**Play Session 1**

***Board 1*** North Deals None Vul

 Q 10 4 2

 K 9 8 2

 7 6 2

 Q 2

 9 7

 J 6 5

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|  K 8 6   A 10 7 | North's 1 NT shows 12-14 HCP and a balanced hand. South has 10 HCP which is not enough for game so should pass (South needs | ***Board 5***  North  N-S Vul   6 5 3   10 6 4 |
|  Q J 10 5 | 11-12 HCP to invite game). |  Q 9 7 |
|  J 10 5 |  |  K 10 6 4 |

* A K 8

 A 9 8 4 3

N

W E

S

Deals

 K Q

 K Q 8 3

 J 8 4 2

 Q J 2

N

W E

S

 A 9 4

 7 5 2

 6 5 3

 A 9 7 5

North opens 1 NT and South bids 3  showing a 5-card spade suit and a choice of being in game in either 3 NT or 4 

With only a doubleton

 A J 5 3

 Q 4 3

 9 4 3

 K 7 6

*West North East South*

1 NT Pass Pass

Pass Lead:  Q

The Q lead is the top of a sequence.

Declarer plays on the club suit by leading towards K then a small club back to the Ace. Now lose a club to set up the last two clubs.

 J 10 8 7 2

 A J 9

* + A K 10

 8 3

*West North East South*

1 NT Pass 3 

Pass 3 NT All pass Lead:  5

spade, North bids 3 NT. Lead is from longest suit.

Declarer should play spades to set up four spade tricks.

***Board 2*** East Deals N-S Vul

 8 2

 K J 7 4

 3

 8 6 4 3

 J 5 3 2

N

 A 9 6 5

East's 1 NT promises a balanced hand with 12-14 HCP. West knows that East has at least two hearts

***Board 6*** East Deals E-W Vul

 K J

 10 7 6

 Q 7 6 5

 A 9 8 5

 10 9

N

 A Q 8 4

East opens 1 NT. West invites game with 12 HCP but East declines the

 K Q 10 8 7 5

* K Q W E

 K 8 6 S

 A 4 2

 J 7 5

 A 9 7

and therefore they have a heart fit so should bid 4 .

 K J 2

* Q J 4 3

 J 6 5 4

 A 9 4 3

W E  10 2

S  Q 3 2

invitation as they have a

minimum hand.

 Q 10 3

 J 9 6

 A 10 9 2

 Q 10 4

*West North East South*

1 NT Pass

4  All pass Lead:  4

Lead of a small spade promises an honour.

Declarer draws trumps then plays the K which promotes the Q and J. This means a club can be discarded on the J

 9 5 3 2

 10 8

 K 7 6

 A K 8 7

*West North East South*

1 NT Pass

2 NT All pass Lead:  7

***Board 3*** South Deals E-W Vul

 A J 4

 K 9 8 3

* K Q 8

 10 9 6

 8 6 5

 A 10 5

 A 6 4

 K 5 4 3

N

W E

S

 K 7

 Q J 7 4 2

 J 5 3 2

 A Q

West opens 1 NT. East bids 3  showing exactly a 5-card suit. This is forcing and West, with 4 hearts, knows they have a very good fit so bids 4 .

***Board 7*** South Deals Both Vul

 5 3 2

 A 8

* K Q 3 2

 9 8 4 3

 A 10 7

 K 7 4 2

 8 7 6

 A K 5

N

W E

S

 K Q 9 6

 9 5

 A 10 5 4

 J 10 7

North opens 1 NT and South bids 2  as a weakness takeout. North must pass.

Declarer should draw

 Q 10 9 3 2

 6

 10 9 7

 J 8 7 2

*West North East South*

Pass

1 NT Pass 3  Pass 4  All pass

Lead:  3

Lead of a small spade promises an honour.

Declarer should draw trumps, then lead a small club to the AQ in East's hand. When North plays low, play the Q hoping the K is in North's hand..

 J 8 4

 Q J 10 6 3

* J 9

 Q 6 2

*West North East South*

Pass Pass 1 NT Pass 2  All pass

Lead:  K

trumps first before playing on the clubs and spades.

***Board 4*** West Deals Both Vul

 6 3 2

 K Q J 10 2

* J 9

 J 9 7

 10 7

 A 6 5

 K 8 7 6 2

 A K 5

N

W E

S

 K 9 5

 9 8 4 3

 A 10 5

 Q 6 4

South does not like being in notrumps due to their singleton, so bids 2  to be in a better contract. North must pass as South's bid is a weakness takeout.

Lead is top of a sequence.

***Board 8*** West Deals None Vul

 K 7 2

 A 5

 9 7 6

 A Q 9 5 4

 10 4 3

 10 4 3 2

* Q J

 8 7 6 3

N

W E

S

 Q 9 8 6

 K J 8

* A K 5 2

 K J

West opens 1 NT and East bids straight to game, as they know they have enough points.

Lead is a small heart from the longest and strongest suit!

 A Q J 8 4

 7

 Q 4 3

 10 8 3 2

*West North East South* Pass 1 NT Pass 2  All pass

Lead:  K

After North wins the Ace, play a small spade towards the AQ. If East plays low, play the Q. When this holds, play the A then target the diamonds. Start with A, then K then a small diamond.

 A J 5

 Q 9 7 6

 10 8 4 3

 10 2

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

Lead:  2

Declarer wins  K (keeping the  A as an entry) then plays  K and

 J.

Now declarer can cross to the  A and play the rest of the club suit.

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