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<div><div><div>♠ K9</div><div>♥ K654</div><div>♦ Q10987</div><div>♣ AK</div></div><div><div>♠ 843</div><div>♥ 98</div><div>♦ K643</div><div>♣ J873</div></div><div><div>♠ QJ10</div><div>♥ J107</div><div>♦ A2</div><div>♣ Q10965</div></div><div><div>♠ A7652</div><div>♥ AQ32</div><div>♦ J5</div><div>♣ 42</div></div></div>	<div>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all – HB26 B9</div> <div><table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1♦</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♣*</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>4♥</td></tr><tr><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table><div>Lead: ♠Q</div><p>1NT shows 12-14 HCP (in this case a poor 15) 2♣ is checkback. 2♥ shows 4 hearts, it does not deny 3 spades</p></div>	West	North	East	South		1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass			
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<div><div><div>♠ KQJ9</div><div>♥ 9643</div><div>♦ 1094</div><div>♣ KQ</div></div><div><div>♠ A642</div><div>♥ A85</div><div>♦ AQJ2</div><div>♣ 96</div></div><div><div>♠ 105</div><div>♥ 72</div><div>♦ 65</div><div>♣ J875432</div></div><div><div>♠ 873</div><div>♥ KQJ10</div><div>♦ K873</div><div>♣ A10</div></div></div>	<div>Board 4 : Dealer West : All Vulnerable – Hand 4 B8</div> <div><table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>2NT*</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3♣</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table><div>Lead: ♠K</div><p>East’s 2NT bid is conventional and shows a weak hand with either long Clubs or Diamonds and has the advantage of making it very difficult for South to bid. In fact N/S can make 3NT.....but can’t bid it. Instead West quietly goes one off in 3C for -100 and a good score.</p></div>	West	North	East	South	1NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣	All Pass										
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<p>♠ 9765 ♥ K432 ♦ Q8765 ♣ -</p> <p>♠ 432 ♠ A108 ♥ J9 ♥ Q1086 ♦ A10 ♦ 94 ♣ KQ6542 ♣ A1083</p> <p>♠ KQJ ♥ A75 ♦ KJ32 ♣ J97</p>	<p>Board 9 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable – HB8 B11</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>Pass</td><td>Pass</td><td>1NT</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td></tr><tr><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Lead: ♣K</p> <p>2♣ is Stayman, asking for a 4-card major & guaranteeing he holds one, 2♦ denies holding one and North passes. <u>Note</u> North was prepared for any response to his 2♣ enquiry, he would have happily passed any rebid by South. The most noteworthy card-play point here is that after drawing trumps declarer has one spade loser and the 3-3 break gives him a 3rd spade trick</p>	West	North	East	South		Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	All Pass			
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