

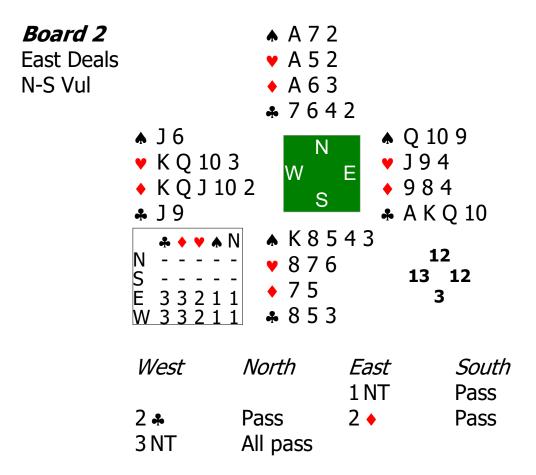
On opening lead, follow Suit with encouraging signal attack K\* in dummy.

West leads  $A \blacklozenge$ , East follows with  $Q \blacklozenge$ . As  $J \blacklozenge$  and  $9 \blacklozenge$  control the  $10 \blacklozenge$  in dummy, the  $Q \blacklozenge$  can be played as an encouraging signal.

The Q♦ promises the jack (or the queen is singleton).

If West leads a small diamond at trick two, East wins the diamond and seeing the weakness in dummy should lead J.

Without that defence,  $2 \spadesuit$  wins a trick as a club is thrown on dummy's hearts.



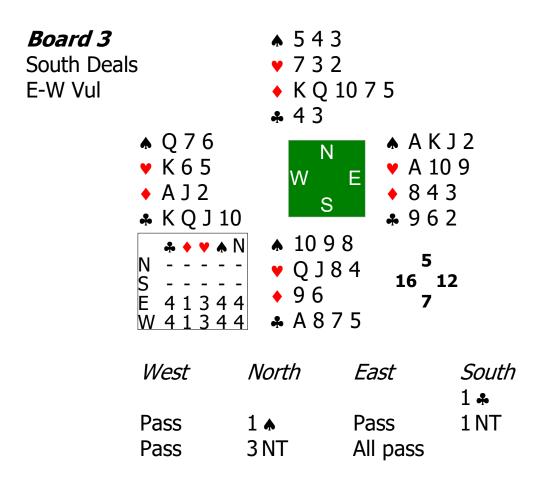
# Count signal on return of opening lead.

South leads  $4 \spadesuit$ . North wins  $A \spadesuit$  and returns  $7 \spadesuit$  (the vital signal card).

East can't have four spades after the 2 \* reply to Stayman, so South can tell that North started with three spades.

South must duck  $7 \blacktriangle$ , keeping  $K \blacktriangle$  as an entry to cash the spade winners.

If North had returned  $2 \spadesuit$ , South would win  $K \spadesuit$ , as North must have four spades.



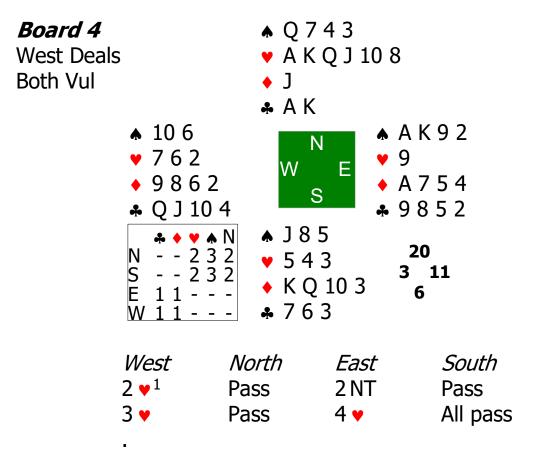
# Follow partner's lead with count signal

North leads K 
ightharpoonup . South follows suit with 9 
ightharpoonup , to show an even number of cards. This also denies holding the J 
ightharpoonup .

West protects diamonds by ducking the first trick. North must abandon diamonds because a second diamond lead will give West an extra trick.

A spade is a safe switch.

South has 6 ◆ to play when winning with A♣ and 3 NT goes one down.



1. 2H Strong, Benji and 3 weak two players players can open 2Cs and rebid 2Hs.

# Suit Preference (McKenney) Lead

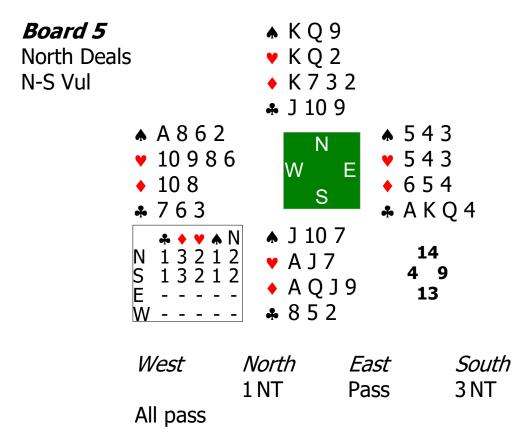
East leads  $A \triangleq$  and West encourages with  $10 \triangleq$ , hoping to trump the third trick. East continues with  $K \triangleq$ . The lead to the third trick is  $9 \triangleq$ , a suit preference signal for a diamond return to be won by the  $A \triangleq$ .

If East held A♣, East would lead 2♠ for partner to ruff.

West trumps with  $6 \checkmark$  and plays  $8 \checkmark$  (2nd highest to indicate no honour) to East's  $A \checkmark$ .

East wins with A 
ightharpoonup . Then East can lead his fourth spade and West's trump beats dummy's 5 
ightharpoonup .

#### **B3 L08 Discards**

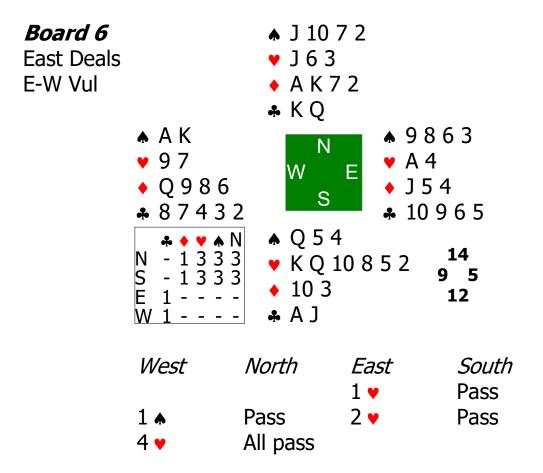


### Discard to show suit preference

East leads A. West follows with count signal 3. When East leads K. to the second trick, West follows with 6. This confirms that West started with three clubs. Dummy started with three clubs, so declarer started with three clubs. East leads Q. to the third trick and sees all the other clubs fall. East leads 4. to the fourth trick and looks for a suit preference discard from West.

West signals for a spade. If the pair have agreed High to Encourage and Low to Discourage, a discard of 8♠ gives the message.

East leads a spade and the defence take the fifth trick.

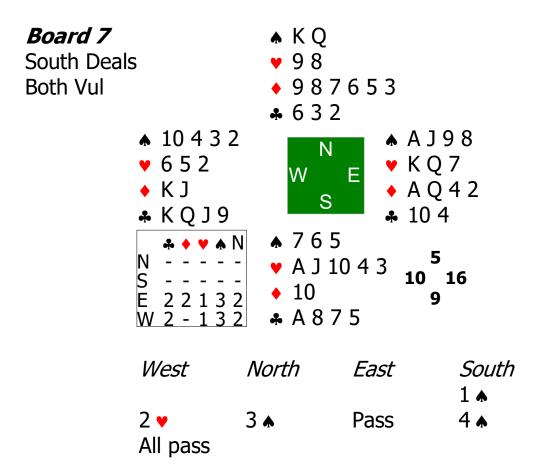


### King / Ace Doubleton

West leads the KING of spades. East follows with  $3 \spadesuit$  (a discouraging card).

When West plays A, it shows West has AK doubleton. At trick three, West leads a club, won by dummy's Q.

When Declarer plays a heart. The  $J \checkmark$  is best as a deceptive card, but East must rise with the  $A \checkmark$  and give West the spade ruff.



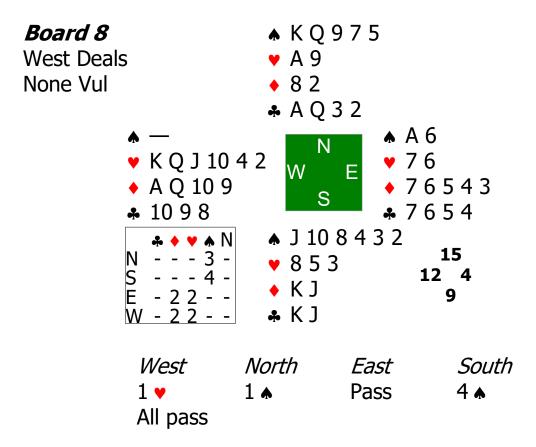
# High-low trump play with three

South leads 10♦, won by dummy's K♦.

West plays  $2 \spadesuit$  to  $Q \spadesuit$  and  $A \spadesuit$  and a second trump, won by North's king.

North has a choice of plays. Lead a diamond for South to ruff or lead 9 through declarer? Which is best?

If South played high-low in trumps to show three spades and so still has a trump, North will play a diamond.



### A suit preference discard

East leads  $7 \checkmark$ , to the  $3 \checkmark$ ,  $10 \checkmark$ , and  $A \checkmark$ .

North leads a trump. East wins  $A \triangleq$  and West signals with  $10 \triangleq$ , asking for a diamond (playing high to encourage).

East should play 6 
ightharpoonup through dummy's 
ightharpoonup KJ. West is lucky to have a high diamond. Not so good if East had <math>
ightharpoonup AQ32, but maybe Q 
ightharpoonup discard would be taken as suit preference for diamonds.

South should play three rounds of clubs, throwing a diamond from dummy, before playing trumps, then  $4 \blacktriangle$  is unbeatable.