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Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 2
♥ A 5
♦ 10 7 3
♣ A K 7 5 3

♠ 9 8
♥ 6 3 2
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ J 10 8 4

13
4 10
13

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
N/S 8 11 7 8 9/10 +450
E/W 2 2 6 4 3

West North East South
1 NT 2 ♥¹ 3 ♠²
Pass 4 ♠³ All pass

1. O/C @ 2 level shows 10-16 and very good 5 card suit (normally 6 cards at 2 level)
2. With Game points S jumps to 3 ♠s to offer N a choice of game.
3. With 3 ♠s N goes for game in ♠s

Lead: ♥ 3

NB 3 NT goes down on ♥ K lead.

TT: 0-1-2-3+=6+

PRO: 4 x ♥s

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q J 9 2
♣ A K

♠ 6 2
♥ J 10 7 6 5 4
♦ 5
♣ Q J 9 6

12
4 14
10

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
N/S 7 7 5 8 4 -110
E/W 5 6 8 4 8

West North East South
2 ♥¹ All pass
1 NT Pass

1. With poor points take NT out in weak takeout to ♥s. If using transfers bid would be 2 ♦.

Lead: ♦ Q

Even with poor trumps declarer must take trump out. As long as he does this he will only lose 3 ♥ tricks and 2 ♣ tricks, but making the rest.

1 NT would go 2 down.

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 5
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 10 8 4 3
♣ A 9 3

♠ 10 8
♥ A 8 6 5
♦ 9 7 2
♣ J 8 6 5

6
5 10
19

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
N/S 9 9 8 9 8 +400
E/W 4/3 3 4 4/3 5

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

1. With 4 in each of ♠ and ♥, open the ♥ to give best chance of finding major suit fit.

Lead: ♠ 6

I'd lead ♠ 6 the highest I've got to TRY to tell partner I've no honour in this suit. I don't want to lead from any of the other suit holdings.

TT 4-0-0-2=6. Pro: 0-2-1+-0

WS= ♥s to drive out AK, then ♦s to set up 9th trick.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ K J 10
♣ K 6 3

♠ 3
♥ A K 7 3
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ 7 5 4

9
13 8
10

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
N/S 7 5 6 5 6 -110
E/W 5/6 8 5/6 7 6

West North East South
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♦¹ Pass 2 ♠ All pass

1. West must not be tempted to bid ♥s at 2 level as that would be a reverse/ above barrier bid showing strong hand. must just give weakest bid repeat minor.

Lead: ♣ Q

TT: 0-2-1-1=4. L: 2-0-1-2=5

Declarer should keep playing trumps, then take rest of winners.

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Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 6 4	♠ J 10 8	♠ A K 7 3
♥ 9 8 5	♥ A K Q 7 3	♥ 4
♦ K J 9 5 4 3	♦ A 7	♦ Q 10 6 2
♣ A 4	♣ 9 6 5	♣ K Q 7 2

14	♠ Q 9 5 2
8 14	♥ J 10 6 2
4	♦ 8
	♣ J 10 8 3

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	6	6	7	2	5	-400
E/W	7	7	5	11	8	
West	North	East	South			
	1 NT	All pass				

Lead: ♦ 2

THE VALUE OF 1 NT OPENERS. If North opens 1 ♥ instead of 1 NT, E will Double for takeout. With 4 card support for partner's opening suit South raises 1 level higher than normal. (2 ♥). With 8 points + 6 card West would jump raise to 4 ♦ and E would raise to 5 ♦. An easily makeable game contract. so North-South going 1 down in NT is a good bid and stops opponents finding their contract.

Board 6

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 3	♠ K J 10 5	♠ 7 4 2
♥ K 5 4	♥ 9 8 7 6	♥ J 3 2
♦ K 5	♦ 7 6 3 2	♦ 10 9 4
♣ A K 7 6 5	♣ 8	♣ J 10 3 2

13	♠ A Q 6
4 2	♥ A Q 10
21	♦ A Q J 8
	♣ Q 9 4

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	11/12	10	11/12	11/12	12	+990
E/W	1	3	1	1	1	
West	North	East	South			
Pass	4 NT ¹	Pass	2 NT			
			6 NT ²			

All pass

1. Quantitative bid - asking partner to bid either pass or bid 6 NT if max
2. S evaluates his hand as Max because of 10s and 9s.

Lead: ♥ 9

No easy lead with 3 x 4 card suits. ♥ 9 is safest
TT: 1-3-4-3+=11

DANGER - Bad split in ♣s would reduce winners. WS is ♣s. cash Q and A, and when West shows out - give trick to E, so that the rest are good. E should lead back ♠s (up to dummy's weakness). Do NOT finesse. Take the Ace and cash your 2 winning ♣s and the other winners.

Board 7

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ A Q J 9 5 2	♠ 8 4	♠ K 10 6
♥ A 6	♥ Q 10 8 4 2	♥ 5 3
♦ 5 2	♦ Q 8	♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 8 7	♣ A K 9 6	♣ Q J 5 4 2

11	♠ 7 3
11 6	♥ K J 9 7
12	♦ A K J 10 7 4
	♣ 3

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	6	5	10	10	6	+620
E/W	5	7	2	2	7	
West	North	East	South			
1 ♠	2 ♥ ¹	2 ♠	1 ♦			
All pass			4 ♥			

Lead: ♠ 6

Lead shows honour in the suit.
Should make easily.
Note if E-W mistakenly bid on to 4 ♠s N-S must DOUBLE FOR PENALTIES.

Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3	♠ K Q J 9 5	♠ A 8 7 4
♥ A 7 2	♥ 4 3	♥ K 10 6
♦ A K 10 9 7 2	♦ Q 8 6	♦ J 4 3
♣ A K	♣ Q 5 3	♣ 9 6 2

10	♠ 10 2
18 8	♥ Q J 9 8 5
4	♦ 5
	♣ J 10 8 7 4

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	3	5	5	3	7	-130
E/W	8	8	8	10	6	
West	North	East	South			
1 ♦	1 ♠	1 NT ¹	Pass			
3 NT	All pass					

Lead: ♠ 10

Lead - must lead partner's bid suit. S hasn't got high cards to get back to hand in his long suits after they are set up. DEFENCE North lets ♠ 10 run, eventually setting up his suit (Declarer may hold up for one round using rule of 7) N cannot make 9 tricks without N getting in and N then cashes enough ♠s to defeat the contract.

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Board 9
North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 5 4 3
♥ 4
♦ A Q 10 7 3
♣ Q 9 8

♠ 9 2
♥ K Q 10 8 2
♦ K J 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ K Q J 7 6
♥ J 5 3
♦ 8
♣ A J 10 4

♠ 10 8
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ K 7 6 3

12
7 9
12

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	7	11	4	7	9 +450
E/W	6	2	7	6	4

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	1 ♠ ¹
3 ♥ ²	3 ♠ ³	4 ♥ ⁴	4 ♠ ⁵

All pass

1. S ignores O/C and bids normally if he can.
2. West (Advancer) jumps to level of fit.
3. Opener with 8 card fit in ♠s invites game.
4. East Goes for sacrifice
5. N-S Opening points + opening Points = game.

Lead: ♥ A

After 1st trick, defense switch to 9♦ (through Dummy's strength), or to a trump to minimise ruffing.

TT: 5-0-1-1=7. L: 0-1(+2 to ruff)-0-1=3.

DANGER: Take 1st ♦ trick. You need to ruff 2 ♥ losers before fully taking out trump. If defence get in they will take out trump.

Board 11
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 8 7 6 4 2
♥ 2
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A J

♠ 10 3
♥ J 8 7 6 5 4
♦ 7
♣ K Q 9 8

♠ 9 5
♥ A Q 3
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 7 6 4 3

♠ Q J
♥ K 10 9
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ 10 5 2

12
10 6
12

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	9	11	4	8	6/7 +450
E/W	1	1	9	4	6

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

Pass

1. Limit bid. 8+ card major fit and distribution.

Lead: ♦ 7

TT: 2-1-0-1 = 4. L: 1-0-2 (2nd round ruff)-1= 4

KEY: If ♠'s break 2-2 all is well, no ♠ loser and don't need to try the finesse. so test that first by playing ♠ A and ♣ K. All drop so can now cross to D♦ and discard losing ♣ J

Board 10
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 10 8 6
♥ 10 6 4
♦ K 7 5
♣ A K J

♠ A Q 2
♥ A K Q J 8 7
♦ 6 4
♣ Q 3

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ 9
♦ J 10 9 8 3
♣ 9 8 7

♠ 5 4
♥ 5 3 2
♦ A Q 2
♣ 10 6 5 4 2

14
6 18
2

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	4/3	8	3/2	7	5 -500
E/W	9	5	10	5/6	7/8

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

Pass

1. 8 card major fit with distribution enough for game.

Lead: ♦ J

TT: 1-6-1-0=8. L: 2-0-1-2 = 5

KEY. Need to reduce South losers, can ruff 1 but need to finesse Q to make the other.

Board 12
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 5 3
♥ A
♦ J 10 9 2
♣ 10 9 7 6

♠ A Q 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ K 8
♣ A K J 8 5

♠ 4 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A Q 7 6 5
♣ Q 4 3

♠ K J 8
♥ K J 10 9 7 6 5
♦ 4 3
♣ 2

5
8 17
10

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	6	4	2	8	5 -420
E/W	7	9	10	4	8

West	North	East	South
3 ♥ ¹	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

1. Preemptive. 7+ cards < 10 points. No other 4 card major.

Lead: ♦ J

TT: 4-0-0-2=6. L: 0-2-2-0=4

Lose 2 ♦s right away because of good lead. To try to reduce trump losers must hope A and Q are in different hands and finesse the first trick. Ace wins, declarer gets back in and finessses again.

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Board 13
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ A Q J 8 7
 ♥ A K Q J
 ♦ J
 ♣ A K J

♠ K 4
 ♥ 10 7 5
 ♦ Q 10 7 5 4
 ♣ 10 5 2

♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ 8 4 3 2
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ Q 9 7 4

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ A K 9 8 2
 ♣ 8 6 3

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
 N/S 12 12 12 11 11 +1440
 E/W 1 1 1 2 2

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

- Showing 5 card suit with 2 top honours.
- Opener now showing 2 suited hand in ♠s and ♥s at least 5-4
- Preference for ♠s
- N checks to see if they have last Ace

Lead: ♦ 5

Could also lead ♣ 2.

Board 14
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 2
 ♥ A K 7
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ J 4 3 2

♠ 8 5
 ♥ 9 6 5 4
 ♦ 10 8 6 5
 ♣ 8 7 6

♠ K 10 9
 ♥ Q 10 8
 ♦ A K J 4
 ♣ Q 10 9

♠ A Q J 4 3
 ♥ J 3 2
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A K 5

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
 N/S 10/9 10 8/7 7 10/9 +430
 E/W 3 3 5 6 3

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

All pass

- Although having points and shape for 1 NT overall, with good 5 card Major prefer that

Lead: ♥ 9

Lead high card partners suit to show no honour.

TT: 1-2-0-2=5. L: 1-1-2-1=5

Knowing where the points are declarer can finesse spades twice from dummy using the ♥ entries. East will always have to lead from hand so will most likely give away another trick.

Board 15
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 7 5
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ 5 4 3
 ♣ 10 9 5 3

♠ Q J 10 2
 ♥ Q 7 5 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A J 7 4

♠ A 4 3
 ♥ K J 3 2
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ K Q 6

♠ 9 8 6
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ K Q J 10 9 7
 ♣ 8 2

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
 N/S 4 2 2 7 3 -450
 E/W 7 10 11 6 10

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

- 10 HCPs + 2 length points
- 1 NT O/C showing 15-17 & stop in opponents opening suit.
- Stayman promising at least 1 4 card major.
- I have 4 ♥s
- Great we have game in ♥s.

Lead: ♦ 4

TT: 1-0-1-4=6 PRO: 3 x ♥s. L: 1-1-2-0=4

2 ♦ losers can be ruffed in dummy hand right away.

Board 16
West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ A K 7 4 2
 ♦ J 6 3 2
 ♣ 8 7 2

♠ A J 10 7
 ♥ 9 8 6
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 5 4 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K Q 8 7 4
 ♣ A K

♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ Q 9 6 3

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Par
 N/S 3 1 7 2 5 -1400
 E/W 8 12 6 11 8

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

- After jump support East recalculates hand and decides worth investigating slam.
- Good news 2 Aces

Lead: ♥ Q

TT: 5-0-3-2=10 L: 0-1-1-0. Can't avoid ♥ loser so need to ensure don't lose ♦ trick. Solution, Draw trump then take ♦ A ♦ K and RUFF a small D in W hand. before playing ♣ A ♣ K then remaining two D ♦ winners.