

Twoonie Talk #18

Exit Card Problem

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| Vl | None | ♥ 98753 | 33 |
| | | ♦ 87 | |
| | | ♣ 742 | |
| ♠ | 852 | ♠ KQ103 | |
| ♥ | AQ106 | ♥ 2 | |
| ♦ | AQ | ♦ 10942 | |
| ♣ | J1063 | ♣ A985 | |
| | | ♠ A96 | |
| | | ♥ KJ4 | |
| | | ♦ KJ653 | |
| | | ♣ KQ | |
| EW | 3N; | EW 4♠; | EW 2♥; |
| EW | 2♦; | EW 5♣; | |

1. How does the bidding go?
2. Does North evaluate his hand as 18 points?
3. What does the opening leader lead?
4. How many times does each defender get in and what do they exit with?

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All Pass

- Does North evaluate his hand as 18 points? Sometimes 17 point hands with a five-card suit and good intermediates are treated as 18 points, but not here because too many dummy entries are needed to play the broken suits.
- What does the opening leader lead? ♠8, declarer will duck twice.
- How many times does each defender get in and what do they exit with?
East will get in with the ♠10 and play the ♠King then the ♠Queen. He will get in once again with the ♣Ace and will cash the last spade and exit the ♦10, dummy's dead suit.
West is likely to get in up to 5 times, Each time he exits clubs. He does not cash the other honour when he wins the honour in a suit. The hand is a disaster for North-South.