

North plays in 3 NT.

West Leads 3 ◆.

2 Spades,1 Heart,2 Diamonds and best chance is 4 Club tricks.

Clubs can be picked up even if 5-0, so start with A.

To determine how to play the clubs, embarking on the other suits will hopefully give us an idea of how suits are distributed.

Win ♦ in hand ,Cash K♠, then spade to 10. Win ♦ return, cash A♠ and A♥.

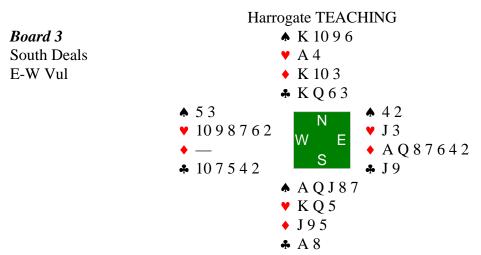
Diamonds are 4-4, W has 5 Spades and at least 1 Heart so cannot possibly hold 4 Clubs.

Therefore cash **Q** and finesse for 9 tricks.

Harrogate TEACHING Board 2 **▲** A K J 8 7 2 East Deals **9** 4 3 N-S Vul **♦** 10 4 ♣ K 10 **♦**965 **♠** Q 4 ♥ Q852 ♥ A K J 10 6 983 ♦ AKQ S ♣ A Q 6 **♣** 984 **▲** 10 3 **v** 7 ◆ J7652 ♣ J7532

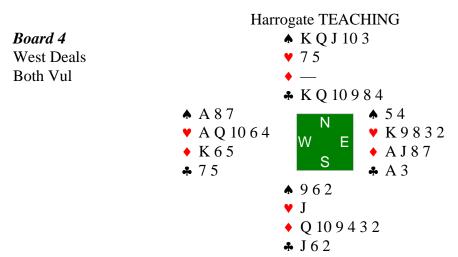
4 ♥ by E after a spade overcall by North. South leads 10♠.

North cashes 2 spades and leads a third, ruffed high by declarer, south discards a \blacklozenge . Draw trumps, south throws a \blacklozenge and \clubsuit . Now play AK \blacklozenge . North has 6 \spadesuit , 3 \blacktriangledown and 2 \blacklozenge , so now play club to A and diamond back. North known to be 6322, so play club to Q. Loses but ruff and discard gives contract.



6 ♠ by South with 10♥ lead.

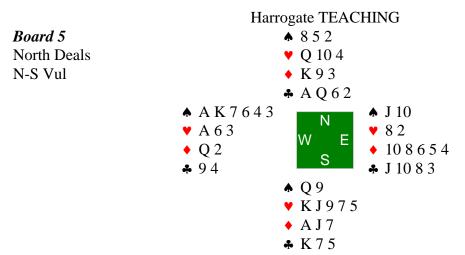
Always leave the vital decision (Diamonds) as long as you can and go on a voyage of discovery! Win A \checkmark , and draw trumps, both following. Cash KQ \checkmark , east throws a \diamond . AKQ \clubsuit , throwing a \diamond shows up that West started with 6 hearts, 2 spades and 5 clubs, so diamonds all wrong. Just play last club discarding a diamond from hand and west endplayed to give ruff and discard.



Contract 5 ♥ by W after North has bid clubs then 4 spades over 4H.

North leads K♠ which should be ducked as good practice and then North plays K♣.

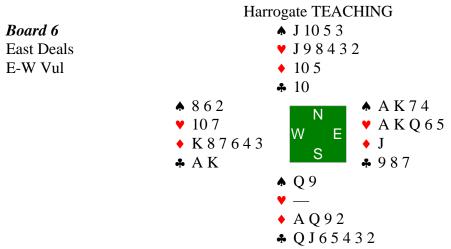
Declarer should win, draw 2 rounds of trumps and discover that North has 2. Based on the bidding, North must have 6 Clubs and 5 spades and together with their 2 hearts means a Diamond void. So, A of spades, ruff a spade, cash A diamonds and exit with club. If south wins will have to play a diamond or give ruff and discard. If North wins will have to give ruff and discard.



4 ♥ by South, AK and another ♠ lead.

Declarer overruffs whatever card East ruffs with.

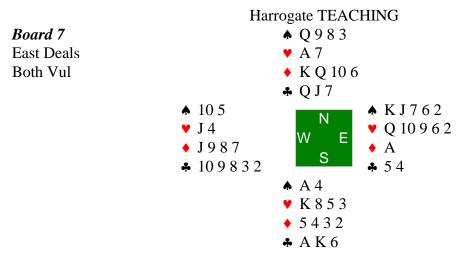
Play trumps and West should win second round and exit with last trump. East throws 2 diamonds. Now A and K♣ which reveals 11 of west's cards. Now play a trump (idle card) and discard a ♠. West is now 6322 and so when you play a club to the Q, cash K♠, east must keep the club and be down to 1 diamond and we know that West has only 1 diamond, so now Diamond to A for contract.



3 NT by West on the lead of 10* after south has bid them twice.

Declarer tries Hearts first and gets the bad news, south discarding 2 ◆. Then J ◆ from dummy. South rises with A and plays second club. After winning you try K ◆ but no luck, so it looks like South has 7C, 3 or 4 D so cannot have 4 Spades. If spades are 3-3 with south holding an honour then cannot make so have to assume North has 4. So 10 ♥ covered and won, then AK and another spade. Defence can take 2 spades, 1 diamond and only 1 heart in the end game.

If you failed to make this, do not worry as 5 grand master pairs (out of 6) also failed to make it!

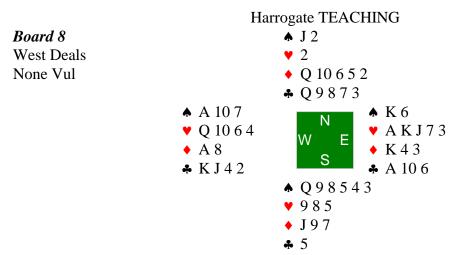


3 NT by North and 6 ♥ lead.

1S, double by South and simple 3 NT by North.

Counting tricks we have 1S, 3C, 2H so need to develop diamonds.

Win A hearts and play K diamonds, East continues with Q hearts, ducked and another heart. So, East has 5H and has opened 1 spade so must have at least 5 spades. They also have 1 diamond. To check the rest of the distribution play $Q \clubsuit$ and club to K. (East now marked with 5512). Finesse diamonds cash $Q \spadesuit$, cross to club and exit with heart just losing 3H and 1 diamond as East now end played.



7 ♥ by East, lead is a trump.

Who doesn't like a grand slam but team mates will not be happy if you go down! It looks like a guess in the club suit for our 13th trick.

So, cash 2 more trumps and north discards a small club and diamond. Now K spades and A spades (sometimes there is QJ doubleton, but never against me!) and ruff a spade. 9 of south's cards are known, so now A, K and ruff a diamond. Child's play now to play club to the king and finesse the club. Go back to happy team mates!