



Hands for Lesson 28

28.1	♠ QJ9542 ♥ 972 ♦ J ♣ K106	None Vul Dealer North									
♠ A86 ♥ K8 ♦ K954 ♣ J532	<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></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N			W	E				S	♠ K73 ♥ A1064 ♦ Q83 ♣ 984
N											
W	E										
		S									
	♠ 10 ♥ QJ53 ♦ A10762 ♣ AQ7										

West	North	East	South
-	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Lead ♦3 or ♣8 (or4♥)

South has a decent hand but no reason to bid. A 6–1 fit is fine for a 2-level contract. Neither East nor West really has a bid. There are 9 tricks available or perhaps 8 if the defenders manage to get a heart ruff.

28.2	♠ Q5432 ♥ J ♦ A106 ♣ Q1043	NS Vul Dealer East									
♠ J7 ♥ K63 ♦ KQ984 ♣ K95	<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></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N			W	E				S	♠ A98 ♥ AQ10974 ♦ 752 ♣ 8
N											
W	E										
		S									
	♠ K106 ♥ 852 ♦ J3 ♣ AJ762										

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

Lead; any suit could be led

East is a little too strong for a 'weak 2'. The hand is *just* worth a 1♥ opening bid. If East did open 2♥, the heart game might be missed. In 4♥, declarer can ruff a spade or set up the diamond suit.

28.3	♠ AJ6 ♥ AJ9 ♦ 10763 ♣ Q103	EW Vul Dealer South									
♠ Q104 ♥ Q108765 ♦ Q8 ♣ 86	<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></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N			W	E				S	♠ 853 ♥ K ♦ AJ52 ♣ KJ752
N											
W	E										
		S									
	♠ K972 ♥ 432 ♦ K94 ♣ A94										

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

Lead ♣5 (low from an honour)

West is 2nd in hand, vulnerable; so too weak for a 2♥ opener. 1NT will probably make 8 tricks, whereas 2♥ might lose 200 or 300 points!

28.4	♠ KJ10975 ♥ 5 ♦ 653 ♣ A75	All Vul Dealer West									
♠ 84 ♥ AQ832 ♦ Q104 ♣ Q82	<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></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N			W	E				S	♠ A6 ♥ KJ104 ♦ AJ87 ♣ K103
N											
W	E										
		S									
	♠ Q32 ♥ 976 ♦ K92 ♣ J964										

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Lead ♦5 or ♠J

A textbook weak 2 in spades! East has a good 'take-out double, with a shortage in spades and support for all other suits. West should jump to game to show a decent hand. The game should make in comfort.



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Deal 28.5	♠ 83 ♥ KQ10965 ♦ K63 ♣ 109	NS Vul Dealer North												
♠ Q9652 ♥ 74 ♦ J875 ♣ Q8	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>♠ AJ</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td>♥ A832</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td>♦ 92</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>♣ 76543</td></tr> </table>	N		♠ AJ	W	E	♥ A832		S	♦ 92			♣ 76543	♠ K1074 ♥ J ♦ AQ104 ♣ AKJ2
N		♠ AJ												
W	E	♥ A832												
	S	♦ 92												
		♣ 76543												

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

Lead: ♠5 (low from an honour)

South is good enough to enquire with 2NT despite the singleton heart. North's 3♦ shows upper range and a feature in diamonds, so South bids game in NT or hearts. In 3NT, overtake the heart Jack and continue the suit.

28.6	♠ 976 ♥ J7643 ♦ AQ107 ♣ 7	EW Vul Dealer East												
♠ J5 ♥ AQ98 ♦ K9 ♣ AQ965	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>♠ AQ10432</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td>♥ 5</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td>♦ J85</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>♣ 832</td></tr> </table>	N		♠ AQ10432	W	E	♥ 5		S	♦ J85			♣ 832	♠ K8 ♥ K102 ♦ 6432 ♣ KJ104
N		♠ AQ10432												
W	E	♥ 5												
	S	♦ J85												
		♣ 832												

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

Lead: ♥2, ♦4 or ♣J all possible

Opposite a weak 2, West is just worth a game try. However East simply repeats the suit and 3♠ becomes the contract. It's a decent contract, but may well go down.

28.7	♠ 72 ♥ 1072 ♦ Q872 ♣ A1074	All Vul Dealer South												
♠ KQ8 ♥ AK83 ♦ J104 ♣ KQ2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>♠ 54</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td>♥ 965</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td>♦ AK953</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>♣ J65</td></tr> </table>	N		♠ 54	W	E	♥ 965		S	♦ AK953			♣ J65	♠ AJ10963 ♥ QJ4 ♦ 6 ♣ 983
N		♠ 54												
W	E	♥ 965												
	S	♦ AK953												
		♣ J65												

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

Lead ♠7 (top of doubleton, partner's suit)

West's 2NT is a natural bid, showing around 17-20 points. East could use Stayman or transfers with a suitable hand, but 3NT is best here. Take the diamond finesse and 3NT is easy.

28.8	♠ AK107 ♥ 9 ♦ AJ7 ♣ Q10762	None Vul Dealer West												
♠ 6 ♥ KJ10754 ♦ Q965 ♣ J5	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>♠ J84</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td>♥ Q862</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td>♦ 8</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>♣ A9843</td></tr> </table>	N		♠ J84	W	E	♥ Q862		S	♦ 8			♣ A9843	♠ Q9532 ♥ A3 ♦ K10432 ♣ K
N		♠ J84												
W	E	♥ Q862												
	S	♦ 8												
		♣ A9843												

West	North	East	South
2♥	Db1	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	?	

Lead ♥J v 4♠

North has a decent hand for a take-out double. East bids a preemptive 4♥ and South bids the spade game. Will East take on a sacrifice in hearts? Time will tell.