



Hands for Lesson 51

Deal 51.1 ♠Q3 None Vul
♥AK2 Dealer North
♦KQ1062
♣A74

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|--------|---|---------|
| ♠AJ74 | N | ♠982 |
| ♥86 | W | ♥QJ1053 |
| ♦874 | E | ♦A93 |
| ♣Q1062 | S | ♣95 |

♠K1065
♥974
♦J5
♣KJ83

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

Lead: ♥Q (top of a sequence)

Start the Work Suit with ♦J, honour in the short hand. Luckily West has ♠A and no hearts left to lead when he wins it.

Deal 51.2 ♠865 NS Vul
♥A8 Dealer East
♦J9853
♣764

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| ♠J102 | N | ♠KQ4 |
| ♥J542 | W | ♥KQ97 |
| ♦KQ106 | E | ♦7 |
| ♣Q3 | S | ♣AKJ109 |

♠A973
♥1063
♦A42
♣852

| West | North | East | South |
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| - | - | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

Lead: ♠A (unbid suit, do not underlead aces)

West needs 4-card support to raise the second suit. East has too few aces to make a slam try – he has already shown a very good hand

Deal 51.3 ♠A54 EW Vul
♥10854 Dealer South
♦K952
♣73

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| ♠J73 | N | ♠Q1098 |
| ♥Q6 | W | ♥92 |
| ♦QJ1073 | E | ♦A84 |
| ♣J95 | S | ♣K1062 |

♠K62
♥AKJ73
♦6
♣AQ84

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

Lead: ♦Q (top of a sequence)

South's Fit points make this hand worth 4♥. Do not play ♦K at trick 1 – West has not led from AQJ. Lead out ♥AK, finesse clubs

Deal 51.4 ♠K83 All Vul
♥9842 Dealer West
♦1054
♣1043

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|--------|---|--------|
| ♠AQ92 | N | ♠J1065 |
| ♥J | W | ♥A76 |
| ♦AQJ83 | E | ♦K6 |
| ♣KJ9 | S | ♣AQ72 |

♠74
♥KQ1053
♦972
♣865

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♠ | Pass | 6♠ | All Pass |

Lead: ♥K (K from KQ)

West's jump to game shows 18-19, so East is interested in slam. Take the trump finesse, then draw trump and cash your winners



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Deal 51.5 ♠6 NS Vul
 ♥AQ7 Dealer North
 ♦AQJ94
 ♣KQ83

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| ♠AJ74 | N | ♠Q10985 |
| ♥J962 | W | ♥54 |
| ♦1073 | E | ♦K62 |
| ♣J6 | S | ♣742 |

♠K32
♥K1083
♦85
♣A1095

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 5♣ |

Lead: ♠10 (*unbid suit, top of interior sequence*)

North would raise hearts immediately with 4, so South knows he has only 3. He chooses the 8-card trump fit.

Deal 51.6 ♠J98642 EW Vul
 ♥1097 Dealer East
 ♦Q5
 ♣52

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| ♠Q3 | N | ♠105 |
| ♥QJ6432 | W | ♥A5 |
| ♦93 | E | ♦AKJ72 |
| ♣Q64 | S | ♣AK83 |

♠AK7
♥K8
♦10864
♣J1097

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| - | - | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

Lead: ♠6 (*unbid suit, 4th highest*)

West shows a 6-card heart suit so East can raise with a doubleton. Play ♥A and another to draw trump – you must lose one

Deal 51.7 ♠Q4 All Vul
 ♥83 Dealer South
 ♦K742
 ♣AJ865

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| ♠10952 | N | ♠7 |
| ♥A7 | W | ♥J109642 |
| ♦QJ105 | E | ♦96 |
| ♣1074 | S | ♣KQ32 |

♠AKJ863
♥KQ5
♦A83
♣9

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| - | - | - | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

Lead: ♦Q (*top of a sequence*)

South promises a 6-card suit for his jump rebid, game-forcing after a 2-over-1. With a minimum North simply raises

Deal 51.8 ♠Q96 None Vul
 ♥953 Dealer West
 ♦Q8
 ♣Q10874

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|----------|---|---------|
| ♠A74 | N | ♠K10853 |
| ♥KQ76 | W | ♥J842 |
| ♦AKJ1093 | E | ♦2 |
| ♣- | S | ♣K93 |

♠J2
♥A10
♦7654
♣AJ652

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

Lead: ♣7 (*fourth highest, unbid suit*)

East needs 4 hearts to raise the second suit. West cuebids in search of slam, but East is minimum and signs off in the agreed suit