



Hands for Lesson 49

Deal 49.1 ♠ AK98 None Vul
 ♥ QJ642 Dealer North
 ♦ A43
 ♣ 4

♠ 10543	N	♠ 2
♥ A3	W	♥ K10875
♦ Q6	E	♦ J10952
♣ KQJ32	S	♣ 108

♠ QJ76
 ♥ 9
 ♦ K87
 ♣ A9765

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

Lead: ♣K (top of a sequence)

Only 3 winners outside trump, so we must try a crossruff. Lead a heart a trick 2, cash ♦AK make 2 low ruffs then crossruff high.

Deal 49.2 ♠ AQ954 NS Vul
 ♥ 10 Dealer East
 ♦ AJ83
 ♣ KQ5

♠ 72	N	♠ 83
♥ KQ6543	W	♥ J9
♦ 4	E	♦ KQ109762
♣ 10643	S	♣ 72

♠ KJ106
 ♥ A872
 ♦ 5
 ♣ AJ98

West	North	East	South
-	-	3 ♦	Dbl
Pass	6 ♠	All Pass	

Lead: ♦K (top of a sequence)

It is possible to crossruff this hand but there is no need to take the risk. When you can afford to draw trump – do so

Deal 49.3 ♠ Q102 EW Vul
 ♥ 108743 Dealer South
 ♦ 65
 ♣ Q109

♠ A974	N	♠ K853
♥ AK2	W	♥ Q96
♦ Q	E	♦ 98742
♣ A8643	S	♣ 7

♠ J6
 ♥ J5
 ♦ AKJ103
 ♣ KJ52

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

Lead: ♦A (ace from ace-king)

Ruff the second diamond and play ♠AK Cash the heart winners before crossruffing in the minors

Deal 49.4 ♠ 6532 All Vul
 ♥ J6 Dealer West
 ♦ 102
 ♣ QJ1097

♠ AQ98	N	♠ KJ107
♥ K54	W	♥ A732
♦ AQJ76	E	♦ 4
♣ 8	S	♣ A652

♠ 4
 ♥ Q1098
 ♦ K9853
 ♣ K43

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

Lead ♣Q (top of a sequence)

You can make all eight trump separately by ruffing diamonds, then clubs. Remember to cash ♥AK early before the defenders discard hearts



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Deal 49.5 ♠ 64 NS Vul
 ♥ K10 Dealer
 ♦ A93 North
 ♣ AK8432

♠ AK873	N	♠ QJ1092
♥ A7632	W	♥ 5
♦ -	E	♦ Q10762
♣ J76	S	♣ Q5

♠ 5
 ♥ QJ984
 ♦ KJ854
 ♣ 109

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

Lead: ♣A (ace from ace-king)

North leads ♣AK and another. Ruff high to stop South making a cheap trump trick. If you draw trump you are a trick short, so crossruff

Deal 49.6 ♠ KQ4 EW Vul
 ♥ 5 Dealer East
 ♦ J8743
 ♣ AQ103

♠ J10753	N	♠ A9
♥ Q10873	W	♥ 94
♦ 1096	E	♦ AKQ52
♣ -	S	♣ 9542

♠ 862
 ♥ AKJ62
 ♦ -
 ♣ KJ876

West	North	East	South
-	-	1 ♦	1 ♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣

Lead: ♦10 (partner's suit, top of sequence)

North bids just 1NT, but catches up when he likes partner's second suit. Establish a spade trick, cash ♥AK, then try a crossruff

Deal 49.7 ♠ A532 All Vul
 ♥ AKQ963 Dealer South
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 94

♠ KJ4	N	♠ Q1096
♥ 875	W	♥ 4
♦ A1085	E	♦ KQJ9
♣ Q108	S	♣ J765

♠ 87
 ♥ J102
 ♦ 6432
 ♣ AK32

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

Lead: ♦K (top of a sequence)

North adds some distribution points! He must duck a round of spades before playing trump to ensure ruffs in dummy.

Deal 49.8 ♠ K872 None Vul
 ♥ 5 Dealer West
 ♦ KQJ2
 ♣ Q1097

♠ A105	N	♠ J
♥ K1072	W	♥ AQJ93
♦ 4	E	♦ A8653
♣ AK653	S	♣ J4

♠ Q9643
 ♥ 864
 ♦ 1097
 ♣ 82

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♥	All Pass

Lead: ♦10 (top of a sequence)

You need to ruff three diamonds in dummy so do not draw trump. Ruff a diamond, cash ♣AK, then crossruff