ KJ9  
 ♥ 864  
 ♦ QJ109  
 ♣ Q107

♠ 1062  
 ♥ J9  
 ♦ AK8542  
 ♣ A4

♠ A743  
 ♥ AK  
 ♦ 73  
 ♣ K8652

♠ Q85  
 ♥ Q107532  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ J93

Dealer: West  
 Both Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♥ 5

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.