Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ J 5 4 2 ♥ A 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 9 5 4 3 2	
♠ A 10 7 6 ♥ K J 7 ♦ K J 5 ♣ K Q 6	N W E S	♠ K Q ♥ Q 10 9 8 4 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ J 10 8
5 **17** **8** **10**	♠ 9 8 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ A Q 10 9 4 3 ♣ A 7	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦!	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

4 ♥ by West
Lead: ♦ 2

After West opens 1 NT, East transfers partner to hearts. With a five-card heart suit and an invitational hand, East rebids 2 NT. West is maximum and prefers a heart contract. So, 4 ♥ it is.

North leads their singleton diamond. South can work out that this is a singleton. South wins the ♦ A and returns the three of diamonds (a low card) when giving partner a ruff so that North knows to return the lower-ranking side suit (clubs) for a 2nd diamond ruff. This use of cards requesting a specific suit is known as a Suit Preference Signal.

On this defence, the contract goes down two.

Defence theme: Defeating contracts by taking ruffs and Suit Preference Signals when giving ruffs. (All six contracts can be defeated with the right defence)

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Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ A ♦ A Q 7 4 3 ♣ 10 4 2	
♠ Q J 10 ♥ Q J 10 8 4 ♦ 5 ♣ A J 8 6	N W E S	♠ A K 8 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ K Q 9 7 5
10 **11** **15** **4**	♠ 9 7 6 ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ K J 9 8 2 ♣ 3	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♦!	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

4 ♥ by East
Lead: ♣ 3

When East opens 1 NT, West instructs a transfer to hearts and, when partner obliges, shows their four-card club suit next. Bidding a second suit after a major-suit transfer is a natural and game forcing bid. East, with a minimum hand and three-card heart support, bids directly to game in hearts.

South leads their singleton club. On getting in with the ♥ A, North gives partner a ruff with a low club so that, after ruffing, South knows to return a diamond, the lower-ranking side suit, to get a second club ruff.

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ Q 9 8 ♥ Q J 9 8 7 6 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K 8	
♠ A K 4 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ J 7 3 ♣ J 10 3 2	N W E S	♠ 6 3 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A 6 5 4 2 ♣ A 9 6 5
8 **9 8** **15**	♠ J 10 7 5 ♥ A K 2 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ Q 7 4	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♦!	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	All pass	

3 ♥ by South
Lead: ♠ A

After South opens 1 NT, North wants to show a six-card heart suit and invitational values. They do this by transferring partner to hearts first then rebidding hearts at the three level. Rebidding a suit shows extra length. When South passes the 3 ♥ bid, North knows they are minimum for their original 1 NT bid.

West leads the ♠ A. East encourages with the ♠ 6. West continues with the ♠ K and a 3rd spade to give partner a ruff and beat the contract.

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Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul

	♠ Q J 4 ♥ K Q J 8 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ 9 8 7	
♠ K 10 9 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ 10 8 7 6 5 ♣ J 5	N W E S	♠ 6 5 ♥ A 6 4 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ K Q 10 4 2
15 **4 10** **11**	♠ A 8 7 3 2 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ K 9 ♣ A 6 3	

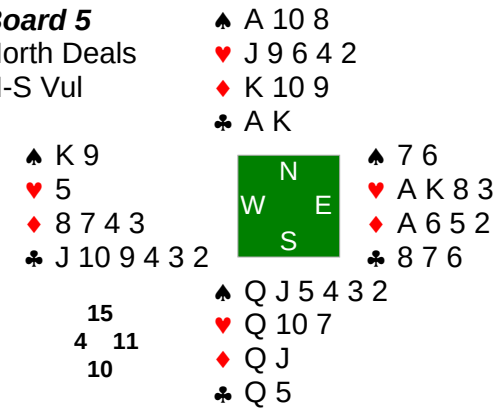
West	*North*	*East*	*South*
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥!
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

4 ♠ by North
Lead: ♣ K

South instructs North to transfer to spades, and once North complies, rebids 3 NT. This shows a five-card spade suit and enough points for game. North can now choose to play in either no trumps or spades. With three spades, North prefers the suit contract.

East leads the ♣ K, on which West should play the ♣ J (encouraging). If declarer ducks the first club, East should continue with the ♣ Q (indicating an entry in hearts). When West gets in with the king of trumps, they can play a heart to partner for a club ruff: even if declarer has pitched their 3rd club on a diamond, West can over-ruff dummy. The contract can therefore be defeated if the defence scores two club tricks (or a club trick and a club ruff), the king of trumps and the ♥ A.

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul



West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥!
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

4 ♠ by North
Lead: ♥ A

With a six-card spade suit, South bids 2 ♥ as a transfer to spades, and then, knowing there are game values, bids to 4 ♠.

East leads the ♥ A followed by the ♥ K. On the third round of the suit, East gives partner a ruff with the ♥ 8, requesting West to return a diamond (the higher of the two side suits). The defence can score a second heart ruff with the trump king to take the contract two down.

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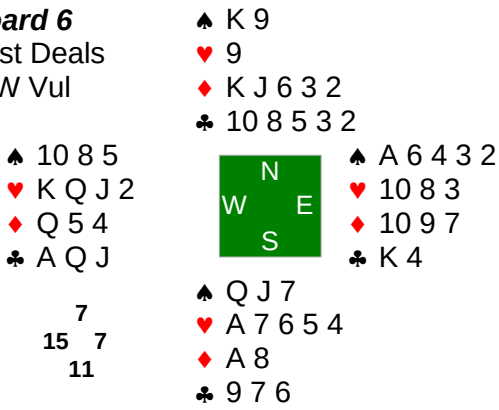
Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul



West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥!	Pass
2 ♠	All pass		

2 ♠ by West
Lead: ♥ 9

With a weak hand and a five-card spade suit, East bids 2 ♥, and once West completes the transfer, passes.

North leads ♥ 9. South wins the Ace and gives partner a ruff with the ♥ 7. This is a high card, asking for the higher-ranking side suit to be returned. North returns a diamond and receives a second heart ruff. With the ♦ K and two trumps to come, the contract will go two down.