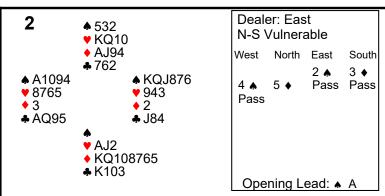
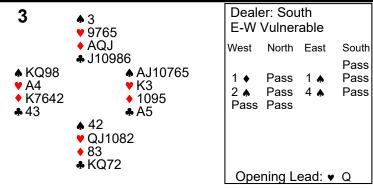


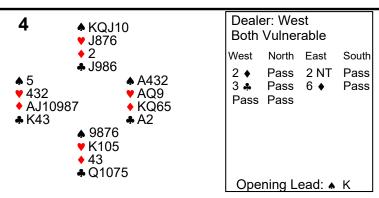
After a normal Stayman auction, East leads the \(\psi_Q\). If declarer starts diamonds, he should lose 3 tricks in that suit. Instead, he should draw 2 trumps, eliminate the clubs and hearts, and throw the defense in with the 3rd spade to break diamonds.



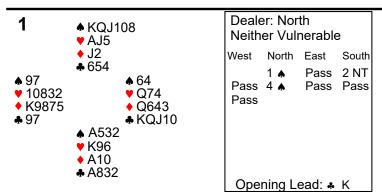
East opens 2* and after South's overcall, West bids a LAWful 4*S. North guesses to bid 5* against which the *A is led. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps (while stripping spades in the process) and cashes three hearts ending in dummy. When he plays a club and East plays low, South inserts the *10 and claims (if East played the jack, South would cover with the king and also have a claim).



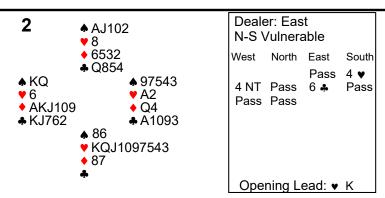
After a straightforward auction, South leads the *Q. Declarer should not play diamonds himself. He can guarantee the contract by drawing trump, stripping the hearts and exiting with Ace and a club. When the defense has to break diamonds, declarer is sure not to lose 3 tricks in the suit (just cover any card South plays).



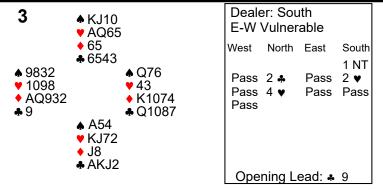
After West's weak 2. East can explore for slam with 2NT. West can show his club feature and East has no reason to use Blackwood—he just jumps to slam. Declarer wins the A, ruffs a spade and draws trump while also stripping the black suits. He leads a heart from hand and covers anything North plays to claim his contract.



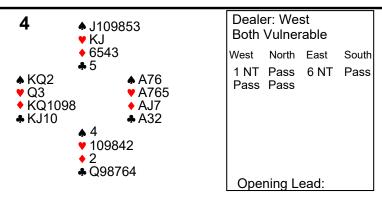
After a routine Jacoby 2NT auction, East leads the *K. Declarer draws trump and gives up a club. He wants to try for 3-3 clubs. Eventually, he ruffs a club and plays the *A and another * and the defense must break hearts. If West leads one, declarer plays the 5, trapping the queen.



West shows minors and East has enough to answer on the 6-level. If anyone is short in clubs, it is South, so declarer should start clubs with the king and then take a marked finesse.



After a normal Stayman auction, West leads the singleton \$9. Declarer draws trump and thows the opponents in with clubs -- never needing to guess the \$Q.



East could invite with 4NT or just bid the slam. Declarer's first move should be a heart towards the queen (a 50-50 chance for the 12th trick). When that fails, he runs the spades/diamonds and gets a count. North can have at most one club, so the *A is followed by a sure finesse.