



## Hands for Lesson 39

39.1	♠ AQ ♥ A54 ♦ 87542 ♣ KJ7	None Vul Dealer North									
♠ J1083 ♥ 973 ♦ Q9 ♣ Q1086	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ K62 ♥ QJ1082 ♦ 106 ♣ 942
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ 9754 ♥ K6 ♦ AKJ3 ♣ A53										

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

Lead: ♥Q (top of a sequence)

**7 Sure Tricks and an obvious Work Suit, ♦s.**  
With 9 cards between the hands play for the drop rather than finesse for the queen.

39.2	♠ K1097 ♥ J94 ♦ 108 ♣ K987	NS Vul Dealer East									
♠ Q8543 ♥ Q6 ♦ AJ5 ♣ 642	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ A2 ♥ A73 ♦ KQ6 ♣ AQJ103
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ J6 ♥ K10852 ♦ 97432 ♣ 5										

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

Lead: ♥5 (fourth highest, strongest suit)

**Play ♥Q at trick 1 – if it does not win now it never will! Play clubs, using every dummy entry to finesse three times**

39.3	♠ KQ1085 ♥ KQ1076 ♦ 7 ♣ 64	EW Vul Dealer South									
♠ - ♥ J983 ♦ QJ954 ♣ AT97	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ J432 ♥ 4 ♦ A10632 ♣ QJ8
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ A976 ♥ A52 ♦ K8 ♣ K532										

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

Lead: ♦Q (top of a sequence)

**East returns ♣Q, to win 3 defensive tricks. Start with ♠K to uncover a marked finesse Then play ♥K, ♥A to uncover another one**

39.4	♠ Q1072 ♥ K953 ♦ K102 ♣ 84	All Vul Dealer West									
♠ A3 ♥ QJ4 ♦ 8754 ♣ AKJ10	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ K864 ♥ 106 ♦ AJ9 ♣ Q653
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ J95 ♥ A872 ♦ Q63 ♣ 972										

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

Lead: ♥3. (fourth highest, unbid major)

**West's heart trick makes 8 Sure Tricks. Try a combination ♦ finesse: low to ♦9, then low to ♦J.**



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39.5	♠ 10853 ♥ J974 ♦ K102 ♣ J6	NS Vul Dealer North									
♠ KQ2 ♥ 1063 ♦ A874 ♣ Q75	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ A96 ♥ AQ2 ♦ Q653 ♣ A104
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ J74 ♥ K85 ♦ J9 ♣ K9832										

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

Lead: ♣3 (fourth highest, longest suit)

East plays second hand low from dummy to guarantee 2 ♣ tricks. Tackle the WorkSuit, ♦s by playing ♦A, then low towards ♦Q.

39.6	♠ KJ73 ♥ 72 ♦ A82 ♣ 9873	EW Vul Dealer East									
♠ 10852 ♥ 8 ♦ J765 ♣ AK105	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ Q6 ♥ Q953 ♦ Q104 ♣ QJ64
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ A94 ♥ AKJ1064 ♦ K93 ♣ 2										

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Lead: ♣A (ace from ace-king)

South shows 6 hearts so North raises with 2. Finesse in hearts twice without cashing ♥A first: Qxxx is 4 times as likely as singleton Q

39.7	♠ 73 ♥ AK63 ♦ QJ93 ♣ 932	All Vul Dealer South									
♠ J1054 ♥ J854 ♦ 87 ♣ A64	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ KQ962 ♥ Q102 ♦ 642 ♣ K10
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ A8 ♥ 97 ♦ AK105 ♣ QJ875										

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

Lead: ♠K (top of a sequence)

North wins ♠A and quickly draws trump to avoid a club ruff. Lead twice towards ♣QJ875 to establish 3 tricks.

39.8	♠ AKQ97 ♥ 106 ♦ J764 ♣ 108	None Vul Dealer West									
♠ J6 ♥ AKJ42 ♦ AQ ♣ 9632	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ 843 ♥ 853 ♦ K10 ♣ AKJ74
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ 1052 ♥ Q97 ♦ 98532 ♣ Q5										

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

Lead: ♠A (ace from ace-king)

West ruffs the third spade, cashes ♥A crosses to ♦K to finesse ♥J (8 ever), cashes ♣AK (9 never)