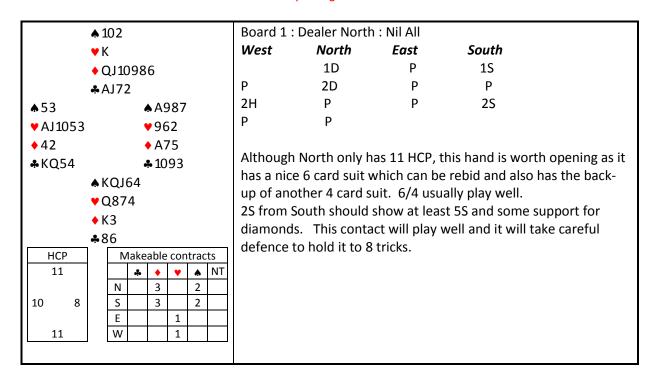
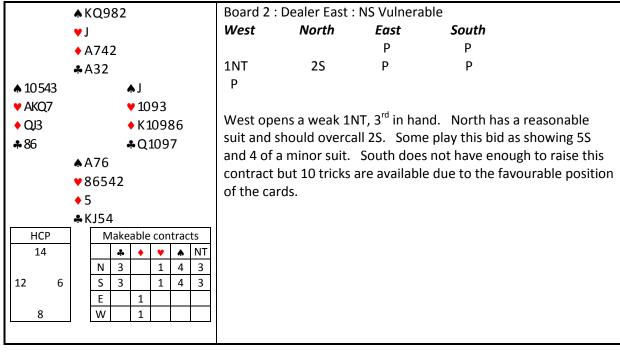
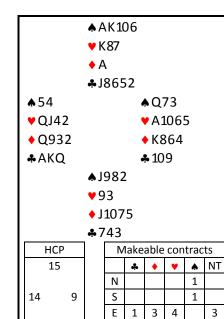
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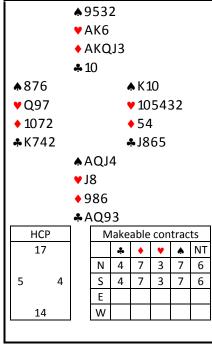
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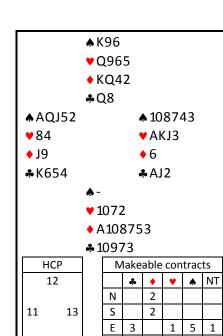
Board 3	Dealer South	n : EW Vulne	rable
West	North	East	South
			Р
1NT	Р	Р	Р

If West opens with a 12-14 1NT, bidding is likely to die there unless N/S have a convention to show the black suits, in which case 7 tricks are available in spades. Nine tricks are available for E/W in NT.

Those playing a 15-17 1NT opening, should reach a heart part score, with 10 tricks available, so long as declarer plays towards the KD. The best North can do is cash their three top tricks - AS, KS and AD.



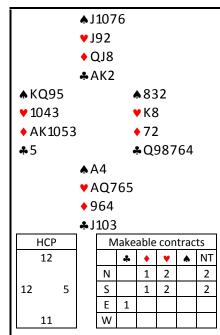
Board 4 :	Dealer West	: All Vulner	able
West	North	East	South
Р	1D	Р	<b>1</b> S
Р	4C	Р	4NT
Р	5H	Р	6S
Р	Р	Р	
18 to 19 The Spad is looking king of tr declarer As the ca	HCP and a sin e contact has g for Aces. Ro umps as an a will stop in 6S rds lay 13 tric	gleton or vo been agree oman Key ce, 5H show i, knowing to ks can be n	ed by the 4C, so therefore 4NT Card Blackwood counts the vs two of the 5 key cards, so hey are missing one Keycard.



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	Board 5 : D	ealer North	ո ։ NS Vulne	rable	
	West	North	East	South	
		1NT	2C	2D	
	4S	Р	Р	Р	
	opposite, v The 1NT op	vith the We pening will	est hand mo	rs both majors. st partnerships in placing the lick.	will bid 4S.
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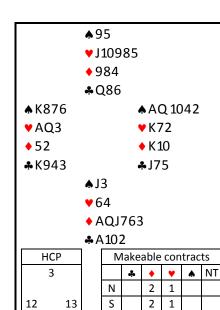
		Р	Р
1D	Χ	Р	2H
Р	Р	Р	
scrapes up a losers, but the suit and 9-11 and should no	double one 11 points points. The traise the 2lad King of Di	this flat han justify a ju e North hand H unless pusk	ne bidding. If North ad, South still has 9 mp to 2H to show a 4+ has shown all its values ned by West. a diamond ruff, declarer

East

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Board 6 : Dealer East : EW Vulnerable

North



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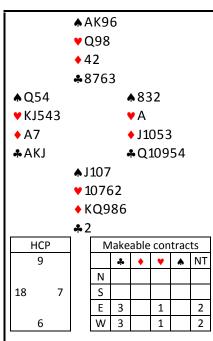
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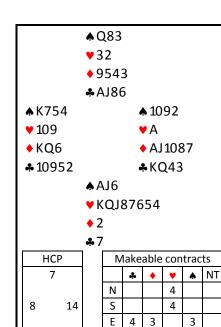
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Board 7 : [	Board 7 : Dealer South : All Vulnerable					
West	North	East	South			
			1D			
Χ	Р	<b>2</b> S	Р			
Р	Р					

The key to this hand is that although East has an opening bid opposite their partner's double, the KD is more than likely in the wrong place and this hand needs to be down-graded accordingly. Any aggressive bidders will be punished on this hand as only 9 tricks are available on careful play.



Board 8:	Dealer West	: Nil All		
West	North	East	South	
1H	Р	1NT	Р	
2NT	Р	3NT	Р	
Р	Р			
singleton justifies a A diamon	in partner's raise to 3NT	suit, the qua South will giv	lity of the two	



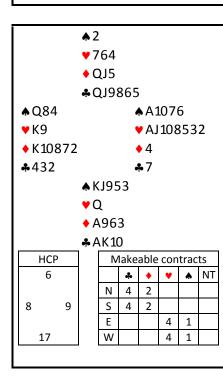
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Board 9	: Dealer North	า : EW Vulne	rable
West	North	East	South
	Р	1D	4H
Х	Р	5C	Р
Р	Χ	Р	Р
Р			
X P P	'	5C	P

South has a clear overcall of 1D and North's QS and AC contributes to 10 tricks.

If West is brave enough to double 4H for take-out, E/W will find the very good contract of 5C doubled which goes off one for a minus 200. There are some pluses in the West hand. The K and Q of Diamonds are good cards, also there is a possibility that East may have 4 spades, as there will be few hearts in the hand.

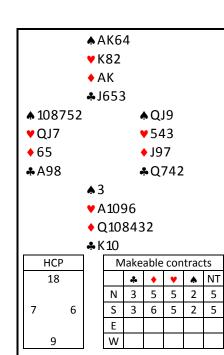


Board 10	) : Dealer East	: : All Vulner	able
West	North	East	South
		1H	<b>1</b> S
Χ	2C	4H	5C
X	Р	Р	Р

This is an interesting hand as each player has more than one option in the bidding. East could open 4H but many players do not like this option as this type of bid should deny 4 cards in the other major. The hand is far too good for a 3H opening, with the two singletons.

If East opens 4H, then double is the best bid from South. N/S will still get to 5C; West may bid 5H but doubling 5C is best.

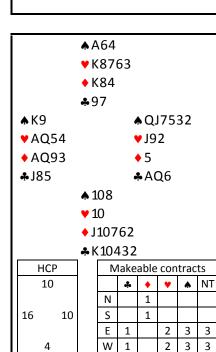
The defence can only take a Spade, a Heart and a Diamond trick against 5C.



Board 11	: Dealer Sout	th : Nil All	
West	North	East	South
			Р
Р	1C	Р	1D
Р	2NT	Р	4D
Р	4S	Р	6D
Р	Р	Р	

After North shows a balanced 18-19 HCP, South's 4D is Keycard. North shows 3 of the 5 keycards and the small slam will be bid.

There are only 11 top tricks available but the 12<sup>th</sup> comes from a squeeze on West. When declarer plays off the diamonds West is discarding first and cannot hold 3 hearts and a spade.

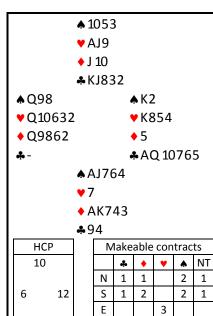


West	North	East	South
1D	Р	<b>1</b> S	Р
1NT	Р	3S	Р
3NT	Р	Р	Р
Offere	d a choice of g	games, Wes	t decides to
suit te	enaces and this	will produ	ice 10 tricks.

Board 12: Dealer West: NS Vulnerable

The one chance for 4S to make is if South fails to play an honour card when East leads a small diamond towards dummy, playing the 9D and North wins with the KD. Now declarer can throw two losing hearts or clubs on the AD and QD, losing just the AS and KD and either one club or one heart. After all this effort 420 still scores less than 430.

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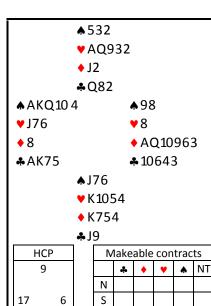
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West	North	East	South	
	Р	1C	<b>1</b> S	
Χ	2S	3H	Р	
Р	Р			
		•	th knows diamonds will be y has long clubs.	
breaking	badly and No	orth probabl	y has long clubs.	
breaking	badly and No	orth probabl		
breaking  If the 2S	badly and No	orth probabl upper end, N	y has long clubs.	•
breaking  If the 2S  Non-vulr	badly and No bid is at the o nerable 3S is v	orth probabl upper end, N worth biddir	y has long clubs. orth will bid again over 3H	wi



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	2NT 5C	P P	2D 3C P	P P P
	delighted to find West will just in two opening.	nd his partn raise to 5C a nys off – but	er with 4 club as the slam is u the smile mig	n enquiry and West is s. unlikely after the weak tht not be there if East
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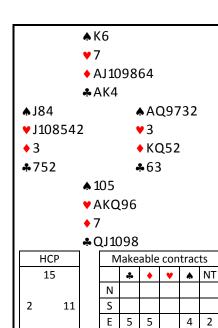
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Board 14 : Dealer East : Nil All

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West



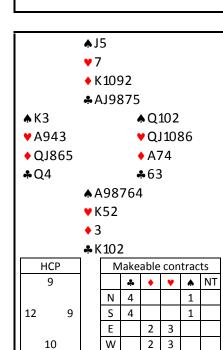
Board 15 : Dealer South : NS Vulnerable					
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Board 16: Dealer West: EW Vulnerable

North

After 1H opening, 2D should be close to game forcing. 3C by South implies 5C and 5H. 4C by North is Key card and 4H shows either 1 or 3 key cards. North signs off in 5C knowing that partner will raise to slam holding 3 key cards.

Unfortunately, from this bidding the lead is coming from the wrong hand but in this case it makes no difference as there are not enough trumps in the North hand to make 12 tricks. Two ruffs of small hearts make up the 11 tricks.



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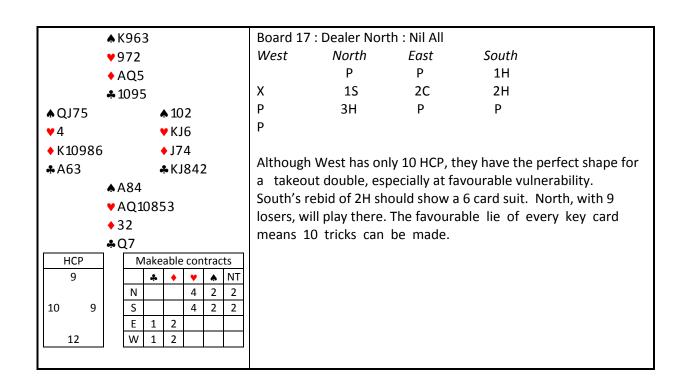
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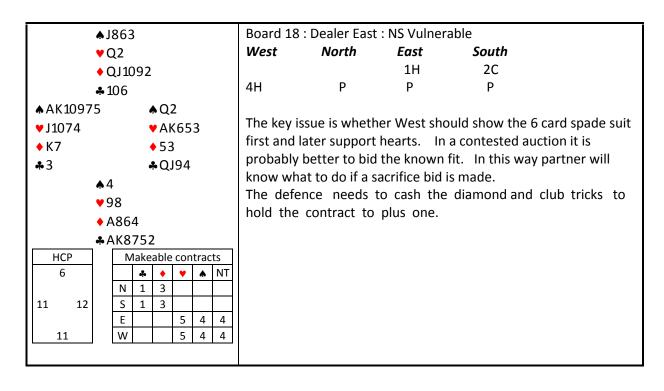
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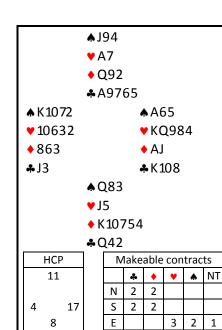
1D	2C	2H	2S	
3H	Р	Р	4C	
Р	Р	Р		
South shoul favour of th	ld be prep e definite	pared to shelv e in clubs.	nd cannot affor e the 6 card spa des for the 10 <sup>th</sup>	ade suit in

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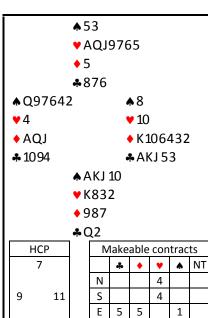
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Board 19 : Dealer South : EW Vulnerable					
West	North	East	South		
			Р		
Р	Р	1H	Р		
2H	Р	2S	Р		
3H	Р	Р	Р		

East's 2S is a trial bid looking for help in the Spade suit. Although West does actually have help, they have already bid enough with the hand and should just raise the contract to 3H.

3H will make as there is one loser in each of the suits.

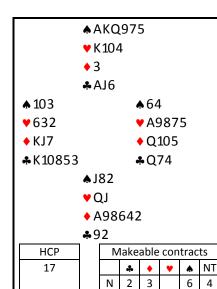


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	Board 20	) : Dealer Wes	st : All Vulne	erable			
	West	North	East	South			
	Р	4H	4NT	5H			
	Р	Р	Р				
	Some W	ests will open	the bidding	g with this hand, but with	such a		
	poor qua	ality suit, it is i	not recomm	nended.			
	Either wa	ay, North will	bid 4H and	East, with such a powerfo	ul hand		
	will bid 4	INT showing t	he minors.				
	South will do well to take the advanced sacrifice of 5H and West						
	has the decision, does 5H make, in which case they must bid 6D						
	These pressure bids make all the difference and should be used						
	as often	as possible.					
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Board 21 : Dealer North : NS Vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
	<b>1</b> S	Р	2S			
Р	3C	Р	3D			
Р	4NT	Р	5C			
Р	6S	Р	Р			
Р						

Trial bids are usually used to establish if a hand is good enough for game. They can also be employed to explore a slam and 3C asks partner if they have anything else to show. In this case South has 8 HCP and the AD and can now show the diamond control. This helps North immensely and they can now bid the slam after checking for aces, knowing partner is not minimum.

12 tricks can be made on any lead as the diamonds can be established for discards.

East

The best lead for the defence is a club lead which is difficult from 3 to the Q,

South

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	<b>v</b> C	109	987	7		
	<b>•</b> A	٠9				
	<b>4</b> J	107	63			
<b>♠</b> Q1095				٨AJ	642	2
<b>V</b> -			•	<b>y</b> J6	2	
♦ KQ102			•	87	<b>7</b> 5	
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	۸K	83				
	<b>Y</b> A	K5	43			
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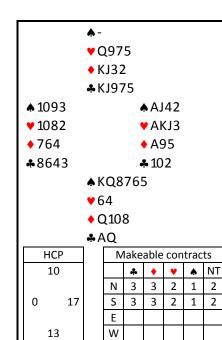
		Р	1H	
Χ	4H	<b>4S</b>	5H	
Р	Р	Р		
This hand	l can go eithe	r way as bo	th sides have m	akeable games
in the ma	jors. South s	hould sacri	fice in 5H as the	ere is very little
defence t	o 4S.			

Board 22: Dealer East: EW Vulnerable

North

With a stronger hand, North could redouble or use a splinter bid of 3S.

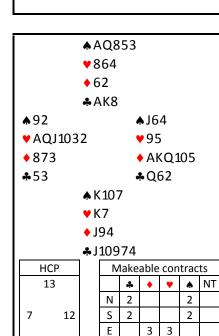
It is difficult to double 5H as it not clear that the contract will go off. South has a club, a diamond and a spade loser. If South does not get a diamond lead, then they will have a chance to discard the diamond on the KS.



Board 23 : Dealer South : All Vulnerable					
West North East			South		
			<b>1</b> S		
Р	1NT	Р	<b>2</b> S		
Р	2NT	Р	Р		
Р					

This is a very difficult hand for East in 4<sup>th</sup> Seat, with 17 HCP and no clear cut bid. Pass is probably best but some will not be able to resist and will double North's 1NT for takeout, in the hope of finding partner with 4H.

North could leave South in 2S, as this should be showing 6 spades, but North has 10 HCP and has just enough to bid 2NT. This contract will make by playing on the diamonds and clubs.



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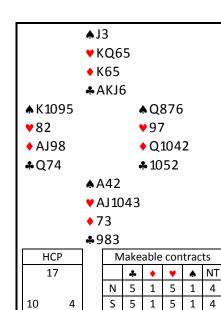
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West	North	East	South
2H	<b>2</b> S	3H	3S
Р	Р	Р	
This is ar	ideal hand fo	or opening a	weak two

Board 24: Dealer West: Nil All

This is an ideal hand for opening a weak two in hearts. All the points are in the suit and the hand has no defensive values at all.

South has a poor hand but expects that if 3S fails then 3H should make. At love all losing 50 or 100 is good against 140.



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Board 25 : Dealer North : EW Vulnerable					
West	North	East	South		
	1C	Р	1H		
Р	3H	Р	4H		
P P		Р			

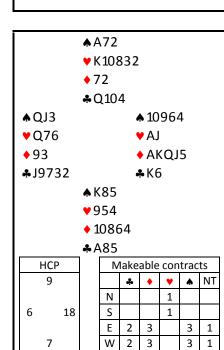
Board 26: Dealer East: All Vulnerable

North

West

E/W are vulnerable on this hand and even a desperate West should refrain from bidding, as they will pin-point most of the cards for declarer.

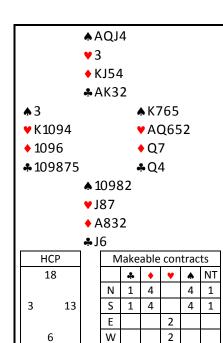
4H should be bid easily and 11 tricks are available. The defence can only take a spade and diamond trick.



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1NT	Р	<b>2</b> S	Р	
Р	Р			
Many West p	olayers w	ill not bid ove	r 1D, the mo	re aggressive will
bid 1NT. 2S	in the ab	ove sequence	is a reverse	bid showing at
least 17 HCP	, with 5 d	diamonds and	4 spades.	
Since West h	ias alreac	dy stretched to	bid, there is	s little choice but
to leave part	ner in 2S	, which make	s with an o	ver trick.

East

South



Board 27 : Dealer South : Nil All						
West	South					
			Р			
Р	1D	1H	Х			
3H	4S	Р	Р			
Р						

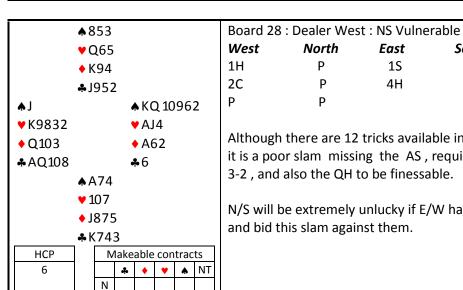
With 4144 hands it is standard to open the suit below the singleton. When 1H is overcalled, double by South should show

West may well raise to 3H, as it forces North into a difficult bid, but on this occasion only 5 losers makes it easy to bid game.

4S will make on careful play.

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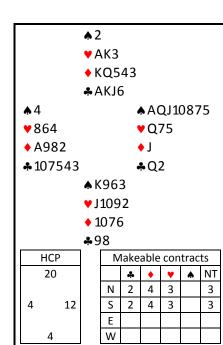
	2C	Р	4H	Р	
	Р	Р			
	it is a poor sl	am missi		equiring the	or suits or NT, hearts to break
	N/S will be e	•	•	V have their	bidding boots on
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with this knowing t game will best pre-e perfect reand poten With correwithout to Some East	semi-balance hat if partre be missed. emptive bide opening doe tially 2 spade ect defence, so much work s may overce	ed hand. Note that has a when vulnuble, which e tricks, South at all.	lorth can afforaise a response seven loser erable is 3S. is for take-outh will leave in will collect	o-level opening ord to open 1D, onse then no hand so the North now has a t. With 4 spades n this double. +800 on this hand of this hand is be ole!!

Board 29: Dealer North: All Vulnerable

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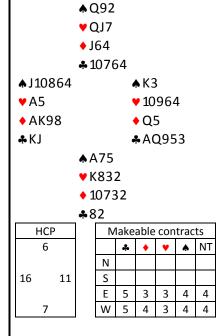
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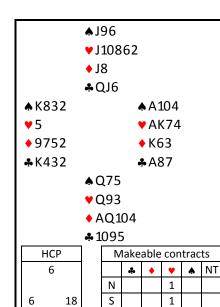
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Board 30 : Dealer East : Nil All

West



West	North	East	South			
		Р	Р			
<b>1</b> S	Р	2C	Р			
2D	Р	2H	Р			
3NT	Р	Р	Р			
Playing a weak 1NT, East should not open this hand 1C as there is no rebid over partner's 1S response.						
From the above bidding, North may find the QH lead, which is the best lead for the defence. However, West should be able to make 10 tricks here as South has to find 3 discards on the clubs, and will have to discard hearts in order to retain four diamonds.						



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Board 31 : Dealer South : NS Vulnerable							
West	North	East	South				
			Р				
Р	Р	1H	Р				
<b>1</b> S	Р	2NT	Р				
Р							

East's rebid of 2NT confirms 18-19, and West with a singleton heart, only 6 points and no intermediate cards should pass.

A diamond lead from South, will allow this contract to make with an overtrick by ducking a black suit. Any other lead and declarer will be held to 7 tricks.

	<b>^</b>	ΚQ	42					
<b>♥</b> 95								
<b>◆</b> 1072								
<b>.</b> 4J86								
<b>↑</b> 76			<b>♦</b> 853					
♥AKQ106	5		•	<b>9</b> 84	12			
♦ AQ4	<b>♦</b> 95							
<b>.</b> AKQ	<b>♣</b> 107532							
	109	)						
<b>♥</b> J73								
♦ KJ863								
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Board 32 : Dealer West : EW Vulnerable						
West	South					
2C	<b>2</b> S	Р	Р			
Χ	Р	3C	Р			
3H	Р	4H	Р			
Р	Р					

North has a perfectly good overcall of 2S, even over a 2C opening bid. East passes knowing that West will re-open either by showing a long suit or making a take out double. East now bids 3C and when West bids 3H, this is 100% forcing, so with zero HCP East must raise to 4H.

With no entries to dummy to take the diamond finesse West needs to go for a diamond ruff before drawing trumps. This will yield 5 heart tricks, 3 clubs tricks, AD and a diamond ruff.