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Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ K Q J 9 ♥ A 7 5 3 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ A 6	
♠ 8 5 ♥ K Q J ♦ A J 9 ♣ 9 8 7 5 2	N W E S	♠ A 6 3 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ K Q 6 5 ♣ 10 4 3
14 **11 9** **6**	♠ 10 7 4 2 ♥ 10 8 2 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ K Q J	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	All pass	

2 ♠ by South
Lead: ♥ K

With 14 points and no five-card major nor four diamonds, North opens 1 ♣. Despite only having 6 points, South has enough to respond - they should bid 1 ♠ to show their four-card spade suit. North has a fit and responds 2 ♠ (showing a minimum hand: 12-14 points). South is minimum themselves so they pass.

Even though a diamond lead would beat the contract on this occasion, West should not lead the suit. When defending a suit contract, it is best to avoid leading from unsupported Aces (i.e. where you do not also have the King). West should lead ♥ K, top of a sequence.

Declarer should discard a losing diamond on the third round of clubs before drawing trumps.

The play theme on these hands: Discard losers before drawing trumps.

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Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ 7 5 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ J 10 6 3	
♠ K Q 3 2 ♥ K 8 3 2 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ Q 8	N W E S	♠ A 10 5 ♥ Q 10 6 4 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ A K 9
5 **14 13** **8**	♠ 6 4 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K 9 7 3 ♣ 7 5 4 2	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

4 ♥ by West
Lead: ♦ Q

East opens 1 ♣. Over West's 1 ♥ response, East bids 2 ♥ showing a fit and 12-14 points. Once West knows they have a fit in hearts, West knows the partnership should be in game and bids 4 ♥.

North leads ♦ Q (top of sequence). On winning the ♦ A, declarer must immediately play three rounds of clubs discarding a diamond loser. Failure to do this will result in losing two diamonds and two trumps, causing the contract to fail.

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Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ A Q J 6 ♥ K 10 9 7 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ 7 3	
♠ 9 8 7 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ 10 8 5 ♣ K 9 6 2	N W E S	♠ 10 5 4 2 ♥ 6 5 4 ♦ K Q J 4 ♣ J 4
14 **7 7** **12**	♠ K ♥ Q J 8 3 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ A Q 10 8 5	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	

4 ♥ by North
Lead: ♦ K

South opens 1 ♣. North bids 1 ♥ in response. (with two four-card major suits, bid the lower-ranking first). South raises to 2 ♥. North knows there are enough points for game and bids 4 ♥.

East leads the ♦ K. On winning the ♦ A, declarer should immediately play the ♠ A crashing the ♠ K, followed by two more rounds of spades to discard the diamond losers in dummy. Now declarer can draw trumps and take the club finesse (which unfortunately loses today). Eleven tricks can be made.

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Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

	♠ 10 9 8 7 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ A 6 4	
♠ 6 5 2 ♥ J 8 7 3 ♦ A K 6 4 2 ♣ 7	N W E S	♠ J 4 3 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ J ♣ K Q J 10 9 5
9 **8 12** **11**	♠ A K Q ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 7 5 ♣ 8 3 2	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	All pass

2 ♣ by East
Lead: ♠ A

East opens 1 ♣. West should respond 1 ♥, not 1 ♦ (priority to show a four-card major). With a six-card suit, East should rebid it. This will end the auction.

South should cash three rounds of spades, then switch to a heart. After winning the ♥ A, declarer must play the ♦ A and ♦ K, discarding a heart loser, before drawing trumps. Eight tricks can be made.

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Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ A K ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ A K 10 8 4 2 ♣ J 3	
♠ 7 6 3 ♥ J 10 9 6 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 6 4 2	N W E S	♠ J 10 9 8 ♥ K 7 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ A 10 8 5
17 **6 10** **7**	♠ Q 5 4 2 ♥ A 8 4 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 9 7	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	All pass	

3 ♦ by North
Lead: ♠ J

In response to North's 1 ♦ opening bid, South bids 1 ♥. Without a fit, North makes a jump rebid in their longest suit to show a six-card suit and 16-18 points. South has a minimum for their initial response, therefore passes.

East should lead the ♠ J. Although attacking clubs defeats the contract, East has no way of knowing that. Leading an unsupported Ace (without the King) is usually not a good idea, especially against a suit contract. Declarer must discard a club before drawing trumps. Win the spade and cash the ♠ K, then cross to dummy using ♥ A and discard a club on the third round of spades.

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Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ 3 2 ♥ J 10 8 7 4 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A K 3 2	
♠ K Q J 7 ♥ A K Q 3 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 8 7	N W E S	♠ A 9 8 5 4 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ Q J 10
8 **19 7** **6**	♠ 10 6 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K Q J 7 5 ♣ 9 6 5 4	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		Pass	Pass
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

4 ♠ by East
Lead: ♦ K

West opens 1 ♣. East responds 1 ♠, showing at least six points and at least four spades. With 19 points and excellent spade support, West can confidently bid 4 ♠ .

On winning the ♦ A, declarer should draw trumps before discarding a diamond loser on the hearts. Unlike previous hands, you can safely draw trumps here without losing the lead, so there is no immediate need to discard losers on the heart winners.