



Hands for Lesson 26

Deal 26.1 ♠ A6 None Vul
♥ KJ9 Dealer North
♦ KQ963
♣ AK9

♠ Q54 ♠ J10932
♥ 10763 ♥ 842
♦ 8 ♥ J74
♣ Q10863 ♣ J2

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ K87
♥ AQ5
♦ A1052
♣ 754

West	North	East	South
-	2NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Lead ♠J (top of a sequence)

13HCP opposite 20-22 equals small slam,
so South just bids it. North counts 12 tricks
if diamonds behave, so cash ♦K then claim

Deal 26.2 ♠ KQJ653 NS Vul
♥ J103 Dealer East
♦ 2
♣ AK7

♠ 92 ♠ A7
♥ Q864 ♥ K75
♦ QJ109 ♥ 8643
♣ 854 ♣ J1092

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ 1084
♥ A92
♦ AK75
♣ Q63

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

Lead ♦Q (top of a sequence)

Revision of transfers: with game values
and a guaranteed 8-card fit North puts
South into an easy game

Deal 26.3 ♠ 109853 EW Vul
♥ K8 Dealer South
♦ 86
♣ J743

♠ AKJ ♠ 76
♥ Q107 ♥ J964
♦ A94 ♥ KJ103
♣ AQ85 ♣ 962

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ Q42
♥ A532
♦ Q752
♣ K10

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Lead ♠10 (top of a sequence)

5 HCP are enough to raise to game via
Stayman. The Work Suit is hearts, a
ninth trick will come from the minors.

Deal 26.4 ♠ J94 All Vul
♥ QJ72 Dealer West
♦ A107
♣ 654

♠ 1073 ♠ AQ6
♥ 83 ♥ AK9
♦ QJ8654 ♥ K93
♣ K8 ♣ A973

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ K852
♥ 10654
♦ 2
♣ QJ102

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead ♣Q (top of a sequence)

3NT is more likely to make than 5♦.
East should win ♣A at trick one to
keep ♣K as an entry to the diamonds



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Deal 26.5	♠ 985 ♥ 9763 ♦ K94 ♣ A53	NS Vul Dealer North
♠ KJ764 ♥ 85 ♦ 106 ♣ J742	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A1032 ♥ KQJ ♦ AQ7 ♣ KQ10
	♠ Q ♥ A1042 ♦ J8532 ♣ 986	

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

Lead: ♦3 (low from an honour)

West offers a choice of game via a transfer
With 4-card support East chooses spades

Deal 26.6	♠ A10743 ♥ 96 ♦ J75 ♣ 1092	EW Vul Dealer East
♠ 86 ♥ KQJ82 ♦ 106 ♣ K863	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ QJ92 ♥ 1054 ♦ 842 ♣ Q54
	♠ K5 ♥ A73 ♦ AKQ93 ♣ AJ7	

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: ♥K (top of a sequence)

North offers a choice of games and South
chooses 3NT where there are 9 top tricks

Deal 26.7	♠ J1096 ♥ 96 ♦ A1094 ♣ 942	All Vul Dealer South
♠ KQ ♥ AQJ5 ♦ KJ8 ♣ AJ76	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8543 ♥ K1073 ♦ 6 ♣ Q1053
	♠ A72 ♥ 842 ♦ Q7532 ♣ K8	

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lead: ♠J (top of a sequence)

Stayman finds the 4-4 major fit. Draw
trump and finesse in clubs

Deal 26.8	♠ QJ94 ♥ K5 ♦ AQ8 ♣ J832	None Vul Dealer West
♠ K762 ♥ 1073 ♦ 10652 ♣ A4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A853 ♥ 84 ♦ J93 ♣ Q1075
	♠ 10 ♥ AQJ962 ♦ K74 ♣ K96	

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Lead: ♣5 (low from an honour)

East would not underlead an ace so
play small on the opening lead