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**Board 1. Dealer North. Vulnerability None**

	♠ Q 4 2	
	♥ 10 9 2	
	♦ 8	
	♣ K Q J 7 5 4	
♠ A J		♠ K 10 8 6 3
♥ K Q		♥ J 8 7 6 4
♦ A K Q 9 7 2		♦ 5 3
♣ 10 3 2		♣ 9
	♠ 9 7 5	
	♥ A 5 3	
	♦ J 10 6 4	
	♣ A 8 6	

With such a good suit North might open the bidding with 3♣. East passes and South should bid 4♣. Even with so many high card points West, with only 2-2 in the majors is really only worth a 4♦ bid which still shows a very strong hand. This will most likely be passed out and North makes the obvious lead of ♣K. On seeing dummy a switch is now obvious so switches to his singleton ♦ but West will still make the 10 tricks required.

**Board 2. Dealer East. Vulnerability NIS**

	♠ A J 9 6 3	
	♥ Q 10	
	♦ A 7 4	
	♣ 6 5 2	
♠ 8 5 4		♠ Q 7
♥ A J 3		♥ K 7 6 5
♦ 10 9 2		♦ K Q J 8
♣ A K J 7		♣ Q 9 3
	♠ K 10 2	
	♥ 9 8 4 2	
	♦ 6 5 3	
	♣ 10 8 4	

If playing a weak no-trump EW will bid INT-3NT with South leading ♥8. This will eventually go two down when declarer knocks out the ♦A as North will easily find the ♠ switch, looking at 3 small in dummy. For those playing strong no-trump East will open 1♦ and the West hand has a difficult bid but eventually opts for 3NT. Played by the West hand North will lead a ♠ and the contract will now definitely go two down.

**Board 3. Dealer South. Vulnerability E/W**

	♠ Q 10 7 6 5 3 2	
	♥ Q J 8 2	
	♦ J	
	♣ 6	
♠ 9 8 4		♠ K J
♥ A K		♥ 10 6 3
♦ K 10 7 5 4		♦ 8 6
♣ K Q 10		♣ A 9 8 5 3 2
	♠ A	
	♥ 9 7 5 4	
	♦ A Q 9 3 2	
	♣ J 7 4	

If South opens 1♦ West will overcall INT. Now comes a 2♣ bid, showing at least 6♣s and weak points, otherwise he would double. East now should stretch to 3NT, owing to the 6-card ♣ suit. On a ♠ lead the Jack should be played as the odds slightly favour the Ace being in the opening hand. South wins ♠A and switches to a small ♦, declarer playing King ♦ and now wraps up 10 tricks. A ♥ lead will hold the contract to 9 tricks.

**Board 4. Dealer West. Vulnerability All**

	♠ 9 5 4 3	
	♥ A K Q J 2	
	♦ 4	
	♣ Q 5 4	
♠ 7 6 2		♠ A J 10
♥ 10 5		♥ 9 8
♦ J 10		♦ A K Q 9 7 6 2
♣ K J 10 9 7 6		♣ A
	♠ K Q 8	
	♥ 7 6 4 3	
	♦ 8 5 3	
	♣ 8 3 2	

North opens 1♥ and with such a strong hand East doubles. After 2♥ from South (weaker than a normal 2♥ response) the West hand should pass as a 2♣ bid, however tempting, would show more points than 5. After a pass from North, East now bids 3♦, showing a hand too good to simply overcall 2♦ over the 1♥ opening bid. North can now afford to stretch to 3♥ as he has a 5th ♥ and East bids 4♦ which will make 10 tricks.

**Board 5. Dealer North. Vulnerability NIS**

	♠ 9 8 3	
	♥ Q 4 3 2	
	♦ 9 8 3	
	♣ A 8 2	
♠ A K 10 5 2		♠ J 7 6 4
♥ 10 8		♥ A K J 7
♦ 10 7 5		♦ J 2
♣ Q 6 3		♣ K J 5
	♠ Q	
	♥ 9 6 5	
	♦ A K Q 6 4	
	♣ 10 9 7 4	

INT (weak) opening bid from East is followed by a transfer to ♠s from partner. The East hand, with 4-card support, should jump to 3♠ or break the transfer to another suit, depending on your methods. Either way these bids will promise 4-card support. West should now bid game with the good ♣ suit and 2 more 10s than average. Hand evaluation is very important. This will make 10 tricks, losing 2♦s and ♣A.

**Board 6. Dealer East. Vulnerability E/W**

♠	K 5 2		
♥	A K 10 5 2		
♦	8 5 2		
♣	K Q		
♠	7	♠	A J 9 4
♥	Q 9 3	♥	J 8 4
♦	Q 7 3	♦	A K J 4
♣	A J 10 9 8 5	♣	4 3
	♠	Q 10 8 6 3	
	♥	7 6	
	♦	10 9 6	
	♣	7 6 2	

After another weak no-trump opening then 2 passes North does well here to find a double. South will rescue partner to 2♠ but West now comes to life with 3♣. This is probably where it will rest, the contract making either 9 or 10 tricks.

If INT is passed out declarer should make +90 by way of 4♦s, 1♠, 1♣ and will come to 1♥ trick.

**Board 7. Dealer South. Vulnerability All**

	♠	10 8 5		
	♥	A 3		
	♦	A Q J 9 7 2		
	♣	A 2		
♠	K J	♠	A Q 7 3	
♥	K Q 7 5 2	♥	J 6	
♦	K 8 6 5 4	♦	10	
♣	6	♣	K Q J 10 7 5	
	♠	9 6 4 2		
	♥	10 9 8 4		
	♦	3		
	♣	9 8 4 3		

West opens 1♥ and the North hand has a nice 2♦ overcall – a 6-card suit and also a reasonable hand. East now makes a take-out double, showing the other 2 suits. The West hand has now enough to pass his partner's take-out double with his own 5-card ♦ suit and only 3 cards in partner's suits.

This contract should go two off.

**Board 8. Dealer West. Vulnerability None**

	♠	K Q 8 6		
	♥	8 2		
	♦	Q 8 5		
	♣	J 8 7 2		
♠	9 5 3 2	♠	A 10 7	
♥	A K 10 6	♥	Q J	
♦	K 9 4	♦	A 7 2	
♣	A 4	♣	Q 10 9 6 5	
	♠	J 4		
	♥	9 7 5 4 3		
	♦	J 10 6 3		
	♣	K 3		

Yet another weak no-trump opening from the West hand and partner jumps straight to 3NT. If EW are playing a strong NT the same contract will be reached. 3NT will have no trouble, making either 10 or 11 tricks, depending on whether West guesses the club suit correctly. ♣A should be played first and then small towards the dummy.

**Board 9. Dealer North. Vulnerability E/W**

	♠	A Q 9 8 7		
	♥	A		
	♦	8 3 2		
	♣	Q 9 8 4		
♠	10 6 3	♠	J 5	
♥	Q J 9 5 2	♥	K 8 6 4 3	
♦	6	♦	K 9 7	
♣	A 10 6 3	♣	K J 7	
	♠	K 4 2		
	♥	10 7		
	♦	A Q J 10 5 4		
	♣	5 2		

After the 1♠ opening from North and a 2♦ response from partner, North has no option now but to repeat their spades. South should now bid the ♠ game with his 2 doubletons and good 3-card support, despite only having 10 points. East leads a ♥ which is won with the Ace and North now finesses the ♦Q. When this wins, trumps should be drawn and the ♦ finessed again, making 12 tricks.

**Board 10. Dealer East. Vulnerability All**

	♠	A 9 6 2		
	♥	A 10 2		
	♦	10 6 5		
	♣	K Q 10		
♠	5	♠	Q J 8 4 3	
♥	K Q J	♥	9 4 3	
♦	K J 7 4 2	♦	Q 9 8	
♣	A 9 7 3	♣	6 4	
	♠	K 10 7		
	♥	8 7 6 5		
	♦	A 3		
	♣	J 8 5 2		

After a 1♦ opening from West the North hand should pass rather than try to enter the bidding with a double. It is a more defensive hand and better for defending. Most Easts will respond 1♠ and after a 2♣ rebid East will now put partner back to 2♦. This should go one off on a trump lead and if NS had entered the bidding they should only make 7 tricks. At pairs of course +100 is a better score for NS.

**Board 11. Dealer South. Vulnerability None**

♠ 10 9 4	
♥ Q 9 6 3	
♦ A 5 2	
♣ Q 10 9	
♠ A K 7 6 3	♠ 5 2
♥ A J 7	♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ Q J 4	♦ 8
♣ J 4	♣ A 8 7 6 5 2
♠ Q J 8	
♥ K 10	
♦ K 10 9 7 6 3	
♣ K 3	

Here the South hand might open a weak INT with this semi-balanced shape and stoppers in every suit. The West hand will then double, and East will rescue to 2♣. This should make 8 tricks. If South opens 1♦, West will either bid 1♠ or INT. Over 1♠ North will double and East will bid 2♣ which should be passed. If West bids INT the North hand will pass and East should now bid 2♣ if it is natural (not Stayman) or transfer to 3♣s.

**Board 12. Dealer West. Vulnerability NIS**

♠ J 8 7 6	
♥ A 9 7 6 5	
♦ A	
♣ 10 6 4	
♠ A K Q 10 2	♠ 9 5 3
♥ Q 4 3	♥ 10 8
♦ Q 10	♦ 8 6 5 4 3
♣ J 9 7	♣ K Q 3
♠ 4	
♥ K J 2	
♦ K J 9 7 2	
♣ A 8 5 2	

A good indication when pondering over whether to open INT or 1 of your 5-card major is - with 7 losers, open 1 of your major and with 8 losers open INT. After 1♠ Pass Pass the South hand should double for take-out and North has enough to jump to 3♥. Close then whether South passes or bids 4♥ but pass probably better. Ten tricks will be made but a bit of a lucky contract as ♦Q10 falls in two rounds.

**Board 13. Dealer North. Vulnerability All**

♠ 8	
♥ A 10 9 7 5 3	
♦ Q 3	
♣ Q J 6 3	
♠ A J 10 9 4	♠ K 7 3 2
♥ K 6	♥ Q 4
♦ A K 5	♦ 10 9 7 6 4 2
♣ K 5 2	♣ 8
♠ Q 6 5	
♥ J 8 2	
♦ J 8	
♣ A 10 9 7 4	

Over partner's weak 2♥ opening and a pass from East the South hand should bid 3♥ to make it more difficult for opponents. The West hand will double for take-out and partner should respond 3♣ rather than bidding their 6-card ♦ suit.

Partner will raise to 4♠ and if the ♠J is finessed 11 tricks will be made.

**Board 14. Dealer East. Vulnerability None**

♠ A Q 4	
♥ J 9 8 4 3	
♦ A 8 7 5	
♣ 6	
♠ 10 9 7 5	♠ K 8 3 2
♥ 10 7 6 5	♥ A Q
♦ Q 2	♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ A Q 8	♣ J 10 7
♠ J 6	
♥ K 2	
♦ K J 3	
♣ K 9 5 4 3 2	

South will open 1♣ here and partner bids 1♥. Over the 2♣ rebid North should bid 2NT as he is not quite good enough to make a forcing bid of 2♦. With his 11 points the South hand will pass. If North plays on his heart suit he will manage to only go one off.

**Board 15. Dealer South. Vulnerability NIS**

♠ A K 8 5	
♥ K 4	
♦ A K Q 8 6 5	
♣ 9	
♠ 6 2	♠ J 9 4
♥ A J 8 6 5 3	♥ 10 2
♦ 7 3 2	♦ J 9
♣ Q 8	♣ K 10 6 4 3 2
♠ Q 10 7 3	
♥ Q 9 7	
♦ 10 4	
♣ A J 7 5	

If the West hand opens a weak 2♥ or Multi the next hand, very powerful with only 3 losers, should start off with a double.

The East hand will pass and South has enough to jump to 3♠. North will now jump straight to 4NT, discover 1 Ace in partner's hand and with his good source of tricks in the ♦s jump to 6♠ which is lay down.

**Board 16. Dealer West. Vulnerability E/W**

♠ K Q 4		
♥ K J 3		
♦ A J 7 5 4		
♣ 7 3		
♠ A 7 6 2		♠ 8 5
♥ Q 9 8 6 5		♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ 2		♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ A J 6		♣ K 10 4
	♠ J 10 9 3	
	♥ A	
	♦ K Q 9	
	♣ Q 9 8 5 2	

If West opens the bidding with 1♥ it should then go Pass Pass double. The North hand should now jump straight to 3NT. Declarer wins the opening 2♥ lead in dummy and immediately plays 3 rounds of ♠s with the ace being ducked until the 3rd round. At this stage proper signalling methods should enable East to show something in ♣s so a ♣ switch from West will now hold the contract to 9 tricks.

**Board 17. Dealer North. Vulnerability None**

	♠ K Q 10 7 6 4	
	♥ J 8 5 3	
	♦ —	
	♣ A K 3	
♠ 3		♠ A J 8 2
♥ 10 7		♥ 9 4
♦ K Q J 10 8 7 3		♦ 9 6 5 4 2
♣ 10 7 4		♣ 9 2
	♠ 9 5	
	♥ A K Q 6 2	
	♦ A	
	♣ Q J 8 6 5	

After 1♠-2♥, the North hand can splinter by jumping to 4♦, showing 4+ card support in ♥s and a shortage in ♦s. With so many controls and a good hand South now bids 4NT and when partner only shows 1 Ace jumps straight to 6♥. The singleton ♠ lead will defeat the contract and a ♦ lead will beat 6NT.

**Board 18. Dealer East. Vulnerability N/S**

	♠ 10 6 5	
	♥ A 9 3	
	♦ J 10 4 3	
	♣ J 5 3	
♠ A 4 3 2		♠ 9
♥ 8 7 5 4		♥ K Q J 10 6 2
♦ 7 5		♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q 8 2		♣ 10 4
	♠ K Q J 8 7	
	♥ —	
	♦ A Q 8	
	♣ A K 9 7 6	

The East hand will open either a weak 2♥ or Multi 2♦. If 2♥ the South hand could use Leaping Michaels if they play it. A 4♣ bid over 2♥ would show ♣s and the other major. North would then bid 4♠.

After a ♥ lead, ruffed in the South hand, ♠K is now played, West ducks, now ♠Q, West ducks again and South should now play ♠A, ♠K and another ♠. ♥ continuation is won with the Ace, the ♦ finesse taken which wins in dummy, last trump drawn and the ♣s are good. Eleven tricks will be made.

**Board 19. Dealer South. Vulnerability E/W**

	♠ A Q 5 4	
	♥ J 10 7 5	
	♦ 9 6 2	
	♣ Q 9	
♠ K 3 2		♠ J 10 8 7
♥ A 8 3		♥ 9 4 2
♦ Q		♦ K J 10
♣ A 10 8 5 3 2		♣ K 6 4
	♠ 9 6	
	♥ K Q 6	
	♦ A 8 7 5 4 3	
	♣ J 7	

After 1♣ from West and 1♠ from East, despite initially passing South can now come in with 2♦s. The bidding should now go Pass, 3♦, passed out. This contract should go one off, losing 2♣s, 2♦s, and 1♥, no ♠s as the ♠ finesse is right.

**Board 20. Dealer West. Vulnerability All**

	♠ 10 9 5	
	♥ 8 7 6	
	♦ A 6	
	♣ A K Q 6 3	
♠ A J 8 7 4		♠ 2
♥ A J		♥ K 9 4 3 2
♦ 7 5 3 2		♦ K Q J 10 8 4
♣ J 7		♣ 10
	♠ K Q 6 3	
	♥ Q 10 5	
	♦ 9	
	♣ 9 8 5 4 2	

The West hand should pass - 3 Jacks and such a bad second suit. North will open 1NT and (if playing Cappelletti) East will bid 2♥ to show ♥s and a minor or otherwise just bid 2♦s. Over 2♥ Cappelletti, the West hand will probably pass thinking their partner has ♥s and ♣s. Very hard for them to find their makeable 5♦ game.

**Board 21. Dealer North. Vulnerability N/S**

♠ K J 9 2	♠ A 8
♥ Q 5	♥ J 10 7 4 3
♦ Q J 9 2	♦ K 7
♣ K J 9	♣ A 8 4 2
♠ 10 7 5 4 3	♠ Q 6
♥ K 9 8 2	♥ A 6
♦ A 6 5	♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ 7	♣ Q 10 6 5 3

If North opens a weak no-trump East may now enter the bidding. If ♥s are shown West can now bid 3♥ which will probably be passed out. The opponents can actually make 4♥ but realistically it is very hard for them to get there.

**Board 22. Dealer East. Vulnerability E/W**

♠ J 7	♠ 10 9 6 5 2
♥ A J 5	♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ Q 10 6 2	♦ 8 4 3
♣ A 6 4 3	♣ K
♠ K 8 3	♠ A Q 4
♥ K 7	♥ 10 8 6 4
♦ K 7 5	♦ A J 9
♣ Q J 10 9 2	♣ 8 7 5

West opens INT and the East hand can bid 2♣ Stayman. This is the one occasion when you can use Stayman without 11+ points if you are playing weak no-trump. If partner bids 2♦, denying a 4-card major you can then bid 2♠ non-forcing – a weak take-out into ♠s, also with 4♥, otherwise you would have transferred. This will go 2 off for -200 for NS proving that it is correct to keep quiet on these balanced 11-14 point hands.

**Board 23. Dealer South. Vulnerability All**

♠ A K	♠ Q 8 6 4
♥ A 6	♥ Q 9 5 2
♦ A K 6 4	♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ A 10 9 8 6	♣ Q
♠ 7 5 3 2	♠ J 10 9
♥ 8 7 3	♥ K J 10 4
♦ Q 10 5	♦ J 8
♣ K 5 3	♣ J 7 4 2

Not ideal but North should elect to open 2NT. South now bids 3♣ to try to find a 4-4 ♥ fit but 3NT from partner denies 4 of either major. East has a predicament as to whether to lead a ♠ or a ♥? The only advice I can give if you don't have any clues is an old friend (David Hannon) once told me to always lead a ♠! And I hate to say it but it always seems to work. Playing on ♣s and giving up a ♥ trick while still having an entry to dummy will give you 11 tricks.

**Board 24. Dealer West. Vulnerability None**

♠ A 6 5	♠ Q 8 7 4 3 2
♥ Q J	♥ A K 7 4
♦ K 9 6 5 2	♦ —
♣ K J 8	♣ 7 5 4
♠ 10 9	♠ K J
♥ 8 6 3	♥ 10 9 5 2
♦ Q J 10 3	♦ A 8 7 4
♣ Q 10 9 2	♣ A 6 3

A 1NT opening from North will probably be followed by a 2♠ bid from East. Now South has a choice of making a penalty double, bidding 2NT or 3NT, or if playing Lebensohl, bidding 3♠ to promise 4 cards in the other major and enough points for game. 3NT is likely to be the final contract and 10 tricks will be made by initially knocking out the 2 top ♥s. If East makes a systemic bid, South will still have the same options.

**Board 25. Dealer North. Vulnerability E/W**

♠ A J 8	♠ Q 10 9 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 7 6 4	♥ K 2
♦ K Q	♦ J 8
♣ K 8 6	♣ A 10 5
♠ 7 4 3	♠ K
♥ A	♥ Q J 8 5 3
♦ 10 7 6 5 3	♦ A 9 4 2
♣ J 9 7 4	♣ Q 3 2

Another hand where the bidding is likely to go 1NT - 2♠ but this time the South hand should bid 3♥ forcing showing enough points for game and 5♥s. The West hand should support their partner's ♠s and North will bid 4♥. After a ♠ lead 10 tricks will be made, losing 2 trumps and 1♣ trick.

**Board 26. Dealer East. Vulnerability All**

♠	Q J 4 3	♠	—
♥	J 6 4	♥	K 7 3 2
♦	A 9 8 4	♦	K 10 6 3
♣	Q 9	♣	K 10 8 6 4
♠	10 7 6 5 2		
♥	Q 10 8		
♦	Q J 5 2		
♣	3		
♠	A K 9 8		
♥	A 9 5		
♦	7		
♣	A J 7 5 2		

On this hand the Losing Trick Count certainly proves its value. After 1♣-1♦-1♠ the North hand, with 9 losers could bid 2♣ or following 1♣-1♠, the South hand may now jump to 3♣ which North could pass. In the real world however 4♣ is likely to be reached and the unfavourable ♠ break means only 9 tricks should be made on correct defence.

**Board 27. Dealer South. Vulnerability None**

♠	4 2	♠	10 7
♥	Q 9 8 5 3	♥	J 4
♦	Q 10 7 2	♦	K J 5 4
♣	8 3	♣	A Q 10 7 5
♠	A K 8 6		
♥	A K 6 2		
♦	A 3		
♣	J 9 6		
♠	Q J 9 5 3		
♥	10 7		
♦	9 8 6		
♣	K 4 2		

Here the bidding is likely to go 1♥ - 2♣ - 3NT and North should find the ♠4 lead. More than likely, there is no entry to the North hand so it's more useful to try to find partner's suit. Probably will make 10 to 12 tricks as the North hand can be squeezed.

**Board 28. Dealer West. Vulnerability N/S**

♠	8 4	♠	A 10 7 6
♥	Q J 10 4	♥	A K 3 2
♦	K 9 5 4 3	♦	Q 2
♣	K 8	♣	Q 3 2
♠	Q 9 2		
♥	9 7 6		
♦	J 8 7 6		
♣	J 10 7		
♠	K J 5 3		
♥	8 5		
♦	A 10		
♣	A 9 6 5 4		

Like the last hand unless they are playing a strong NT East will open 1♥. South may double with the shortage in ♥s and 4 cards in the other major or may pass. If he doubles partner may opt for INT as a bit strong to only bid 2♦ and not quite good enough for 3♦. If the East hand passes this could well be passed out, probably going two off. This will be as good a score as NS can get unless they find their 5-2♦ fit and come to 9 tricks.

**Board 29. Dealer North. Vulnerability All**

♠	10 8	♠	A Q 9 7 6
♥	—	♥	9 4 3
♦	A Q J 8 5 3	♦	2
♣	A J 9 4 2	♣	8 6 5 3
♠	5 4 2		
♥	10 8 5 2		
♦	K 10 9 7 6		
♣	10		
♠	K J 3		
♥	A K Q J 7 6		
♦	4		
♣	K Q 7		

If, playing old fashioned methods, when partner opens 1♦ the South hand would jump to 2♥, showing 16+ and a good ♥ suit. If not, a possible bidding sequence may be 1♦-1♥-2♣-2♠ (4th suit forcing)-3♣-4NT-5♥ (2 Aces)-6NT. Very difficult to keep South out of slam. Once the rounded suits behave 12 tricks will be wrapped up.

**Board 30. Dealer East. Vulnerability None**

♠	Q J 6	♠	K 9 7 3
♥	J 9 8 6 4	♥	7 3
♦	6 5	♦	9 7 4 2
♣	K Q 7	♣	J 10 3
♠	A 5		
♥	A K Q 5 2		
♦	A J 10		
♣	9 8 6		
♠	10 8 4 2		
♥	10		
♦	K Q 8 3		
♣	A 5 4 2		

A 1♥ opening bid from West is passed round to South who, already having passed, should reopen with a double with his ideal shape. West now bids INT to show balanced 17-19 ish. After ♠Q lead declarer's only chance is for something good to happen with the ♦s so he should go up with ♠K and lead a ♦. As both ♦K and ♦Q are in the South hand declarer will then arrive at 7 tricks. This is the best play as there will probably be a 5-1♥ split.

**Board 31. Dealer South. Vulnerability N/S**

♠	8 5 4 2		
♥	10 5		
♦	J 6 5 4 3		
♣	8 2		
♠	A K Q	♠	J 6
♥	8 4	♥	Q 7 6 3 2
♦	10 7	♦	K Q 2
♣	J 10 9 7 6 4	♣	A Q 3
	♠	10 9 7 3	
	♥	A K J 9	
	♦	A 9 8	
	♣	K 5	

Over the 1♥ opening bid from South (or a strong no-trump) West may elect to bid 2♣. If this happens, East will jump to 3NT. This could well make as it is very difficult for South to lead A, K and another ♥ which will then give him 3♥ tricks, a ♣ and ♦A. He will imagine East to have ♥Q10xx(x). If West passes the bidding could well go P P INT and West may go on, depending on the strength of the Protective NT.

**Board 32. Dealer West. Vulnerability E/W**

		♠	9 8 7 3
		♥	A 10 9
		♦	J 7 4
		♣	A 8 6
♠	Q 6 5 2	♠	A
♥	K 5 3 2	♥	J 8 7 4
♦	A 8	♦	K 9 5 3
♣	K 5 4	♣	Q J 9 3
		♠	K J 10 4
		♥	Q 6
		♦	Q 10 6 2
		♣	10 7 2

If West opens a weak no-trump partner will then use Stayman and over 2♥ East will bid 3♥ invitational which will be passed out. The opening ♠ lead will be won by the Ace in dummy and a ♣ should be played to first of all get rid of the Ace – get rid of their controls so you have control. Declarer should then come to 9 tricks, probably losing 3♥s and ♣A. If not playing weak no-trump the same contract will be reached.

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