



Hands for Lesson 54

Deal 54.1 ♠KJ102 None Vul
 ♥AQ3 Dealer North
 ♦J5
 ♣J1093

♠8743	N	♠A9
♥J64	W	♥K10752
♦Q1094	E	♦862
♣K7	S	♣652

♠Q65
 ♥98
 ♦AK73
 ♣AQ84

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

Lead: ♥5 (fourth highest, longest suit)

You have to develop tricks from both black suits. East, the danger hand, cannot get on lead in clubs, so play spades first

Deal 54.2 ♠KQJ42 NS Vul
 ♥743 Dealer East
 ♦42
 ♣K76

♠A109	N	♠87
♥AKQ	W	♥J62
♦Q985	E	♦AJ1073
♣AQ2	S	♣543

♠653
 ♥10985
 ♦K6
 ♣J1098

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

Lead: ♠K (top of a sequence)

Hold up ♠A till the third round. North is the danger hand with the long spades, so you can safely finesse diamonds into South

Deal 54.3 ♠AK1085 EW Vul
 ♥752 Dealer South
 ♦93
 ♣A84

♠62	N	♠QJ93
♥Q10864	W	♥J9
♦A52	E	♦K64
♣652	S	♣J973

♠74
 ♥AK3
 ♦QJ1087
 ♣KQ10

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

Lead: ♥6 (fourth highest, longest suit)

Duck East's Third Hand High ♥J so that he has no heart to lead when he wins ♦K. You have to lose the lead twice in diamonds

Deal 54.4 ♠853 All Vul
 ♥Q10642 Dealer West
 ♦Q7
 ♣QJ7

♠A42	N	♠J7
♥K9	W	♥A85
♦A10863	E	♦K95
♣AK9	S	♣108654

♠KQ1096
 ♥J73
 ♦J42
 ♣32

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

Lead: ♠K (K from KQ109x)

East holds up ♠A twice. South is the danger hand so lose a diamond to North, heart to hand, lead ♦5 and play 8 from dummy.



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Deal 54.5 ♠A74 NS Vul
 ♥K10 Dealer North
 ♦K87
 ♣QJ1098

♠63	N	♠QJ1098
♥98652	W E	♥743
♦Q5432	S	♦J6
♣A		♣K74

♠K52
 ♥AQJ
 ♦A109
 ♣6532

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

Lead: ♠Q (top of a sequence)

7 Sure Tricks, you need 2 more from clubs. Missing AK you have to give up the lead twice so duck the first round of spades.

Deal 54.6 ♠Q1095 EW Vul
 ♥J54 Dealer East
 ♦852
 ♣Q43

♠AKJ4	N	♠763
♥76	W E	♥KQ9
♦KJ9	S	♦AQ10
♣AJ86		♣K1095

♠82
 ♥A10832
 ♦7643
 ♣72

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

Lead: ♥3 (fourth highest)

East wins ♥Q and now North is the Danger Hand. Establish your extra club trick by finessing into the South hand

Deal 54.7 ♠75 All Vul
 ♥KQ6 Dealer South
 ♦AJ94
 ♣A764

♠A10842	N	♠Q96
♥532	W E	♥J1098
♦52	S	♦Q86
♣Q108		♣J53

♠KJ3
 ♥A74
 ♦K1073
 ♣K92

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

Lead: ♠4 (fourth highest)

East plays ♠Q and you win ♠K. That makes East the danger hand. Protect ♠J by finessing diamonds into West

Deal 54.8 ♠10954 None Vul
 ♥AJ1095 Dealer West
 ♦94
 ♣73

♠AJ3	N	♠KQ2
♥KQ8	W E	♥64
♦K86	S	♦A732
♣A1094		♣KJ85

♠876
 ♥732
 ♦QJ105
 ♣Q62

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Lead: ♥J (top of an interior sequence)

West wins ♥Q and now South is the Danger hand, if he gets on lead he will lead a heart through. Finesse clubs into North to protect your heart holding.