

The Bridge Workshop 13-Notrump Declarer Play

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29. North Dealer Both Vulnerable **3NT-Count-Take Your Tricks**
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|--------|--|---|----|---|------------------|
| ♠K6543 | | W | N | E | S |
| ♥AK | | | 1♠ | P | 2♥ |
| ♦AQJ2 | | P | 3♦ | P | 3NT All Pass |
| ♣107 | | | | | Opening Lead 10♠ |
- ♠109 ♠QJ87 Notes: N can't open 1NT-2 doubletons- one unstopped
 ♥765 ♥984 North cannot bid 3NT-No club stopper
 ♦873 ♦K109 West is too weak to lead his suit although
 ♣Q9832 ♣KJ4 a club lead works here
 ♠A2 Can't afford diamond finesse if a club is led
 ♥QJ1032 South counts: 9 sure tricks
 ♦654 3 more in diamonds maybe
 ♣A65 3NTS= +630 (♣lead is certain) 3NTN+2 +660
30. East Dealer None Vulnerable **Set Up Best Suit**
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|-------|--|-----|---|-----|-------------------|
| ♠654 | | W | N | E | S |
| ♥J109 | | | | P | P |
| ♦AKQ | | 1NT | P | 2♦ | P Opening Lead 7♣ |
| ♣7654 | | 2♥ | P | 3NT | All Pass |
- ♠KQ32 ♠J107 Notes: Count Your sure & potential tricks
 ♥AQ ♥K8765 5 + 3♠ + 2♥ + 1♦ + 1♣
 ♦109872 ♦J53 Set Up Spades not Diamonds
 ♣A3 ♣KQ Need 4 stoppers to get possible 2♦ tricks
- ♠A98
 ♥432
 ♦64
 ♣J10982 Club is top of nothing
 Leave clubs until the end
 3NW+1 +430 or +400
31. South Dealer North South Vulnerable **Lead Direction Double**
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|--------|--------|-----|----------|------|----------|
| ♠1082 | | W | N | E | S |
| ♥982 | | | | | P |
| ♦Q62 | | P | P | 1NT | P |
| ♣AKQ8 | | 2♣ | Dbl | Rdbl | All Pass |
| ♠QJ | ♠AK4 | | | OR | P |
| ♥J1053 | ♥A7 | P | P | 1NT | P |
| ♦AJ9 | ♦K1054 | P | 2♣ | P | 2♦ |
| ♣10765 | ♣J943 | 2NT | All Pass | | |
- ♠97653 Opening Lead 4♥
 ♥KQ64 2NE= +120 2♣Wxx+1 +660
 ♦873 Dbl is lead directive
 ♣2 Against 2♣xx, North eliminates all trump

32. West Dealer East West Vulnerable

♠AK2
 ♥A32
 ♦AQ32
 ♣654
 ♠ 765 ♠ 109843
 ♥ QJ87 ♥ K109
 ♦ 10987 ♦ K6
 ♣32 ♣ A98
 ♠QJ
 ♥654
 ♦J54
 ♣KQJ107

Keep Your Entry-Defensive Hold-up

W	N	E	S
P	1NT	P	3NT
All Pass			

Opening Lead: 10♠
3NN= +400

Notes: Declarer must win opening lead with A♠
Defense will hold up twice with Ace♣
Q♠ is entry to the clubs

33. North Dealer None Vulnerable

♠843
 ♥K10987
 ♦K6
 ♣982
 ♠ AK2 ♠ QJ
 ♥ A32 ♥ 654
 ♦ AQ32 ♦ 754
 ♣ 654 ♣ KQJ107
 ♠109765
 ♥QJ
 ♦J1098
 ♣ A3

Declarer Hold-up

W	N	E	S
	P	P	P
1NT	P	3NT	All Pass

Opening Lead: 10♥
3NN= +400

Notes: Interior Sequence Leads are good in NT
Declarer must hold-up with ace twice
When South wins Ace♣, he has no more ♥'s
J♥ wins 1st trick and K♥ wins second trick
A♥ wins 3rd heart trick
Interior sequence leads work well against suit contracts but rarely on opening lead.

34. East Dealer North South Vulnerable

♠654
 ♥AQ3
 ♦A987
 ♣ A43
 ♠KQJ1098 ♠ 7
 ♥J10 ♥987654
 ♦Q54 ♦ 6
 ♣65 ♣J10987
 ♠A32
 ♥K2
 ♦KJ1032
 ♣KQ2

The Danger Hand

W	N	E	S
		P	1NT
P	3NT	All Pass	

Opening Lead: K♠
3NS+3 +690

Notes: 3NT shows 10-15 or a really good 9
Declarer Holds-up once
West is the danger hand
Eight Ever, Nine Never except here
Finesse Diamonds into East, the safe hand
Play Jack♦ to see if it gets covered, if not let it go through.

35. South Dealer East West Vulnerable

♠ J4
 ♥ A543
 ♦ J654
 ♣ AQJ
 ♠ K65 ♠ 9873
 ♥ QJ1098 ♥ 76
 ♦ Q ♦ 10987
 ♣ 8765 ♣ K109
 ♠ AQ102
 ♥ K2
 ♦ AK32
 ♣ 432

Timing

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	2♣	P	2♠
P	3NT	All Pass	

Opening Lead: Q♥

Notes: Declarer holds up once and then wins King
Lose a spade first

Win 3rd round of hearts with Ace

Now take club finesse now that West has no more hearts

Lose 1 heart, 1 spade, and 1 club

3NS+1 +430

36. West Dealer Both Vulnerable

♠ A1072
 ♥ J1098
 ♦ 76
 ♣ 654
 ♠ 654 ♠ KQJ3
 ♥ Q432 ♥ AK
 ♦ 85 ♦ AK2
 ♣ AQ108 ♣ KJ97
 ♠ 98
 ♥ 765
 ♦ QJ10943
 ♣ 32

Transportation

W	N	E	S
P	P	2♣	P
2♦	P	2NT	P 22-24
3♣	P	3♠	P 2-8
3NT	All Pass		Opening Lead: Q♦
			3NTE+3 +690

Notes: Do not duck opening lead even once
Use clubs as transportation-do not cash
Finesse spades 3 times and use last entry to
cash Q♥

16. West Dealer East West Vulnerable

♠ K43
 ♥ A
 ♦ Q9865
 ♣ J1098
 ♠ A ♠ 109876
 ♥ QJ109873 ♥ K654
 ♦ --- ♦ J107
 ♣ AKQ43 ♣ 2
 ♠ QJ52
 ♥ 2
 ♦ AK432
 ♣ 765

Finish With a Slam

(Metal Board)

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	2♥	P
5♥	P	6♥	P (Trump honour?)
P	P		(6♥ says yes)

Opening Lead: J♣

Notes: Compare with board 16 of Workshop 12
Lead top of nothing or top of a sequence
Do not lead from an unsupported K or Q
against a slam.
5♥ is likely cold but one cannot ask for keycards
with a void 6♥W= +1430

Tale of the tape: N plays 1 maybe 1 more; E: 2; S: 3; W: 3