

# Practice Hands Module 4

## Board 1

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 10 6 4  
♥ —  
♦ Q 7 6 4 3  
♣ A 6 3 2

♠ K 8 5 3  
♥ K 8 6 2  
♦ 10 8  
♣ 9 5 4

W N  
S E

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

♠ A 9  
♥ A J 9 7 5 4  
♦ A K  
♣ Q J 10

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			

South opens 1 ♥. North raises (i.e. bids) 2 ♥ with 4+♥s and 6-9 points. South has a strong hand, enough to raise to game.

Opening lead: ♦ 3

(Lowest ♦ from their long suit with honour(s) in it.)

South should draw trumps as soon as they get the lead.

If they start with a small ♥ to the ♥ K they will see West show out and they can finesse East's ♥ Q on the way back to avoid any trump losers.

## Board 3

South Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 3  
♥ K 10 9 5  
♦ A J 5 4  
♣ J 9 3 2

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

W N  
S E

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

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

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
All pass			

North opens 1 ♠ and South raises to 2 ♠. North has a minimum hand, so they pass.

Declarer is best to draw trumps ending in dummy on the 3rd round. Then they can lead ♥ Q and run it, trying the finesse of ♥ K. Once this wins, they should lead a ♣ to the ♣ K in dummy to establish a trick in that suit.

Lead: ♦ K

## Board 2

East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ A J 6 2  
♥ A 8 6 5  
♦ 9 6 5  
♣ A 10

♠ Q 10 8 7 5 3  
♥ 2  
♦ 10 8 3  
♣ K Q 4

W N  
S E

♠ 9  
♥ K Q J 7 4  
♦ K Q J 4 2  
♣ 9 7

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

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

East opens 1 ♥.

With 4-card support and 13 points (enough for game),

West bids 4 ♥.

Opening lead: ♣ 2

South's lead of a small ♣ is from their longest suit.

Declarer should draw trumps, then set up their next longest suit, which is ♦ s.

## Board 4

West Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A Q 6 5 4  
♥ A 2  
♦ A 3 2  
♣ 9 3 2

♠ J 7  
♥ J 10 8 7  
♦ 9 7 5 4  
♣ A 10 8

W N  
S E

♠ K 10 9 8  
♥ Q 6 5 3  
♦ K 10  
♣ K Q 4

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

West opens 1 ♥ and East bids 4 ♥, having 4 card support and 13 points.

Opening lead: ♥ J

The ♥ J lead is the top of a sequence.

Declarer draws trumps and then leads towards the ♣ KQ4 club honours twice. This will allow declarer to make an overtrick in their contract.

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**Board 5**

North Deals  
N-S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	

North opens 1 ♥ and South responds 3 ♥ showing 4+♥ support and 10-12 points. With a good 14 HCP distributional hand, North accepts invite as there are at least 24 points total and probably more.

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Declarer crosses to dummy with a top ♠ to draw trumps with a finesse of the ♥ K, hoping to avoid any trump losers. They lead the ♥ 10 and let it run if ♥ K isn't played. After drawing trumps, Declarer can finesse the ♠ Q for an overtrick.

**Board 7**

South Deals  
Both Vul

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	All pass		Pass

West opens 1 ♥ and with less than 6 points, East passes. West can take advantage of the position of the trump honours to make an extra overtrick in their 1 ♥ contract. Cross to ♣ A in dummy and lead the ♥ 10 to finesse the ♥ K, repeating if necessary and then finish drawing trumps.

As ♦ K is also fortunately well positioned, West can make 9 tricks.

Lead: ♦ Q (top of a sequence)

**Board 6**

East Deals  
E-W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	1 ♥
		All pass	

South opens 1 ♥ and North raises to 4 ♥ with 15 points and 4 of partner's Major suit.

Declarer should draw trumps first before playing the other suits. When playing on ♣s, declarer can play twice towards North's honours - playing towards strength. This allows South to make 11 tricks for an overtrick in their contract.

Lead: ♠ Q (top of a sequence)

**Board 8**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	All pass		

East opens 1 ♠ and West responds 3 ♠ (showing 4+♠s and inviting to game with a 10-12 point limit raise). East has a very minimum hand and passes.

Opening lead: ♦ 2

South leads a low card from their long suit with honour(s) in the suit.

Declarer draws trumps and then plays ♣s their next longest suit to set up 9 tricks for their contract.