



Hands for Defense Lesson 1: Opening Leads vs. NT

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Hand #1

- Auction:

North

3NT

East

1♦

All pass

South

1NT

West

Pass

- Lead: ???

Hand #1 Post Mortem

Contract: 3NT

Declarer: S

Lead: ???

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 6
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 9 5

♠ 6 5 2
♥ Q 10 8 7 4 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 7
♥ A J 9
♦ A K 6
♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ Q J 8 4
♥ 5 2
♦ Q J 10 8 2
♣ A K

- How many tricks were made?
- What was the key play?

1. W leads partner's suit

Hand #2

■ Auction:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

■ Lead: ???

Hand #2 Post Mortem

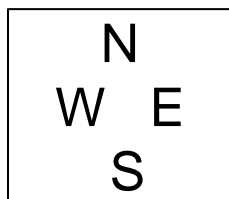
Contract: 3NT

Declarer: S

Lead: ???

♠ K Q J 4
♥ 8 5
♦ A J 8
♣ K 10 5 2

♠ 9 6 2
♥ K J 10 9
♦ 10 4 3
♣ A 9 4



♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ 7 2
♣ 7 6 3

♠ A 10
♥ Q 4 3
♦ K Q 9 6 5
♣ Q J 8

- How many tricks were made?
- What was the key play?

1. W leads the ♥J
2. E plays A and returns a
♥

Hand #3

■ Auction:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

■ Lead: ???

Hand #3 Post Mortem

Contract: 3NT

Declarer: S

Lead: ???

♠ Q 4

♥ 10 8 3

♦ K 7 5 3

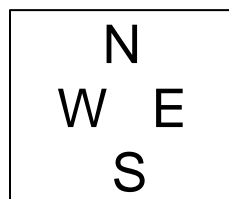
♣ J 10 8 2

♠ 10 7 6 2

♥ A K 9 6 2

♦ 10 4

♣ 6 3



♠ A K 8

♥ Q J 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ K Q 4

♠ J 9 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A 9 7 5

- How many tricks were made?
- What was the key play?

1. W leads the ♥2
2. E returns a ♥ after winning the ♣A

Hand #4

■ Auction:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

■ Lead: ???

Hand #4 Post Mortem

Contract: 3NT

Declarer: S

Lead: ???

♠ A 10 3 2

♥ K Q J 10

♦ Q 10 2

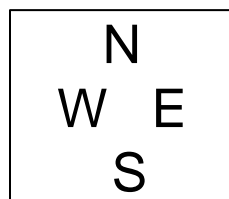
♣ J 5

♠ 4

♥ A 8 5 3

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ Q 9 8 2



♠ K Q J

♥ 9 6

♦ K J 9 4 3

♣ A 7 6

♠ 9 8 7 6 5

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6

♣ K 10 4 3

■ How many tricks were made?

■ What was the key play?

1. W leads the ♣2

2. Defenders continue ♣'s