Hands for Lesson 55

Deal 55.1

	North		None Vul
	♠AKQ96		Dealer North
	♥4		
	♦KQ82		
	♣K97		

West		East
♠J743	N W E S	♠2
♥K962		♥AQJ1053
♦J		♦A973
♣J642		♣Q5

	South
	♠1085
	♥87
	♦10654
	♣A1083

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

Lead: ♠5 *(partner's suit, low from honour)*

West has a typical pre-emptive raise, and East makes 10 tricks by ruffing 3diamonds. NS cannot make 4♠ if West gets ruffs.

Deal 55.2

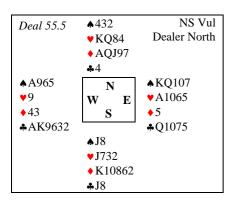|	North		NS Vul
	♠Q1086		Dealer East
	♥QJ6		
	♦985		
	♣K64		

West		East
♠J2	N W E S	♠54
♥854		♥AK972
♦K10642		♦QJ7
♣973		♣AJ10

	South
	♠AK973
	♥103
	♦A3
	♣Q852

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

Lead: ♥5 *second from bad suit)*

The North hand is too balanced for a pre-emptive raise. 2♠ is high enough – but EW can make quite a few tricks in hearts!

Deal 55.3

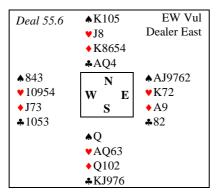|	North		EW Vul
	♠8752		Dealer South
	♥Q104		
	♦10852		
	♣53		

West		East
♠KQJ43	N W E S	♠A109
♥8		♥9652
♦KQ73		♦A4
♣A97		♣K1062

	South
	♠6
	♥AKJ73
	♦J96
	♣QJ84

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

Lead: ♥4 *(partner's suit, low from honour,)*

East shows a strong raise by cue-bidding. opponent' suit, and West has enough extra to go on to game

Deal 55.4

	North		All Vul
	♠AJ1094		Dealer West
	♥Q10		
	♦A1098		
	♣108		

West		East
♠8	N W E S	♠Q5
♥AJ3		♥K864
♦KQJ742		♦53
♣Q72		♣KJ643

	South
	♠K7632
	♥9752
	♦6
	♣A95

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♠	Dbl	4♠
All Pass			

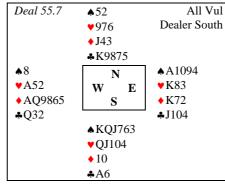Lead: 5♦ *(Partners suit, top of doubleton)*

With 5-card support for an overcall it is best to get to game as quickly as possible. 10 tricks are the limit but EW cannot make anything at the 5-level.
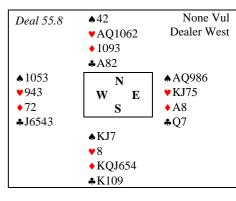
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Deal 55.5 — NS Vul, Dealer North

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             ♠432
             ♥KQ84
             ♦AQJ97
             ♣4
♠A965                    ♠KQ107
♥9          N            ♥A1065
♦43       W   E          ♦5
♣AK9632      S           ♣Q1075
             ♠J8
             ♥J732
             ♦K10862
             ♣J8
```

West	North	East	South
-	1♦	Dbl	2♦
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Lead: 10 ♥K *(higher of touching honours)*

West has enough for game opposite the double but he is worried that the spade suit will not be good enough. So he starts with a cuebid.

Deal 55.6 — EW Vul, Dealer East

```
             ♠K105
             ♥J8
             ♦K8654
             ♣AQ4
♠843                     ♠AJ9762
♥10954      N            ♥K72
♦J73      W   E          ♦A9
♣1053        S           ♣82
             ♠Q
             ♥AQ63
             ♦Q102
             ♣KJ976
```

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

Lead: ♠7 *(fourth highest, longest suit)*

If South is very short in spades 3NT may not be best, so North indicates doubt by cue-bidding first. South is happy with 3NT

Deal 55.7 — All Vul, Dealer South

```
             ♠52
             ♥976
             ♦J43
             ♣K9875
♠8                       ♠A1094
♥A52        N            ♥K83
♦AQ9865   W   E          ♦K72
♣Q32         S           ♣J104
             ♠KQJ763
             ♥QJ104
             ♦10
             ♣A6
```

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

Lead: ♠K *(top of a sequence)*

East could raise diamonds, but with a double stopper in spades he should consider 3NT. 2NT should show at least a partial diamond fit.

Deal 55.8 — None Vul, Dealer West

```
             ♠42
             ♥AQ1062
             ♦1093
             ♣A82
♠1053                    ♠AQ986
♥943        N            ♥KJ75
♦72       W   E          ♦A8
♣J6543       S           ♣Q7
             ♠KJ7
             ♥8
             ♦KQJ654
             ♣K109
```

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Lead: ♠3 *(low from honour, partner's suit)*

When North shows his nice suit South can bid. 3NT, assuming that his spade holding will provide 2 stoppers.