

Board 1
South Deals
None Vul

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ K			

If declarer holds up..Next card is the ten..bottom of sequence. Now partner should give a suit preference. Very important to watch the spots when they matter.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

		♠ A Q 8		
		♥ A 2		
		♦ Q J 10 4 3		
		♣ 7 6 5		
♠ 7 5 2				♠ J 10 4 3
♥ J 9 8 6 3				♥ K Q 7
♦ 7 6 5				♦ A 8 2
♣ Q 4				♣ J 10 9
		♠ K 9 6		
		♥ 10 5 4		
		♦ K 9		
		♣ A K 8 3 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
			1 ♣	
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 NT	
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass	
Pass				
3 NT by South				

Opening lead 6 hearts. Rule of 11 leaves five, which gives declarer one higher. If declarer has jack, that gives partner T98 which they should lead the T, so declarer must have the T. East needs to play the Q at trick one winning and unblock the King.

Bidding. Some may bid 3 NT by North, but by suppressing a decent five card suit you may miss a diamond slam.

Things to convey

count. Declarer 13 +/- with dummy's 13 should be 26 +/- so partner has 11 +/-

Jankford Rule about Aces.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

		♠ K 10 5 3	
		♥ 3	
		♦ A K 10 7 5 4	
		♣ J 10	
♠ 9 2			♠ J 8 6
♥ 10 9 6 4			♥ A Q J 8 7 2
♦ Q 9 3			♦ J 2
♣ A K 4 2			♣ 8 5
		♠ A Q 7 4	
		♥ K 5	
		♦ 8 6	
		♣ Q 9 7 6 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	2 ♥	Dbl
4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

Looks like we can get 2 clubs and a heart. Partners encouraging card indicates there is a ruff or promotion possibility. but order is important here because on the 3rd round of clubs declarer can pitch a heart.

This hand is harder to count, but a takeout X should be 8+. What do we think about the bidding?