



Hands for Lesson 52

Deal 52.1 ♠A None Vul
 ♥J1092 Dealer North
 ♦AQ1096
 ♣AQ6

♠9873	N	♠KQJ52
♥86	W	♥A53
♦KJ754	E	♦3
♣42	S	♣J1095

♠1064
♥KQ74
♦82
♣K873

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

Lead: ♠K (top of a sequence)

South is worth a bid, but not a 2over1. The Negative double shows 4hearts and North has enough for a punt at game.

Deal 52.2 ♠K8 NS Vul
 ♥105 Dealer East
 ♦J9853
 ♣8765

♠QJ102	N	♠A543
♥42	W	♥K97
♦KQ106	E	♦7
♣Q43	S	♣AKJ109

♠976
♥AQJ863
♦A42
♣2

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

Lead: ♣2 (a hopeful singleton)

West could respond 1♠ without interference but now that promises 5cards. East jumps with extra values and West is not minimum.

Deal 52.3 ♠AQ543 EW Vul
 ♥1042 Dealer South
 ♦1052
 ♣83

♠76	N	♠1098
♥KQ986	W	♥AJ3
♦K7	E	♦983
♣K752	S	♣J1096

♠KJ2
♥75
♦AQJ64
♣AQ4

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

Lead: ♥A (partner's suit – switch to ♣J)

North shows 5spades so South can raise with just 3 cards. Each side can make 9 tricks, but spades usually win competitive auctions

Deal 52.4 ♠KQJ64 All Vul
 ♥982 Dealer West
 ♦105
 ♣AK3

♠A1095	N	♠83
♥J	W	♥A1076
♦AQJ83	E	♦K76
♣QJ9	S	♣10742

♠72
♥KQ543
♦942
♣865

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

Lead: ♠K (top of a sequence)

West knows partner has hearts and clubs, and he cannot rebid North's suit, so he has to bid 1NT. Win the first spade to ensure a second stop



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Deal 52.5 ♠AQ6 NS Vul
 ♥AQ873 Dealer North
 ♦AJ94
 ♣3

♠J1054	N	♠983
♥J952	W	♥K4
♦Q1076	E	♦K2
♣6	S	♣KQ8742

♠K72
 ♥106
 ♦853
 ♣AJ1095

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Lead: ♥10 (partner's suit, top of a doubleton)

Nothing wrong with East's overcall except the timing. South hopes North can re-open with a takeout double which he can convert

Deal 52.6 ♠A86 EW Vul
 ♥1097 Dealer
 ♦AKQ32 East
 ♣52

♠Q3	N	♠K1052
♥A632	W	♥QJ54
♦95	E	♦76
♣AKQ64	S	♣J83

♠J974
 ♥K8
 ♦J1084
 ♣1097

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	Dbl	2♦
2♥	All Pass		

Lead: ♦A (top of a sequence)

East can show both majors at once, but is worth only one bid. If North-South compete to the 3-level West can bid one more

Deal 52.7 ♠J7 All Vul
 ♥AJ96 Dealer
 ♦K742 South
 ♣J82

♠A92	N	♠Q8654
♥7	W	♥Q10432
♦QJ10953	E	♦8
♣K73	S	♣106

♠K103
 ♥K85
 ♦A6
 ♣AQ954

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

Lead: ♦Q (top of a sequence)

Over 1♦ the negative double shows both majors, so 1♥ does not promise 5 cards. South makes his normal rebid.

Deal 52.8 ♠974 None Vul
 ♥J105 Dealer West
 ♦A10943
 ♣Q6

♠A86	N	♠KQ1053
♥83	W	♥42
♦K76	E	♦52
♣J10752	S	♣AK93

♠J2
 ♥AKQ976
 ♦QJ8
 ♣84

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Lead: ♠A (partner's suit, do not underlead A)

West is not strong enough for a negative double at this level but he is worth a bid. The 3-card raise is the least lie.