



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)



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Deal 45.5 NS Vul Dealer North

♠ AKQ			
♥ AJ106			
♦ KJ5			
♣ K74			
♠ J9643	N	♠ 87	
♥ Q9	W	♥ K742	
♦ A74	E	♦ 109832	
♣ QJ2	S	♣ 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 EW Vul Dealer East

♠ Q1087			
♥ K96			
♦ J74			
♣ A32			
♠ A64	N	♠ K3	
♥ 73	W	♥ A42	
♦ A832	E	♦ K65	
♣ K654	S	♣ 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 All Vul Dealer South

♠ 953			
♥ 104			
♦ 93			
♣ AK9432			
♠ Q8642	N	♠ J7	
♥ A5	W	♥ J9863	
♦ Q852	E	♦ 1076	
♣ J7	S	♣ 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 None Vul Dealer West

♠ KQJ109			
♥ 987			
♦ 542			
♣ 98			
♠ A54	N	♠ 32	
♥ K632	W	♥ A54	
♦ Q3	E	♦ AJ1098	
♣ A632	S	♣ 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