



Hands for Lesson 25

Deal 26.1 ♠ AK865 None Vul
♥ KQ104 Dealer North
♦ 9
♣ Q75

♠ 103	N	♠ J972
♥ 763	W	♥ 82
♦ KJ743	E	♦ 1086
♣ A93	S	♣ KJ82

♠ Q4
♥ AJ95
♦ AQ52
♣ 1064

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

Lead ♣2 (Unbid suit, low from honours)

When opponents have bid three suits it may be vital to cash your winners in the unbid suit. Do not be afraid to lead away from a king.

Deal 26.2 ♠ 63 NS Vul
♥ 103 Dealer East
♦ J1092
♣ 98643

♠ J92	N	♠ Q75
♥ KQ864	W	♥ AJ75
♦ KQ64	E	♦ 8
♣ 7	S	♣ AKJ102

♠ AK1084
♥ 92
♦ A753
♣ Q5

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

Lead ♠6 (partner's suit, top of doubleton)

Partner needs a good suit to overcall, so lead it! The spade ruff beats the game - East-West are unlucky this time

Deal 26.3 ♠ J74 EW Vul
♥ A93 Dealer South
♦ KQ7
♣ Q1082

♠ 85	N	♠ AQ1093
♥ J62	W	♥ K875
♦ 98432	E	♦ 10
♣ 975	S	♣ A64

♠ K62
♥ Q104
♦ AJ65
♣ KJ3

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

Lead ♠8 (weak hand looks for partner's suit)

The high card denies an honour, so West knows South has ♠K. He plays ♠9 to establish his suit. Inspired!

Deal 26.4 ♠ Q83 All Vul
♥ J73 Dealer West
♦ Q10832
♣ 75

♠ AK10752	N	♠ 96
♥ A92	W	♥ 864
♦ 7	E	♦ J64
♣ K106	S	♣ AQ932

♠ J4
♥ KQ105
♦ AK95
♣ J84

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Lead ♦3. (low from an honour)

North has diamond length, so West is short. Switch to ♥K to set up some tricks there and hold him to nine.



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Deal 26.5 ♠ A74 NS Vul
 ♥ KJ82 Dealer North
 ♦ Q98
 ♣ K74

♠ Q93 ♥ A954 ♦ 732 ♣ 982	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ KJ65 ♥ 1063 ♦ KJ65 ♣ 105	♠ 1082 ♥ Q7 ♦ A104 ♣ AQJ63
N						
W E						
S						

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

Lead: ♠5 (fourth highest from a long suit)

Two identical suits – the only clue is that South did not use Stayman, so choose the major

Deal 26.6 ♠ QJ10654 EW Vul
 ♥ K9 Dealer East
 ♦ 84
 ♣ KJ5

♠ 97 ♥ AQJ7 ♦ KQ75 ♣ A83	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AK2 ♥ 854 ♦ 10962 ♣ Q96	♠ 83 ♥ 10632 ♦ AJ3 ♣ 10742
N						
W E						
S						

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

Lead: ♠8 (partner's suit, top of a doubleton)

Lucky partner gets you off to the best start. Your own suits are not tempting

Deal 26.7 ♠ AQ82 All Vul
 ♥ 962 Dealer South
 ♦ J2
 ♣ AQJ9

♠ K1054 ♥ AJ74 ♦ Q1084 ♣ 8	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 63 ♥ 85 ♦ K96 ♣ 1075432	♠ J97 ♥ KQ103 ♦ A753 ♣ K6
N						
W E						
S						

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

Lead: ♦4 (fourth highest from a long suit)

Both opponents have shown a 4-card major so lead the 4-card minor instead

Deal 26.8 ♠ 10843 None Vul
 ♥ 942 Dealer West
 ♦ 9
 ♣ K10763

♠ K6 ♥ AKJ865 ♦ 1063 ♣ AQ	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A975 ♥ Q10 ♦ KJ54 ♣ 852	♠ QJ2 ♥ 73 ♦ AQ872 ♣ J94
N						
W E						
S						

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

Lead: ♦9 (singleton to try for a ruff)

When you are very weak partner may have an entry to give you a ruff