



## Hands for Lesson 31

31.1	♠ 954 ♥ K73 ♦ 752 ♣ K853	None Vul Dealer North	♠ AQ7 ♥ Q952 ♦ K10 ♣ AJ64
♠ K102 ♥ AJ6 ♦ QJ983 ♣ 97	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           N W   E S         </div>		♠ J863 ♥ 1084 ♦ A64 ♣ Q102

31.2	♠ Q10764 ♥ AKQ2 ♦ 983 ♣ 5	NS Vul Dealer East	♠ A32 ♥ J10954 ♦ 5 ♣ KJ87
♠ 9 ♥ 863 ♦ J1062 ♣ AQ964	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           N W   E S         </div>		♠ KJ85 ♥ 7 ♦ AKQ74 ♣ 1032

31.3	♠ 852 ♥ KJ943 ♦ Q76 ♣ J10	EW Vul Dealer South	♠ A64 ♥ A1072 ♦ J108 ♣ 852
♠ Q973 ♥ Q8 ♦ 9543 ♣ A64	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           N W   E S         </div>		♠ KJ10 ♥ 65 ♦ AK2 ♣ KQ973

31.4	♠ J5 ♥ 82 ♦ 10942 ♣ AK1064	All Vul Dealer West	♠ AQ64 ♥ QJ105 ♦ QJ7 ♣ 73
♠ K102 ♥ AK74 ♦ A865 ♣ Q8	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           N W   E S         </div>		♠ 9873 ♥ 963 ♦ K3 ♣ J952

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

Lead ♠3 (unbid suit, low from honour)

**Play ♦s to establish 9 winners, (start with ♦K, honours from the short hand first)**  
Return to ♠A to finesse ♥s for the overtrick

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

Lead ♥J (unbid suit, top of sequence)

**Play on trump to knock out the ace, draw 3 rounds and play ♦s, ruffing the fourth round to establish a length trick**

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

Lead ♠3 (low from an honour)

**East wins ♠A and returns a spade**  
Clubs is the Work Suit, start with ♣J from the short hand

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lead ♣A. (A from AK)

**North cashes two clubs, then switches to avoid giving a ruff and discard. West draws trump as soon as he gets in.**



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31.5	♠ Q1065 ♥ A6 ♦ A1075 ♣ 952	NS Vul Dealer North									
♠ KJ742 ♥ 105 ♦ J9 ♣ Q863	<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		♠ 8 ♥ KQJ943 ♦ K62 ♣ A107 ♠ A93 ♥ 872 ♦ Q843 ♣ KJ4
N											
W	E										
	S										

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

Lead: ♦3 (low from an honour)

**North wins ♦A and may stop a ruff in dummy by switching to ♥A and another. You can find an eighth trick by leading toward ♣Q**

31.6	♠ Q87 ♥ 96 ♦ A74 ♣ QJ1085	EW Vul Dealer East									
♠ K1043 ♥ AQ75 ♦ 98 ♣ 632	<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		♠ A2 ♥ KJ43 ♦ KQ1065 ♣ 97 ♠ J965 ♥ 1082 ♦ J32 ♣ AK4
N											
W	E										
	S										

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

Lead: ♣Q (top of a sequence)

**Ruff the third club, draw trump then play ♦s. Lead towards ♦KQ twice if you can – take advantage of a well-placed A**

31.7	♠ K1085 ♥ AK52 ♦ 876 ♣ J10	All Vul Dealer South									
♠ J93 ♥ QJ83 ♦ J10 ♣ 9742	<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		♠ 76 ♥ 1076 ♦ KQ5432 ♣ K6 ♠ AQ42 ♥ 94 ♦ A9 ♣ AQ853
N											
W	E										
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West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

Lead: ♦J (top of doubleton,, unbid suit)

**North raises partner's second suit just as he would raise an opening bid. Draw trump and take the club finesse.**

31.8	♠ KQ963 ♥ AQJ2 ♦ Q5 ♣ 104	None Vul Dealer West									
♠ 74 ♥ 10976 ♦ AJ103 ♣ Q85	<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		♠ A85 ♥ 843 ♦ K962 ♣ 732 ♠ J102 ♥ K5 ♦ 874 ♣ AKJ96
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W	E										
	S										

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

Lead: ♦2 (low from an honour)

**North must have 5 spades to rebid a new suit, so South bids game in the 8-card fit Draw trump by knocking out the ace.**