



## Hands for Lesson 33

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| 33.1                                | ♠ AQJ9632<br>♥ J32<br>♦ 96<br>♣ 9                       | None Vul<br>Dealer North           |
| ♠ 874<br>♥ Q10976<br>♦ 104<br>♣ Q54 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W   E</div> <div>S</div> </div> | ♠ K5<br>♥ A8<br>♦ Q72<br>♣ J108732 |
|                                     | ♠ 10<br>♥ K54<br>♦ AKJ853<br>♣ AK6                      |                                    |

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| -        | 3♠    | Pass | 4♠    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

Lead ♥A: (Lead aces against pre-empts)

**South has good enough controls to raise.**  
Discard the ♥ loser on ♣AK, then tackle trump by finessing ♠Q.

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| 33.2                              | ♠ T3<br>♥ Q1042<br>♦ J106<br>♣ A832                     | NS Vul<br>Dealer East             |
| ♠ 9<br>♥ KJ9765<br>♦ AQ8<br>♣ K76 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W   E</div> <div>S</div> </div> | ♠ AQJ8764<br>♥ 3<br>♦ 52<br>♣ J95 |
|                                   | ♠ K52<br>♥ A8<br>♦ K9743<br>♣ Q104                      |                                   |

| West | North | East | South    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| -    | -     | 3♠   | All Pass |

Lead ♥A

**West should not consider bidding – neither enough controls nor trump support. East will probably not make even 9 tricks**

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| 33.3                               | ♠ A10652<br>♥ A975<br>♦ 43<br>♣ K5                      | EW Vul<br>Dealer South              |
| ♠ 3<br>♥ 10<br>♦ Q952<br>♣ AQJ8632 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W   E</div> <div>S</div> </div> | ♠ K9<br>♥ K632<br>♦ AJ1087<br>♣ 107 |
|                                    | ♠ QJ874<br>♥ QJ84<br>♦ K6<br>♣ 94                       |                                     |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | -     | -    | Pass  |
| 3♣   | Pass  | Pass | Pass  |

Lead ♠A: (Lead aces against pre-empts)

**As the cards lie NS can make 3♠ but they are lucky that both aces are onside. Neither player has quite enough to bid.**

|                                    |   |                                    |
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| 33.4                               | ♠ K5<br>♥ 6<br>♦ 852<br>♣ KQJ9543                       | All Vul<br>Dealer West             |
| ♠ A762<br>♥ K9853<br>♦ J94<br>♣ 10 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W   E</div> <div>S</div> </div> | ♠ 10843<br>♥ Q742<br>♦ A73<br>♣ 86 |
|                                    | ♠ QJ9<br>♥ AJ10<br>♦ KQ106<br>♣ A72                     |                                    |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 3♣    | Pass | 3NT   |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

Lead ♥5: (fourth from an honour)

**North has a classical vulnerable pre-empt. This is the sort of South hand for 3NT – you expect to run the clubs.**



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| 33.5                               | ♠ Q7<br>♥ KJ7542<br>♦ Q1075<br>♣ J   | NS Vul<br>Dealer North |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
| ♠ A109<br>♥ 963<br>♦ K643<br>♣ 854 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | N                      |  |  | W | E |  |  | S |  | ♠ KJ863<br>♥ AQ10<br>♦ A982<br>♣ Q |
| N                                  |  |                        |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
| W                                  | E  |                        |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
|                                    | S  |                        |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
|                                    | ♠ 542<br>♥ 8<br>♦ J<br>♣ AK1097632   |                        |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | Pass  | 1♠   | 4♣    |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

Lead: ♠ A (partner's suit)

4♣ is a great pre-emptive bid with an 8-card suit. South can be held to 8 tricks if the defence play trump to stop the spade ruff.

|                                      |  |                       |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                   |
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| 33.6                                 | ♠ 6<br>♥ AKQ98432<br>♦ 7<br>♣ Q53  | EW Vul<br>Dealer East |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                   |
| ♠ KJ852<br>♥ 10<br>♦ Q102<br>♣ A1042 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | N                     |  |  | W | E |  |  | S |  | ♠ AQ7<br>♥ 65<br>♦ KJ96<br>♣ K976 |
| N                                    |  |                       |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                   |
| W                                    | E  |                       |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                   |
|                                      | S  |                       |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                   |
|                                      | ♠ 10943<br>♥ J7<br>♦ A8543<br>♣ J8   |                       |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                   |

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| -    | -     | 1NT      | Pass  |
| 2♥   | 4♥    | All Pass |       |

Lead: ♠ A (partner's suit)

North can beat 4♠ with a diamond ruff, but 8-card suits are meant to be played in! The defence must not open up ♣s for you.

|                                      |  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
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| 33.7                                 | ♠ AJ<br>♥ Q7653<br>♦ A<br>♣ KJ542  | All Vul<br>Dealer South |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
| ♠ 93<br>♥ 104<br>♦ KQ1098432<br>♣ 10 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | N                       |  |  | W | E |  |  | S |  | ♠ Q1075<br>♥ A9<br>♦ J65<br>♣ Q963 |
| N                                    |  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
| W                                    | E  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
|                                      | S  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
|                                      | ♠ K8642<br>♥ KJ82<br>♦ 7<br>♣ A87  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |

| West | North | East | South    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| -    | -     | -    | Pass     |
| 3♦   | Pass  | 4♦   | All Pass |

Lead ♠ A (top o doubleton)

North cannot make a takeout double of 3♦ with only 2♠s, but South might double so East raises to make it harder.

|                                   |  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
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| 33.8                              | ♠ K1085<br>♥ 8<br>♦ J1074<br>♣ J1094   | None Vul<br>Dealer West |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
| ♠ AQJ9432<br>♥ KQ64<br>♦ 9<br>♣ 5 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | N                       |  |  | W | E |  |  | S |  | ♠ -<br>♥ AJ9753<br>♦ KQ63<br>♣ Q86 |
| N                                 |  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
| W                                 | E  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
|                                   | S  |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |
|                                   | ♠ 76<br>♥ 102<br>♦ A852<br>♣ AK732   |                         |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                    |

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

Lead ♣ A (Ace from AK)

This West hand is too good to preempt. Especially when it is playable in the other major.