



Hands for Lesson 48

Deal 48.1 ♠ 43 None Vul
 ♥ AQJ74 Dealer North
 ♦ KQ62
 ♣ A5

♠ AJ872	N	♠ KQ65
♥ K105	W	♥ 8
♦ 104	E	♦ AJ83
♣ QJ8	S	♣ K1032

♠ 109
 ♥ 9632
 ♦ 975
 ♣ 9764

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

Lead: ♦ K (*higher of touching honours*)

West has much more than he might have, so makes a jump response. With 4-card support East raises. Draw trump and establish clubs

Deal 48.2 ♠ QJ73 NS Vul
 ♥ QJ6 Dealer East
 ♦ 1076
 ♣ 985

♠ 109642	N	♠ 5
♥ 10753	W	♥ A942
♦ 5	E	♦ AQ842
♣ 632	S	♣ KQ7

♠ AK8
 ♥ K8
 ♦ KJ93
 ♣ AJ104

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

Lead: ♦ 5 (*partner's suit*)

South's 1NT rebid shows a hand too strong for a 15-18 1NT overcall. So North has enough to raise to game.

Deal 48.3 ♠ 1085 EW Vul
 ♥ 652 Dealer South
 ♦ J762
 ♣ 763

♠ AKQ764	N	♠ 93
♥ 8	W	♥ QJ104
♦ AQ	E	♦ 109543
♣ QJ102	S	♣ K5

♠ J2
 ♥ AK973
 ♦ K8
 ♣ A984

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

Lead: ♥ 5 (*2nd highest of poor suit, partner's suit*)

West bids the spade game after East has shown 6-9 HCP with heart stoppers, and some tolerance for all suits. Other sequences may lead to 3NT, and both games play well.

Deal 48.4 ♠ AKJ1043 All Vul
 ♥ A7 Dealer West
 ♦ J1043
 ♣ 6

♠ 8	N	♠ 752
♥ KJ5	W	♥ Q84
♦ KQ87	E	♦ 952
♣ KQJ32	S	♣ 10987

♠ Q96
 ♥ 109632
 ♦ A6
 ♣ A54

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

Lead: ♣ 10 (*top of sequence (partner's suit)*)

North has a fine overcall, and South, with 3-card support can show a good raise. North goes to game. Play diamonds early to establish ruffs in dummy



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Deal 48.5 ♠ 10932 NS Vul
 ♥ 2 Dealer North
 ♦ 9865
 ♣ 9762

♠ QJ65	N	♠ A7
♥ 10876	W	♥ A954
♦ J10	E	♦ KQ43
♣ AQ8	S	♣ K54

♠ K84
 ♥ KQJ3
 ♦ A72
 ♣ J103

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

Lead: ♣J (top of a sequence)

South should not double the opening bid with a minimum flat hand, particularly vulnerable opposite a passed partner. However South is happy to make a penalty double of the final 4♥ game contract.

Deal 48.6 ♠ J965 EW Vul
 ♥ 86 Dealer East
 ♦ J1064
 ♣ 963

♠ 74	N	♠ A1082
♥ J1092	W	♥ K74
♦ Q7	E	♦ AK852
♣ Q10872	S	♣ A

♠ KQ3
 ♥ AQ53
 ♦ 93
 ♣ KJ54

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

Lead: ♦A (Ace from Ace-King)

South has 15HCP, but without 4-card support for a partner who may have nothing he should not bid on.

Deal 48.7 ♠ KQJ All Vul
 ♥ AJ1073 Dealer South
 ♦ K542
 ♣ K

♠ 987632	N	♠ A5
♥ 62	W	♥ KQ84
♦ 6	E	♦ AQ7
♣ 9654	S	♣ AJ103

♠ 104
 ♥ 95
 ♦ J10983
 ♣ Q872

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

Lead: ♠K (top of sequence)

West knows East has 19-21HCP, so 2♠ is a weak takeout. He could bid 3♠ (or 4♠) if he were interested in game.

Deal 48.8 ♠ K7642 None Vul
 ♥ 109 Dealer West
 ♦ 8432
 ♣ K7

♠ J103	N	♠ 9
♥ 843	W	♥ AQ62
♦ J65	E	♦ AKQ107
♣ 8532	S	♣ J96

♠ AQ85
 ♥ KJ75
 ♦ 9
 ♣ AQ104

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

Lead: ♦A (ace from ace-king)

North is far stronger than he might be for a 1♠ response, so when South shows a good raise he is worth game