



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
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	♠ 10 ♥ QJ53 ♦ A10762 ♣ AQ7										

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
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	♠ K106 ♥ 852 ♦ J3 ♣ AJ762										

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
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	♠ K972 ♥ 432 ♦ K94 ♣ A94										

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
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W	E										
		S									
	♠ Q32 ♥ 976 ♦ K92 ♣ J964										

West	North	East	South
-	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

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

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

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

Lead ♦3 or ♣8 (or 4♥)

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.

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.

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!

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	NS Vul
	♥ KQ10965	Dealer North
	♦ K63	
	♣ 109	
♠ Q9652	N	♠ AJ
♥ 74	W E	♥ A832
♦ J875	S	♦ 92
♣ Q8		♣ 76543
	♠ K1074	
	♥ J	
	♦ AQ104	
	♣ AKJ2	

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	EW Vul
	♥ J7643	Dealer East
	♦ AQ107	
	♣ 7	
♠ J5	N	♠ AQ10432
♥ AQ98	W E	♥ 5
♦ K9	S	♦ J85
♣ AQ965		♣ 832
	♠ K8	
	♥ K102	
	♦ 6432	
	♣ KJ104	

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	All Vul
	♥ 1072	Dealer South
	♦ Q872	
	♣ A1074	
♠ KQ8	N	♠ 54
♥ AK83	W E	♥ 965
♦ J104	S	♦ AK953
♣ KQ2		♣ J65
	♠ AJ10963	
	♥ QJ4	
	♦ 6	
	♣ 983	

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	None Vul
	♥ 9	Dealer West
	♦ AJ7	
	♣ Q10762	
♠ 6	N	♠ J84
♥ KJ10754	W E	♥ Q862
♦ Q965	S	♦ 8
♣ J5		♣ A9843
	♠ Q9532	
	♥ A3	
	♦ K10432	
	♣ K	

West	North	East	South
2♥	Dbl	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.