



Hands for Lesson 25

Deal 26.1		None Vul Dealer North	
♠ AK865 ♥ KQ104 ♦ 9 ♣ Q75		♠ J972 ♥ 82 ♦ 1086 ♣ KJ82	
♠ 103 ♥ 763 ♦ KJ743 ♣ A93	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q4 ♥ AJ95 ♦ AQ52 ♣ 1064	

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

Lead ♣2 (Unbid suit, low from honours)

When opponents have bid three suits it may be vital to cash your winners in the unbid suit. Do not be afraid to lead away from a king.

Deal 26.2		NS Vul Dealer East	
♠ 63 ♥ 103 ♦ J1092 ♣ 98643		♠ Q75 ♥ AJ75 ♦ 8 ♣ AKJ102	
♠ J92 ♥ KQ864 ♦ KQ64 ♣ 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AK1084 ♥ 92 ♦ A753 ♣ Q5	

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

Lead ♠6 (partner's suit, top of doubleton)

Partner needs a good suit to overcall, so lead it! The spade ruff beats the game - East-West are unlucky this time

Deal 26.3		EW Vul Dealer South	
♠ J74 ♥ A93 ♦ KQ7 ♣ Q1082		♠ AQ1093 ♥ K875 ♦ 10 ♣ A64	
♠ 85 ♥ J62 ♦ 98432 ♣ 975	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K62 ♥ Q104 ♦ AJ65 ♣ KJ3	

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

Lead ♠8 (weak hand looks for partner's suit)

The high card denies an honour, so West knows South has ♠K. He plays ♠9 to establish his suit. Inspired!

Deal 26.4		All Vul Dealer West	
♠ Q83 ♥ J73 ♦ Q10832 ♣ 75		♠ 96 ♥ 864 ♦ J64 ♣ AQ932	
♠ AK10752 ♥ A92 ♦ 7 ♣ K106	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J4 ♥ KQ105 ♦ AK95 ♣ J84	

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2 ♠	All Pass		

Lead ♦3. (low from an honour)

North has diamond length, so West is short. Switch to ♥K to set up some tricks there and hold him to nine.



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Deal 26.5		♠ A74 ♥ KJ82 ♦ Q98 ♣ K74	NS Vul Dealer North
♠ Q93 ♥ A954 ♦ 732 ♣ 982	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ KJ65 ♥ 1063 ♦ KJ65 ♣ 105	
	♠ 1082 ♥ Q7 ♦ A104 ♣ AQJ63		

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

Lead: ♠5 (fourth highest from a long suit)

Two identical suits – the only clue is that South did not use Stayman, so choose the major

Deal 26.6		♠ QJ10654 ♥ K9 ♦ 84 ♣ KJ5	EW Vul Dealer East
♠ 97 ♥ AQJ7 ♦ KQ75 ♣ A83	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ AK2 ♥ 854 ♦ 10962 ♣ Q96	
	♠ 83 ♥ 10632 ♦ AJ3 ♣ 10742		

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

Lead: ♠8 (partner's suit, top of a doubleton)

Lucky partner gets you off to the best start. Your own suits are not tempting

Deal 26.7		♠ AQ82 ♥ 962 ♦ J2 ♣ AQJ9	All Vul Dealer South
♠ K1054 ♥ AJ74 ♦ Q1084 ♣ 8	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ 63 ♥ 85 ♦ K96 ♣ 1075432	
	♠ J97 ♥ KQ103 ♦ A753 ♣ K6		

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

Lead: ♦4 (fourth highest from a long suit)

Both opponents have shown a 4-card major so lead the 4-card minor instead

Deal 26.8		♠ 10843 ♥ 942 ♦ 9 ♣ K10763	None Vul Dealer West
♠ K6 ♥ AKJ865 ♦ 1063 ♣ AQ	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ A975 ♥ Q10 ♦ KJ54 ♣ 852	
	♠ QJ2 ♥ 73 ♦ AQ872 ♣ J94		

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

Lead: ♦9 (singleton to try for a ruff)

When you are very weak partner may have an entry to give you a ruff