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Week 15 More Signals and Discards



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Signals

Attitude (or recommended **Reverse Attitude**) is used mainly when **partner** has made an opening lead of an **Ace**. Use it to inform partner if you have **third round control** of the lead suit. Attitude high is encouraging. Reverse low is encouraging.

Count – not yet.

Suit Preference – not yet.

Discards

Simplistic: Throw away a card from a suit you **don't** want partner to lead. Usually leaves two other suits as candidates which partner must analyse to choose the correct one.

McKenney, Revolving, Dodds – not yet.



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(Week 14 Set Hands)

Set hands Book result in **blue**, Players results in **red**.

S&D Andrew Robson – Signals & Discards

BCFB Paul Mendelson – Bridge For Complete Beginners

RWPB Paul Mendelson – Right Way to Play Bridge

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
1	N	None	S&D#1	A♠=S 3NTx-1 3NTx-1(N) 3H+1(E)
2	E	N/S	S&D#2	A♠=E 4S-1 4S-1 4S=
3	S	E/W	S&D#3	A♠=S 4S-1 4S= 4S+1
4	W	Both	S&D#24	A♠=E 4S-1 4S-1 4S=
5	N	N/S	BCFB#134	A♠=E 4S-1/4S= 4S-1
6	E	E/W	S&D#25	A♠=N 3NT-1 3NT-2 3NT-1
7	S	Both	S&D#26	A♠=S 3NT+1/4S-1 3NT=
8	W	None	RWPB#196	A♠=E 3NT= 3NT+2
9	N	E/W	S&D#40	A♠=E 3NT-1 3NT+1



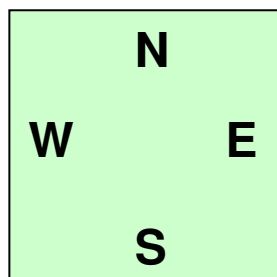
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 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 8 7
 ♣ A T 5 3 2

♠ A K T 6 4
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ Q T 5
 ♣ K Q 4

This is board 3 from last time.

You were asked to play it in 4S, regardless of your bidding. Lets start with the bidding.

South is dealer.
 East/West are vulnerable.

Start analysing shape and points:

South?

For the purposes of this hand, we will use **standard attitude** and **simplistic discards**.



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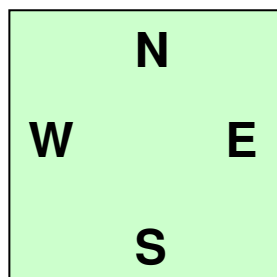
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Maybe 1 pt for L5♠.

Maybe 1 pt for L2♥.

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West?



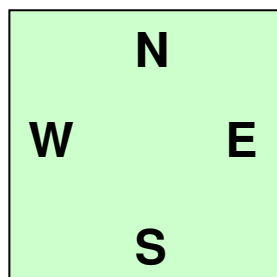
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West: 4432, 9 HCP.

No length points.

Maybe 1 pt for L2♠.

North?



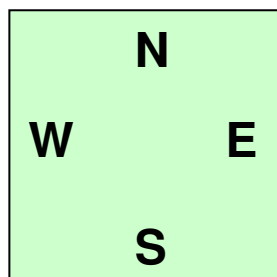
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Shape and points:

South: 5332, 15 HCP.
 Maybe 1 pt for L5♠.
 Maybe 1 pt for L2♥.

West: 4432, 9 HCP.
 No length points.
 Maybe 1 pt for L2♠.

North: 5431, 12 HCP.
 Maybe 1 pt for L5♥.
 Maybe 2..3 pt for L1♣.

East?



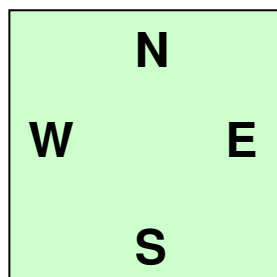
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West: 4432, 9 HCP.

No length points.

Maybe 1 pt for L2♠.

North: 5431, 12 HCP.

Maybe 1 pt for L5♥.

Maybe 2..3 pt for L1♣.

East: 5332, 4 HCP.

Maybe 1 pt for L5♣.

Maybe 1 pt for L2♠.

South to bid?



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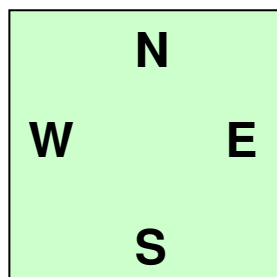


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S W N E
 1S

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 ♣ J 9 7 6



♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 8 7
 ♣ A T 5 3 2

♠ A K T 6 4
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ Q T 5
 ♣ K Q 4

Balanced hand, but too many points to open 1NT and insufficient to open 2NT.

Open 1 of longest suit, planning to rebid a raise in NT.

West?

South: 5332 15 HCP
 West: 4432 9 HCP
 North: 5431 12 HCP
 East: 5332 4 HCP



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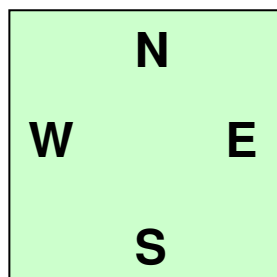


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Insufficient points to overcall a suit at the 2 level.

Definitely insufficient to overcall in NT and no stop in S's bid suit.

No L5suit.

North?

South:	5332	15HCP
West:	4432	9HCP
North:	5431	12HCP
East:	5332	4HCP



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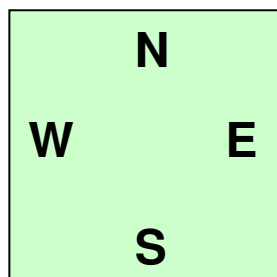


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S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	
		(STOP)	

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ A K J 4
 ♣ J 9 7 6



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 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 8 7
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South:	5332	15HCP
West:	4432	9HCP
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East:	5332	4HCP

Has L4 support for partner's major, so we have an 8+ card fit.

HCP in range 10..12 so bid 3S.

Now a fit has been found, you can use Pts rather than HCP, so could be 12+1+3 = 16Pts. In which case 4S bid.

Use lower bid to allow slam investigation... East?



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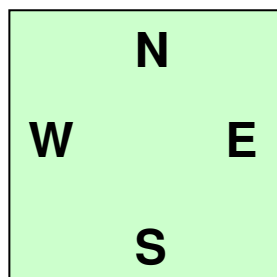
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S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	P

E has too few points to bid.

South?

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 ♥ 6 3 2
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 ♣ J 9 7 6



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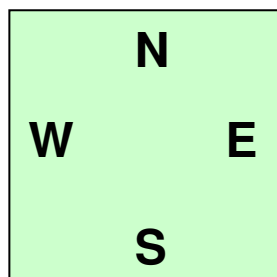
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 ♣ A T 5 3 2

S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	P
4S			

Shows extra above
12HCP, L4♠.

Actually has
15HCP, L5♠.

15+10HCP=25HCP. Bid
game.

Everyone else now passes.

What does West lead?



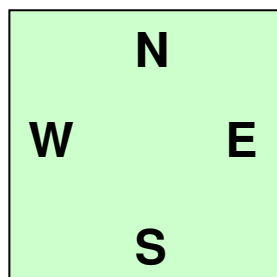
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 ♦ 6 3 ②
 ♣ 8

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 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ ① A K J 4
 ♣ J 9 7 6



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 ♥ 8 7 5
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 ♦ Q T 5
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S	W	N	E
1S	P	3S	P
4S	P	P	P

Against a non-slam suit contract, the best lead is “top of a sequence of 2+ cards to an honour”. Ideally A, K.

So he leads the ♦A.

Obviously dummy plays low.

What does East play – and why?



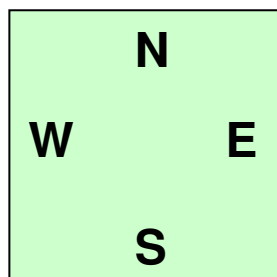
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 ♦ 6 3 (2)
 ♣ 8

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 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ (A) K J 4
 ♣ J 9 7 6



♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 8 (7)
 ♣ A T 5 3 2

♠ A K T 6 4
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ Q T (5)
 ♣ K Q 4

Contract: 4S by S.
 NS=0, EW=0

E does NOT have third round control of diamonds. He does not have Q, he does not have a doubleton allowing trumping.

Standard attitude: play low to discourage: 7♦

(Reverse attitude: play high spot card to discourage: 9♦)

S plays his 5♦.

NS=0, EW=1



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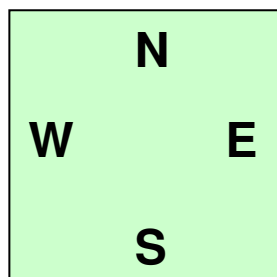
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Contract: 4S by S
 NS=0, EW=1

E's 7♦ was discouraging.
 Therefore play a different suit.

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ J 9 7 (6)



♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A T 5 3 2

W has no desire at present to lead trumps ♠. Choose between ♣ & ♥.

Dummy has good ♥.

Lead ♣. In this case a low club.

♠ A K T 6 4
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ Q T
 ♣ K Q 4

W won the trick over 2 5 7. He can see spot cards 3 4 6.

So he has seen 2 3 4 5 6 7. He cannot see 8 9 10. **Therefore 7 was low.**



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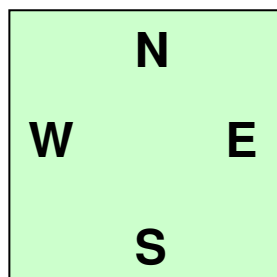
Contract: 4S by S

NS=0, EW=1

E wins with Ace.

NS=0, EW=2

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 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ J 9 7 6



♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 8
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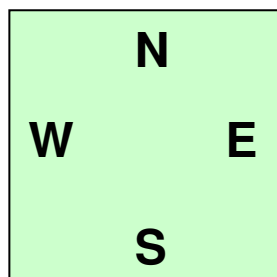
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 ♥ A K Q T 4
 ♦ 6 (3)
 ♣ -

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ K (J) 4
 ♣ J 9 7



♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 (8)
 ♣ T 5 3 2

♠ A K T 6 4
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ Q (T)
 ♣ K Q

Contract: 4S by S
 NS=0, EW=2

Dummy (N) has weak ♦. W has the K at least. Return a ♦ lead.

Now if S plays 10, W can win with J and if S plays Q, W can win with K.

NS=0, EW=3.



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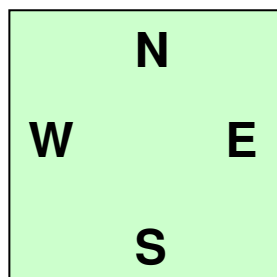
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 ♦ 6
 ♣ -

Contract: 4S by S
 NS=0, EW=3

Now W can win his K (or J).

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ J 9 7



♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9
 ♣ T 5 3 2

NS=0, EW=4
which is one down.

4S-1

♠ A K T 6 4
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K Q

Now let's backup to the first trick and make S a craftier player:



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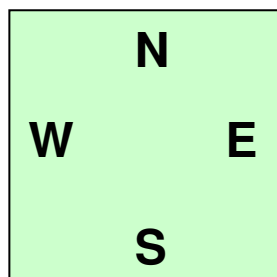
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Contract: 4S by S.
 NS=0, EW=0

This time, the crafty S plays
 10♦ to confuse the signalling.

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ (A) K J 4
 ♣ J 9 7 6



♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 8 (7)
 ♣ A T 5 3 2

NS=0, EW=1

♠ A K T 6 4
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ Q (T) 5
 ♣ K Q 4

W won the trick over 2 7 10. He can see spot cards 3 4 6.

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Other Discard systems

Not this week, but they include

- Lavinthal or McKenney
- Revolving
- Dodds

Revolving is what Pauline & I use.



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Week 15 More Play

Play

Divide yourselves into pairs and then into tables. Fill in table slips.

NS have the pair number of their table.

EW have the pair number of their table plus 6.

N has his back to the screen.

When you have played a hand, pass it to the next numbered table in sequence. The highest numbered table passes to table 1.

And one last thing – **as part of the learning process** – I would like the **partner** of whoever has just bid to take whatever action is **standardly required** (announcing 1NT as 12-14 points, ALERTing a conventional bid, ...) – **AND ALSO** to give a brief **description** to the other three players on what the bid means.

Any questions?

Tea & coffee. (20p)

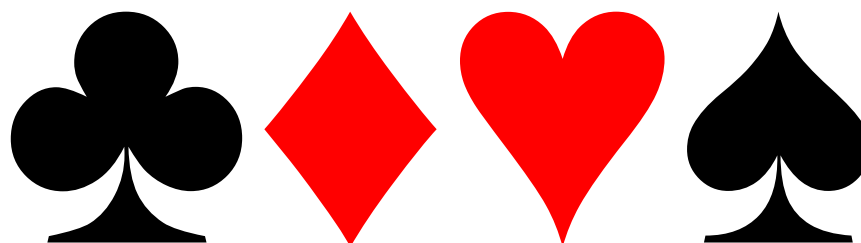
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The end

(Set hands on next slides)



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Set hands

PYC Paul Mendelson – Bridge Winning Ways to Play Your Cards

PODD Mr Bridge – Pottage on Defence: Discards

PODS Mr Bridge – Pottage on Defence: Signals

S&D Andrew Robson – Signals & Discards

BCM Andrew Robson – Bridge Common Mistakes



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2	E	N/S	PODS#33A	A♠=W (QH<->TH, JH<->5C) 4S-2 2S 4S=
3	S	E/W	PYC#40	A♠=W 4S-1 4S=
4	W	Both	PODS (KC<->JC, 8C<->10C, 10C<->QC)	A♠=E 4H-2 4H-1 3H-1
5	N	N/S	PYC#74	A♠=S 3NT-1 3H+1 3NT+1 3NT-2
6	E	E/W	S&D#5	A♠=N (5S<->5D, 2D<->2H) 4S-2 4S-1
7	S	Both	BCM#166	A♠=S 3NT-1 3NT-1