



Hands for Lesson 26

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

♠ Q54	N	♠ J10932
♥ 10763	W	♥ 842
♦ 8	E	♦ J74
♣ Q10863	S	♣ J2

♠ 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	N	♠ A7
♥ Q864	W	♥ K75
♦ QJ109	E	♦ 8643
♣ 854	S	♣ J1092

♠ 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	N	♠ 76
♥ Q107	W	♥ J964
♦ A94	E	♦ KJ103
♣ AQ85	S	♣ 962

♠ 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	N	♠ AQ6
♥ 83	W	♥ AK9
♦ QJ8654	E	♦ K93
♣ K8	S	♣ A973

♠ 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 NS Vul
♥ 9763 Dealer North
♦ K94
♣ A53

♠ KJ764	N W E S	♠ A1032
♥ 85		♥ KQJ
♦ 106		♦ AQ7
♣ J742		♣ 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 EW Vul
♥ 96 Dealer East
♦ J75
♣ 1092

♠ 86	N W E S	♠ QJ92
♥ KQJ82		♥ 1054
♦ 106		♦ 842
♣ K863		♣ 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 All Vul
♥ 96 Dealer South
♦ A1094
♣ 942

♠ KQ	N W E S	♠ 8543
♥ AQJ5		♥ K1073
♦ KJ8		♦ 6
♣ AJ76		♣ 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 None Vul
♥ K5 Dealer West
♦ AQ8
♣ J832

♠ K762	N W E S	♠ A853
♥ 1073		♥ 84
♦ 10652		♦ J93
♣ A4		♣ 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