



Hands for Lesson 45

Deal 45.1 ♠ K96 None Vul
♥ A32 Dealer North
♦ KQ4
♣ AK62

♠ J1084	N	♠ AQ75
♥ J1097	W	♥ 864
♦ A76	E	♦ 85
♣ J8	S	♣ Q1097

♠ 32
♥ KQ5
♦ J10932
♣ 543

Deal 45.2 ♠ J10982 NS Vul
♥ J63 Dealer East
♦ KQ
♣ K107

♠ AK6	N	♠ Q4
♥ AK7	W	♥ 8542
♦ 642	E	♦ A10753
♣ AQ98	S	♣ 42

♠ 753
♥ Q109
♦ J98
♣ J653

Deal 45.3 ♠ 542 EW Vul
♥ 73 Dealer South
♦ AK75
♣ QJ103

♠ KJ87	N	♠ Q96
♥ 1065	W	♥ AKQ92
♦ 643	E	♦ 82
♣ 752	S	♣ 986

♠ A103
♥ J84
♦ QJ109
♣ AK4

Deal 45.4 ♠ 96 All Vul
♥ AQ9 Dealer West
♦ KJ106
♣ K842

♠ AKJ	N	♠ Q87
♥ K62	W	♥ J108743
♦ AQ754	E	♦ 9
♣ Q7	S	♣ A53

♠ 105432
♥ 5
♦ 832
♣ J1096

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

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

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

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

Lead ♠5 (fourth highest strongest unbid suit)

Lead ♠J (top of a sequence)

Lead ♠7 (fourth highest)

Lead ♣J. (top of a sequence)

When West plays ♠10 this is not the time to hold up! West returns a spade and you lose 5 tricks. You must win ♠K and hope they break 4-4.

Develop length tricks in diamonds, keeping ♦A as the entry to cash them. Duck the first 2 rounds.

East was not strong enough to bid 3♥ for the lead, but if you duck ♠Q he will surely find the switch! Do not hold up pointlessly.

Try ♣Q from dummy but when North plays ♣K duck ♣A to ensure a ruff in dummy. (If S gets in he can play trump to stop the ruff).



Hands for Lesson 45

Deal 45.5 ♠ AKQ NS Vul
♥ AJ106 Dealer North
♦ KJ5
♣ K74

♠ J9643	N W E S	♠ 87
♥ Q9		♥ K742
♦ A74		♦ 109832
♣ QJ2		♣ 108

♠ 1052
♥ 853
♦ Q6
♣ A9653

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

Lead: ♦ 10 (*top of a sequence*)

West wins ♦A and returns the suit, removing dummy's side entry. You must duck a ♣ early to keep ♣A as an entry to the length tricks

Deal 45.6 ♠ Q1087 EW Vul
♥ K96 Dealer East
♦ J74
♣ A32

♠ A64	N W E S	♠ K3
♥ 73		♥ A42
♦ A832		♦ K65
♣ K654		♣ QJ1098

♠ J952
♥ QJ1085
♦ Q109
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
-	-	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Lead: ♥ Q (*top of a sequence*)

You have to give up the lead to ♣A. So hold up ♥A till the third round in case ♣A is in the hand with shorter hearts

Deal 45.7 ♠ 953 All Vul
♥ 104 Dealer South
♦ 93
♣ AK9432

♠ Q8642	N W E S	♠ J7
♥ A5		♥ J9863
♦ Q852		♦ 1076
♣ J7		♣ Q106

♠ AK10
♥ KQ72
♦ AKJ4
♣ 85

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

Lead: ♠ 4 (*fourth highest, longest suit*)

To get at the length tricks in clubs you must concede the first round, then you have 5 club tricks. Lose the inevitable trick early

Deal 45.8 ♠ KQJ109 None Vul
♥ 987 Dealer West
♦ 542
♣ 98

♠ A54	N W E S	♠ 32
♥ K632		♥ A54
♦ Q3		♦ AJ1098
♣ A632		♣ K54

♠ 876
♥ QJ10
♦ K76
♣ QJ107

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

Lead: ♠ K (*top of a sequence*)

By finessing in diamonds you can avoid losing the lead to North. Hold up ♠A twice till South has no more spades to lead