

1

♠ A765
♥ AK
♦ J52
♣ AJ102

♠ Q108
♥ 98764
♦ K76
♣ 98

♠ J9
♥ QJ105
♦ A1098
♣ 763

♠ K432
♥ 32
♦ Q43
♣ KQ54

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

After a normal Stayman auction, East leads the ♥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.

2

♠ 532
♥ KQ10
♦ AJ94
♣ 762

♠ A1094
♥ 8765
♦ 3
♣ AQ95

♠ KQJ876
♥ 943
♦ 2
♣ J84

♠
♥ AJ2
♦ KQ108765
♣ K103

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 ♠	3 ♦
4 ♠	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♠ A

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).

3

♠ 3
♥ 9765
♦ AQJ
♣ J10986

♠ KQ98
♥ A4
♦ K7642
♣ 43

♠ AJ10765
♥ K3
♦ 1095
♣ A5

♠ 42
♥ QJ1082
♦ 83
♣ KQ72

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

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).

4

♠ KQJ10
♥ J876
♦ 2
♣ J986

♠ 5
♥ 432
♦ AJ10987
♣ K43

♠ A432
♥ AQ9
♦ KQ65
♣ A2

♠ 9876
♥ K105
♦ 43
♣ Q1075

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass		
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ K

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.

1

♠ KQJ108
♥ AJ5
♦ J2
♣ 654

♠ 97
♥ 10832
♦ K9875
♣ 97

♠ 64
♥ Q74
♦ Q643
♣ KQJ10

♠ A532
♥ K96
♦ A10
♣ A832

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♣ K

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.

2

♠ AJ102
♥ 8
♦ 6532
♣ Q854

♠ KQ
♥ 6
♦ AKJ109
♣ KJ762

♠ 97543
♥ A2
♦ Q4
♣ A1093

♠ 86
♥ KQJ1097543
♦ 87
♣

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	4 ♥
4 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♥ K

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.

3

♠ KJ10
♥ AQ65
♦ 65
♣ 6543

♠ 9832
♥ 1098
♦ AQ932
♣ 9

♠ Q76
♥ 43
♦ K1074
♣ Q1087

♠ A54
♥ KJ72
♦ J8
♣ AKJ2

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♣ 9

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.

4

♠ J109853
♥ KJ
♦ 6543
♣ 5

♠ KQ2
♥ Q3
♦ KQ1098
♣ KJ10

♠ A76
♥ A765
♦ AJ7
♣ A32

♠ 4
♥ 109842
♦ 2
♣ Q98764

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	6 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead:

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.