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Week 14 Set hands review



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Week 14 ... of the week

Procedure of the week:

The North player is responsible for recording the results on “the” traveller (we do 4 travellers here so you all get practice).

East then checks the result and says ok or points out any problems.

Only then should folk start perusing the other results.

Hint of the week:

The purpose of a pre-empt is to block bids that may be made by the opposition. If you have the majority of the points then you should be ok. If they have the majority, it is likely to be a sacrifice. But mostly the loss from undertricks is smaller than the loss from the opposition making their contract.



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Week 14 Doubling NT bids

Last time, I was asked what the meaning of a double was in
1suit P 1NT Dbl

I had been under the impression that doubles of NT were for penalties.

Indeed Doubles of an opening 1NT is for penalties.

But according to Bernard Magee at MrBridge, in

https://www.mrbridge.co.uk/library/Penalty_Doubles.pdf

He explicitly states:

‘1♥ Pass 1NT Double’: this double is for **take-out**, not penalties (your opponents’ minimum strength is 18, so going for penalties is highly unlikely).



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Week 14 Duplicate event scoring

Last time we played a mixture of hands – no particular theme. Several required conventions that we had just revised...

On many deals, the scores obtained were below the book 'par', so today we'll go through a couple of them in detail.

But first, lets see how a duplicate event is scored.



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A Duplicate Pairs event is generally scored by taking the results from each hand (the +420 and -100 and so on that you write on the travellers), and put them in order.

The natural thing to do would be to give 1 point for every other pair you beat and $\frac{1}{2}$ point for every pair you equal.

That would result in lots of halves floating around, so it is actually done by doubling this : 2 for beating another pair and 1 for equalling them.

Then it is all added up and percentages calculated.



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Example

NS	EW	Contract	Score (+ve for NS, -ve for EW)
1	7	4S=:n	+420
2	8	4S-1:n	-50
3	9	3S+1:n	+170
4	10	3S+1:n	+170

There are programs that will calculate all this for you – or you could use excel – or pencil and paper. Here we are doing it in a pencil and paper simplistic manner.

1) Sort the scores

NS	EW	Score
1	7	+420
3	9	+170
4	10	+170
2	8	-50



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You are comparing NS pairs with other NS pairs and EW pairs with other EW pairs. Don't mix them.

2) How many others were beaten

NS	EW	Score	NS beat	EW beat
1	7	+420	(3,4,2)=3	(none)=0
3	9	+170	(1/2 4,2)=1.5	(1/2 10,7)=1.5
4	10	+170	(1/2 3,2)=1.5	(1/2 9,7)=1.5
2	8	-50	(none)=0	(7,9,10)=3

Note that every line NS + EW adds up to the number of times the board was played less one – in this case 3.



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3) Double it				
NS	EW	Score	NS score	EW score
1	7	+420	6	0
3	9	+170	3	3
4	10	+170	3	3
2	8	-50	0	6



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Imagine a 3 board event with individual results of:

NS	EW	Score out of 6	NS score	EW score
1	7	+420	6	0
3	9	+170	3	3
4	10	+170	3	3
2	8	-50	0	6

NS	EW	Score out of 4	NS score	EW score
3	10	+630	3	1
4	7	+630	3	1
1	8	-300	0	4

NS	EW	Score out of 6	NS score	EW score
2	10	+100	6	0
1	9	-110	4	2
3	7	-140	2	4
4	8	-170	0	6



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Then the percentages are:

NS

1	6/6 + 0/4 + 4/6	10/16	62.5%	NS top
2	0/6 + 6/6	6/12	50%	
3	3/6 + 3/4 + 2/6	8/16	50%	
4	3/6 + 3/4 + 0/6	6/16	37.5%	NS bottom

EW

8	6/6 + 4/4 + 6/6	16/16	100%	EW top (WOW!)
9	3/6 + 2/6	5/12	41.7%	
7	0/6 + 1/4 + 4/6	5/16	31.25%	
10	3/6 + 1/4 + 0/6	4/16	25%	EW bottom

And that is what gets published.



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If you get all middles, your result will be in the middle.

If you push a bit and manage 67% tops at the cost of a few bottoms, you'll probably be nearer the top.

Bidding "only just there" games and making more than you lose is good.

Equally, once the bidding is over, the contract doesn't matter. Ignore it and strive to get "one more trick than the norm" – whether as declarer or defender.

EG: if the norm is 3NT, then 3NT+1 will be a top for declarer and 3NT-1 will be a top for defender.

Sacrificing can be good:

They (& the norm)	4H=	620	
You	4S-3	300	A top...



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Week 13 Set Hands

One of last week's set hands

These come from various sources, detailed on a deal by deal basis.

NST means NS top; EWB means EW bottom etc.

Book (or reference) result in blue

#	Dlr	Vul	Source	Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
1	N	None	EBU: Really Easy Practice 2 #7.1 A♠=E	4S+2:E +480 NST	1NT-1:S -50 !!	4H-2:N -100 !!!	4S-1:E +50 !

Complete bemusement at the bids and play.

I think I can now recreate the various bids to some degree.

Let's look at the deal.



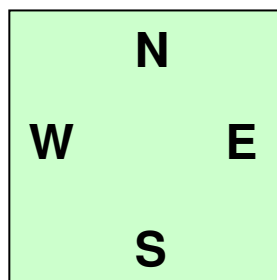
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♥ A K 5 2
♦ J 8 7 3 2
♣ 9 3



N E S W
?

What does north bid?



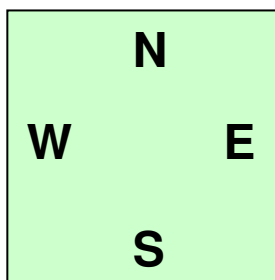
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N	E	S	W
P			

N	E	S	W
1D			

The Pass is sensible given less than 12 points.

The 1D is possible using the Rule of 20, but the ♦ suit is far too weak to want to really do this.



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		N		8 HCP Unbal
W		E		♠ A K 8 6 2
		S		♥ J 10 7 3
				♦ 10
				♣ 8 6 2

N	E	S	W
P	?		

N	E	S	W
1D	?		
And east?			

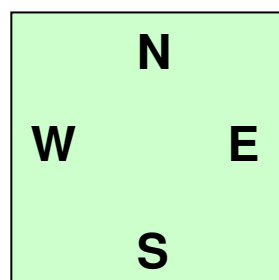




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♥ J 10 7 3
♦ 10
♣ 8 6 2

N	E	S	W
P	P		

N	E	S	W
1D	1S		

After N pass, E doesn't have an opening hand, so he passes too.

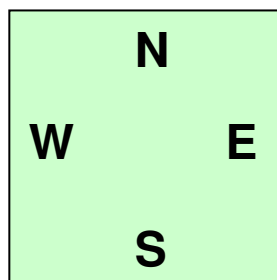
After N 1D, E has enough to overcall at the one level with his 5 card major, 8 HCP and 2 ♠ honours.



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♠ 9 7
 ♥ Q 9 8 6 4
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ A Q 10 7

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N	E	S	W
P	P	?	

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	?	

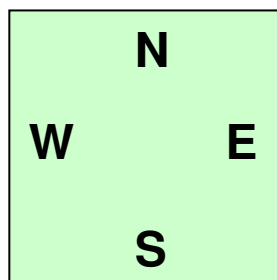
And south?



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♦ 9 4

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N	E	S	W
P	P	P	

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2C/2H	

In the top sequence, S also has insufficient to open and passes.

In the 1D sequence, whilst he doesn't have 9HCP, he has 9 Pts, enough to respond competitively : 2C? or 2H.



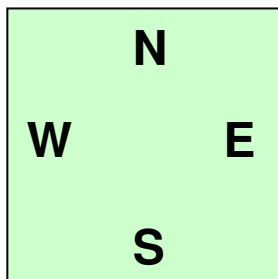
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♠ 10 5 4 3
 ♥ -
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N	E	S	W
P	P	P	?

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2C/2H	?

And west?



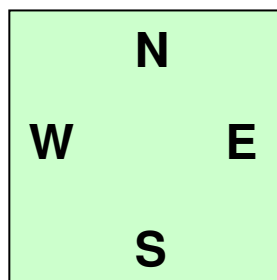
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West's 3S is in red to indicate a jump (STOP card) bid

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2C/2H	3S

W has an opening hand, 13HCP and a L5 diamond suit.

W has a L4 (length 4) fit with E and bids to the level of the fit. With the void he is very strong.



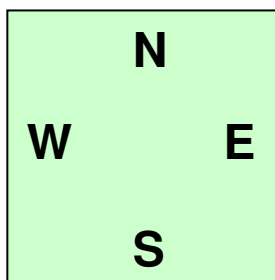
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♣ 9 3



And back to north...

(I've split the 2C/2H into separate tracks.)

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
?			

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2C	3S
?			

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2H	3S
?			



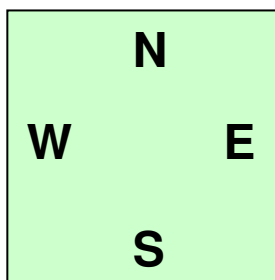
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N passes over W 1D.

Surely N doesn't bid 4H over W 3S! So unlikely.

H fit. N bids 4H after S 2H.

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P			

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2C	3S
4H?			

Can this really have happened for a 4H by N contract?

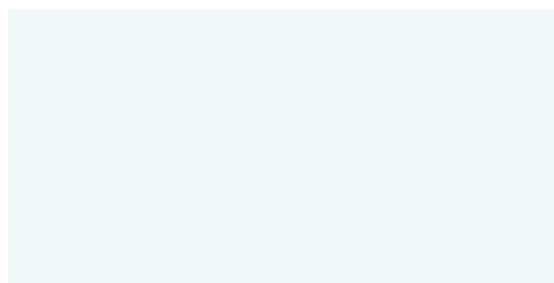
N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2H	3S
4H			



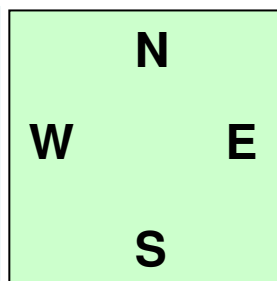
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Unbal



♠ A K 8 6 2
 ♥ J 10 7 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ 8 6 2

Back to east...

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	?		

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2C	3S
4H			

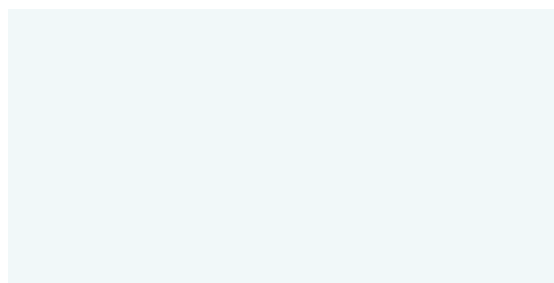
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4H	?		



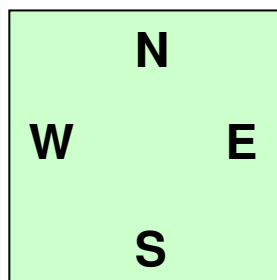
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 ♦ 10
 ♣ 8 6 2

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S		

After W 1D, E can offer a good L5♠.

After N 4H, E raises to EW game 4S. Then P P P.

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2H	3S
4H	4S	P	P
P			

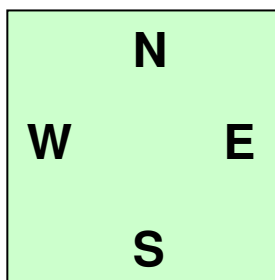


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N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	?	



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 ♣ A Q 10 7

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South?

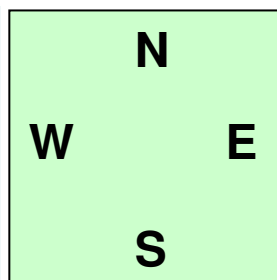


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N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	DbI/P	



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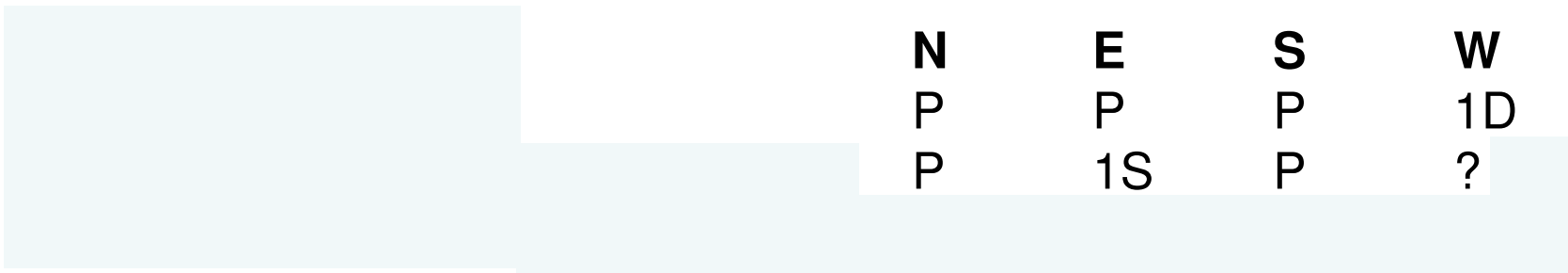
The book has south doing a takeout double – but IMO he has too few points to justify this. I would expect folk to pass.



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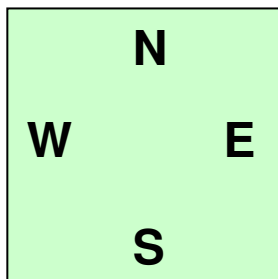
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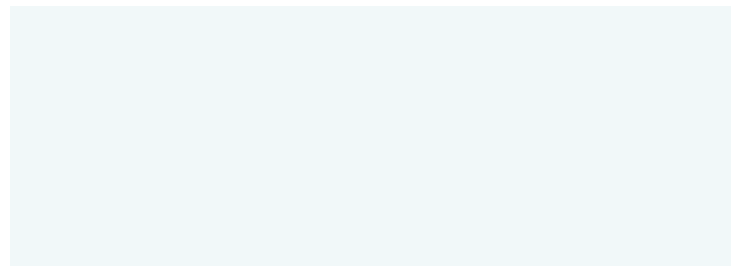
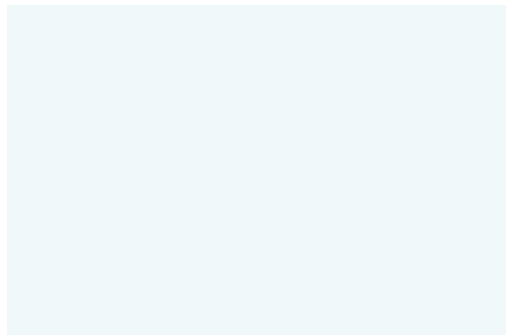
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P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	?

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West?





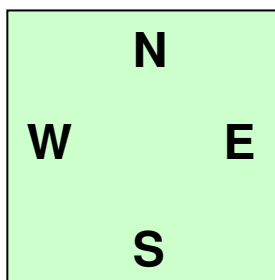
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N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

There is an L4♠ fit. 13HCP + 5Pts for a void suggest bidding game.

Losing Trick Count: 5LT+ presumed 9LT = 14LT.
 18 - 14 = 4. Bid 4S.

Then everyone passes.



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1 N None EBU: Really **4S+2:E** 1NT-1:S 4H-2:N 4S-1:E
Easy Practice 2
#7.1 A♠=E

So we have managed the 4S:E bid, Contemplated and rejected the 4H:N bid, but managed a 4H:S bid instead if E fails to overbid 4S.

How about the 1NT:S bid?



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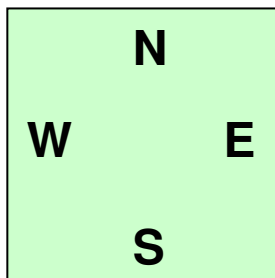
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♣ 9 3

8 HCP
Unbal

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ -
♦ A K Q 6 5
♣ K J 5 4



♠ A K 8 6 2
♥ J 10 7 3
♦ 10
♣ 8 6 2

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2H	3S
4H	4S	P	P
P			

13 HCP
Unbal

♠ 9 7
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♦ 9 4
♣ A Q 10 7

8 HCP
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N	E	S	W
1D	P	1NT	P
P	P		

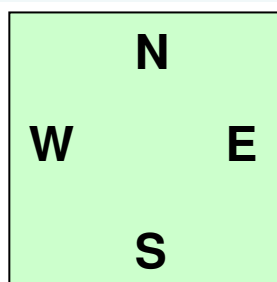


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N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	



♠ 9 7

♥ Q 9 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ A Q 10 7

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So what is S going to lead after this bidding sequence?

Not easy.



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♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ -
♦ A K Q 6 5
♣ K J 5 4
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♠ A K 8 6 2
♥ J 10 7 3
♦ 10
♣ 8 6 2
8 HCP
Unbal

♥ 6

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

Never underlead an ace.
The ♣A is for killing the ♣K.
So not a club.

South leads fourth highest
from longest and strongest to
an honour.

♥6.

Now E makes a plan.



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	♥ 6	

East's losers shown underlined.

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

Now E makes a plan.

EW have 9 trumps. 4 are out. If they split 2-2 they can be drawn, else may lose one.

5 losers? Only 3 'allowed'. After drawing trumps, only 2 E Hearts can be trumped. 2 are losers.

W Diamonds allow discard of 2 club losers on K & Q.

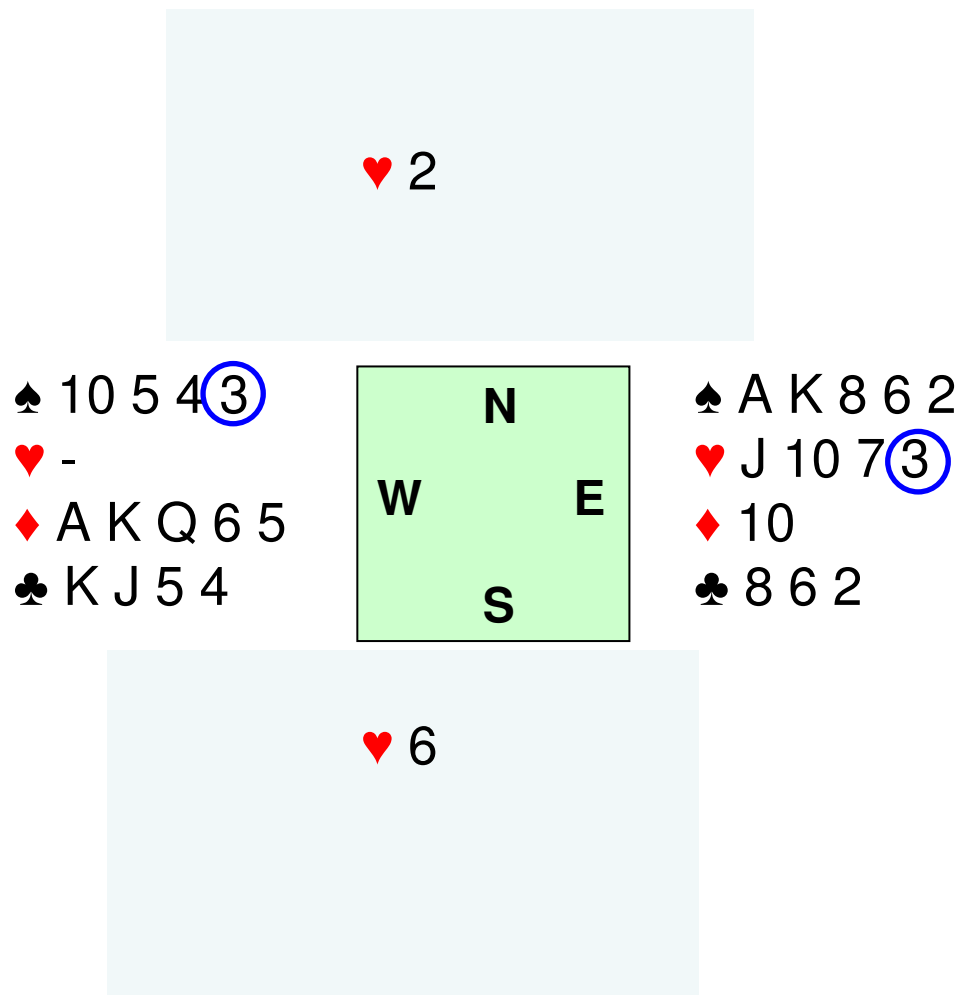
May need Club finesse(s).



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0	1	Trick 1	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

W trumps trick 1.

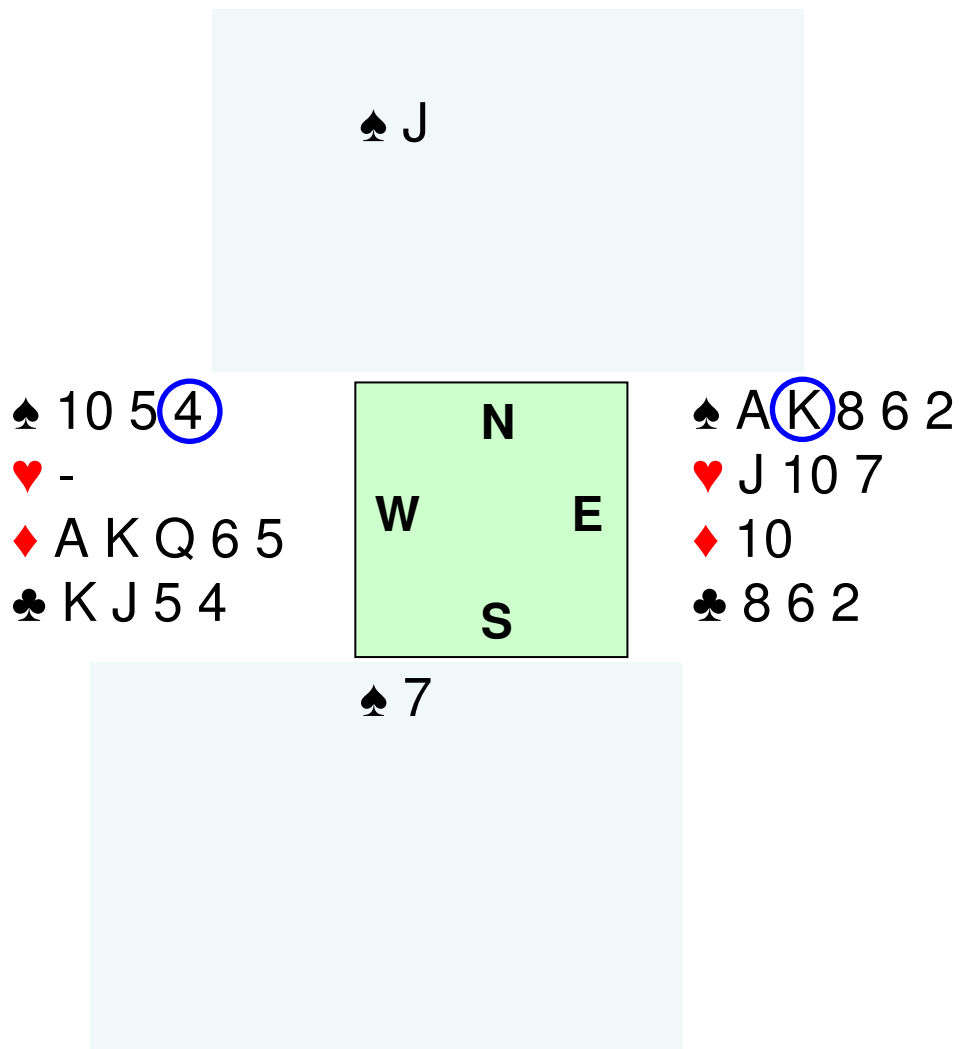
W leads?



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0	2	Trick 2	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

W leads a low trump and draws 2 trumps ♠J7, so not 4-0 split. Could still be 3-1 ~ ♠Q9 to go.

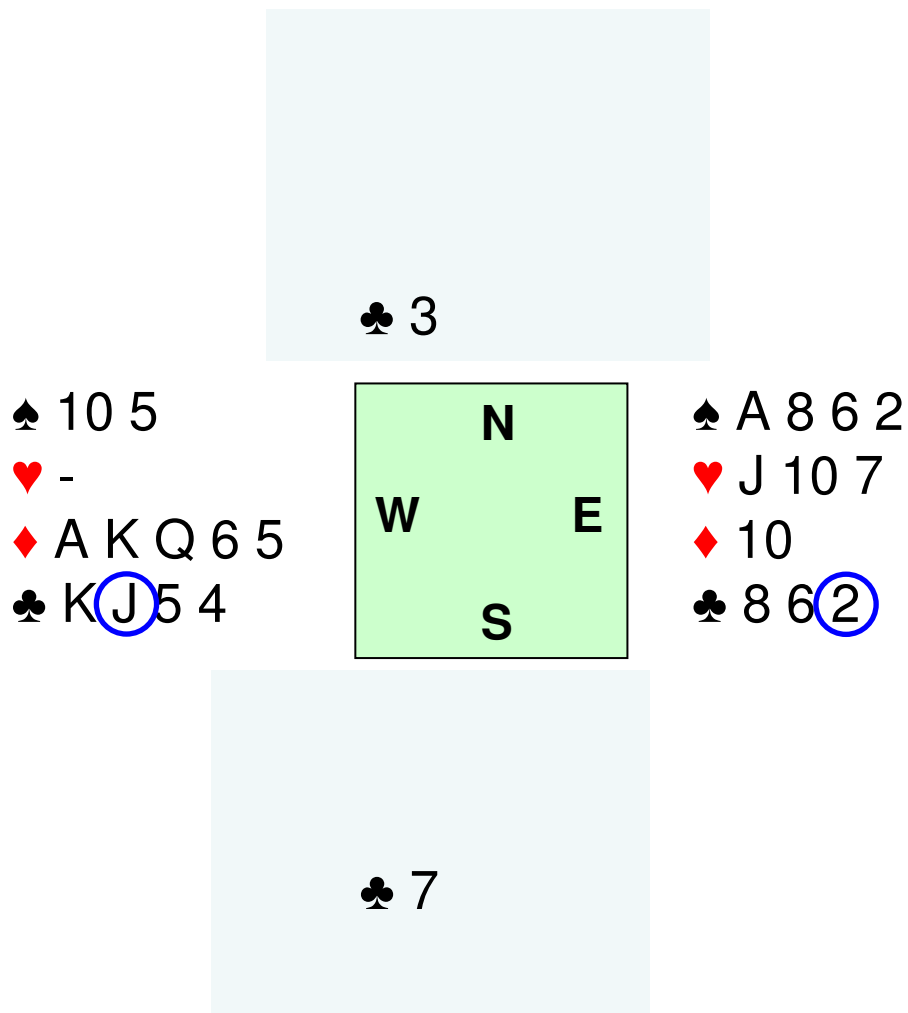
E leads?



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0	3	Trick 3	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

Aim for the most you can make – plan for a big top or an awful bottom. Finesse ♣J. E leads a low club.

The finesse works.

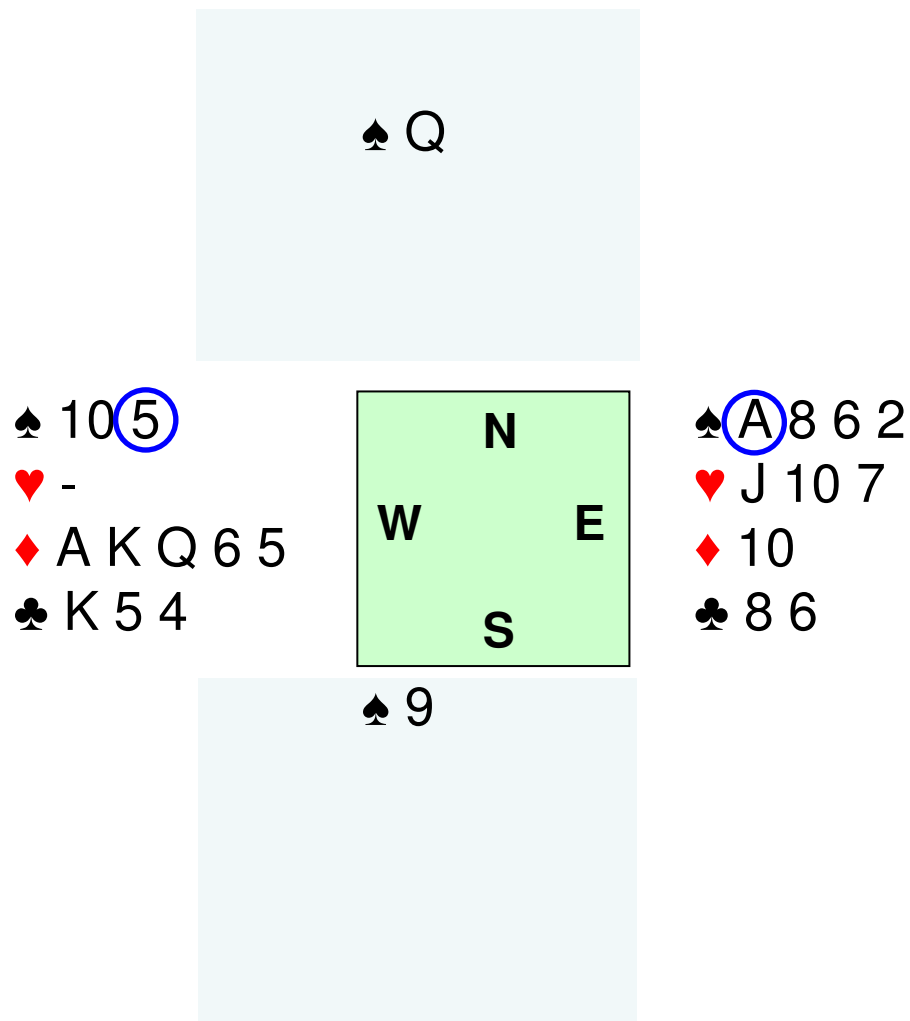
(If S plays the A, W plays low keeping the K & J for later.)



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0	4	Trick 4	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

W leads another low trump, to draw another trump and happily it draws both the outstanding ones.

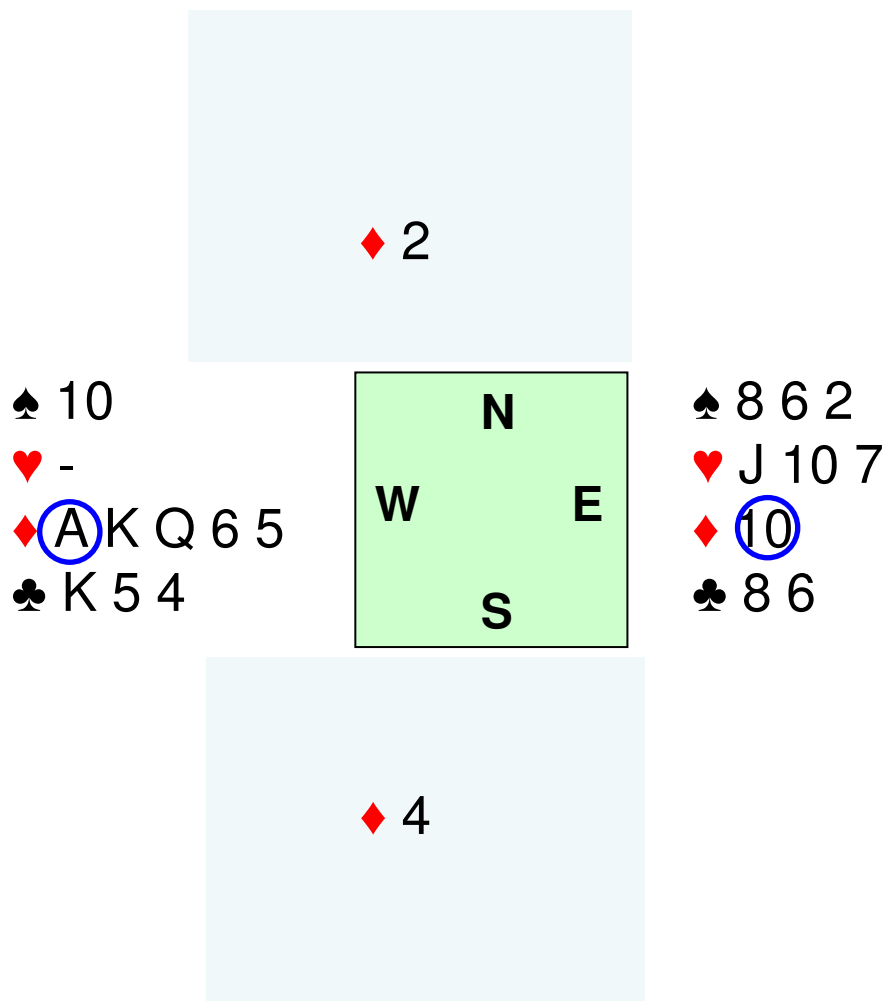
Lead now with E.



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0	5	Trick 5	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

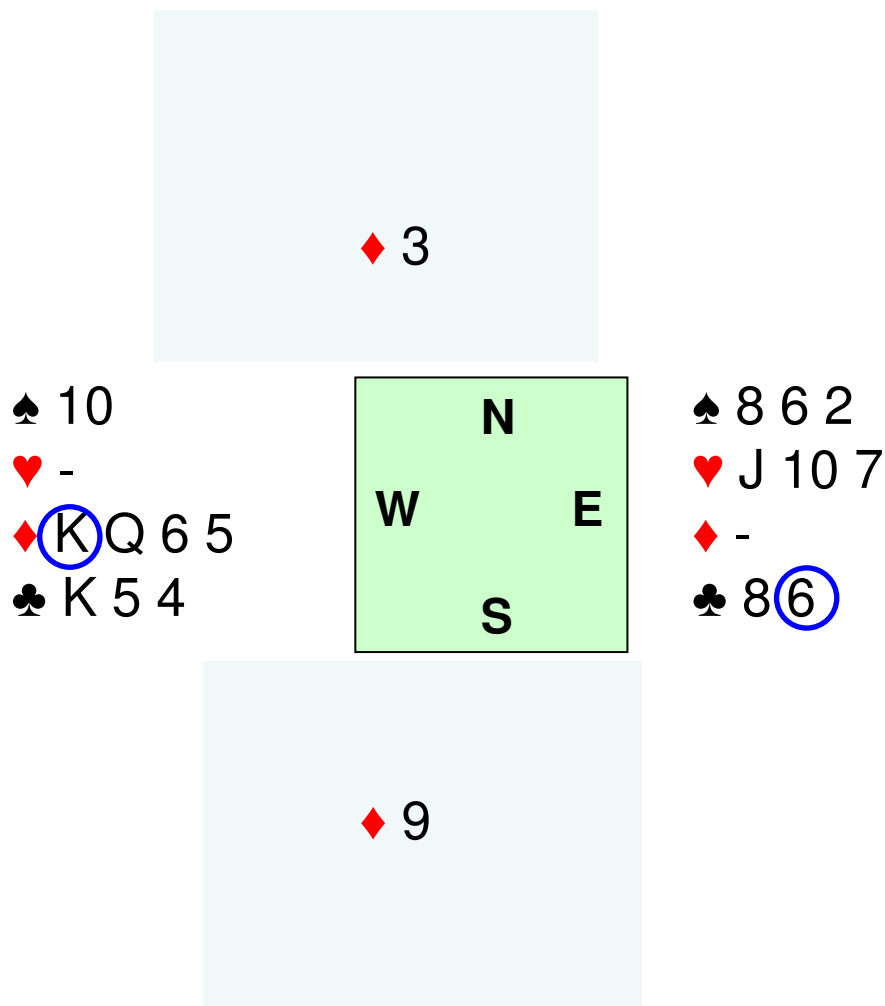
E leads his singleton diamond, with W winning.



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0	6	Trick 6	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

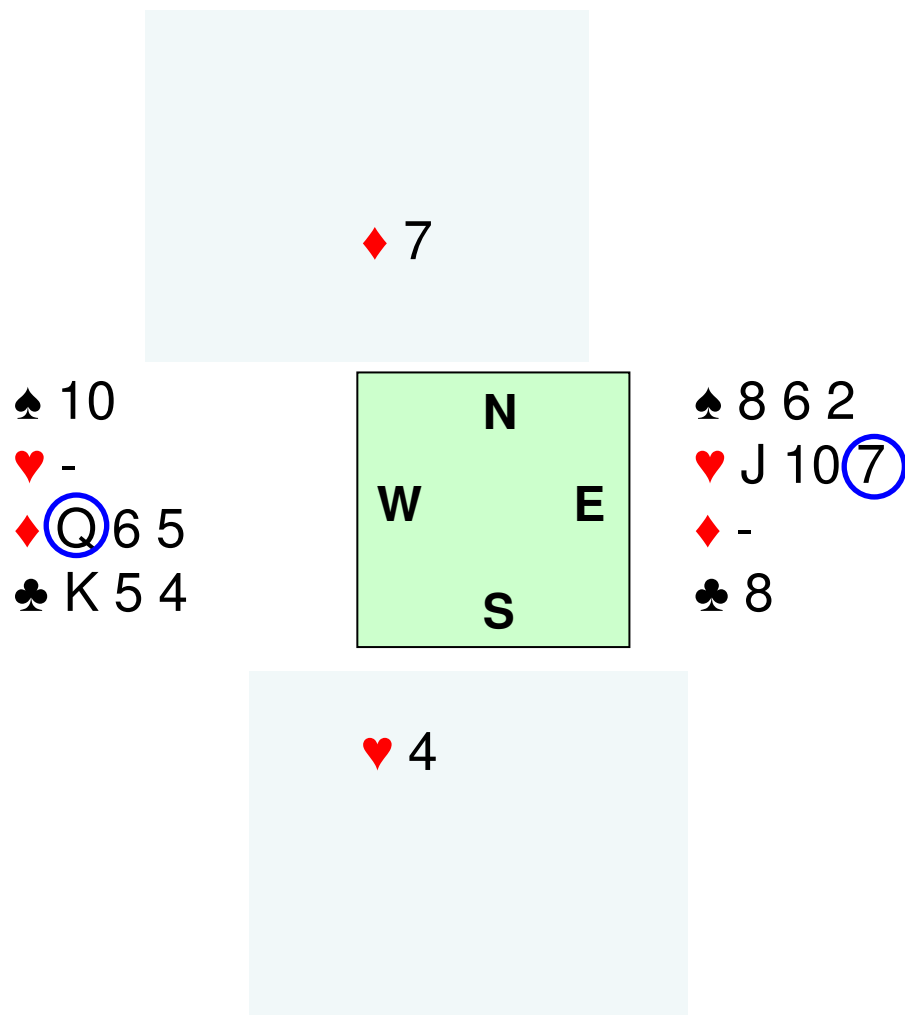
Make a winning diamond.
Discard a losing club.
Lead now with W.



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0	7	Trick 7	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

Win the third master diamond. Discard a losing heart.

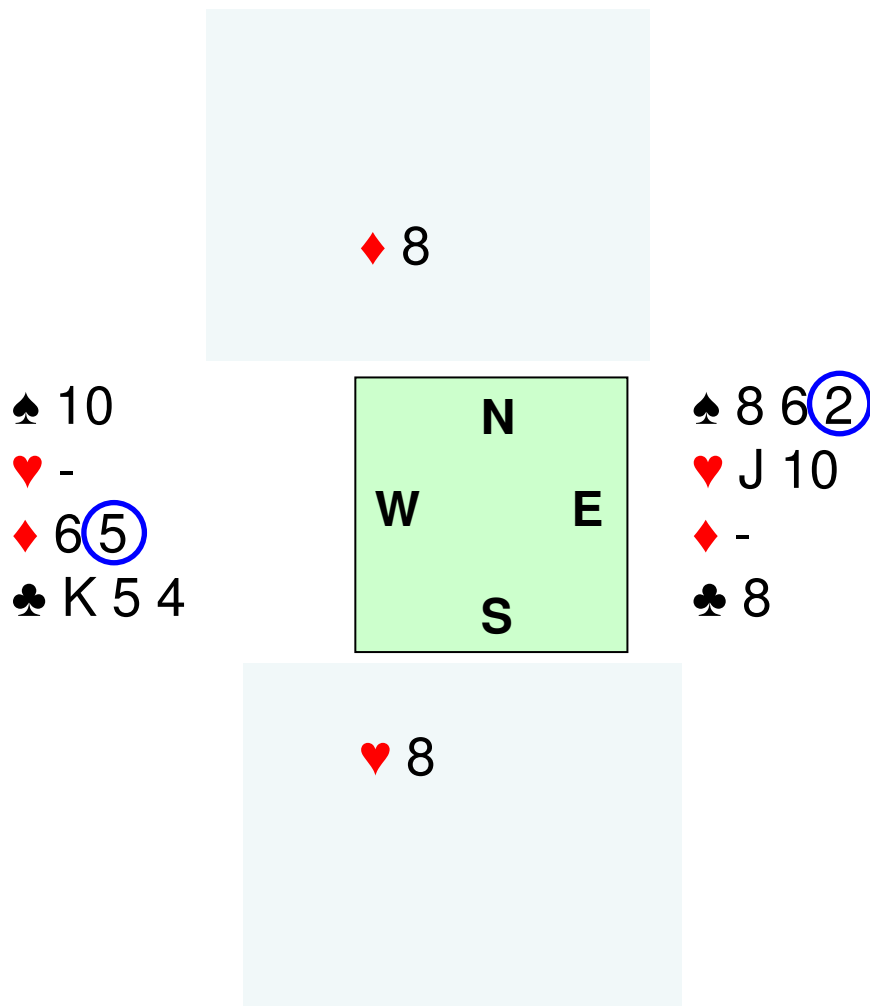
Lead still with W.



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0	8	Trick 8	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

Trump a diamond.

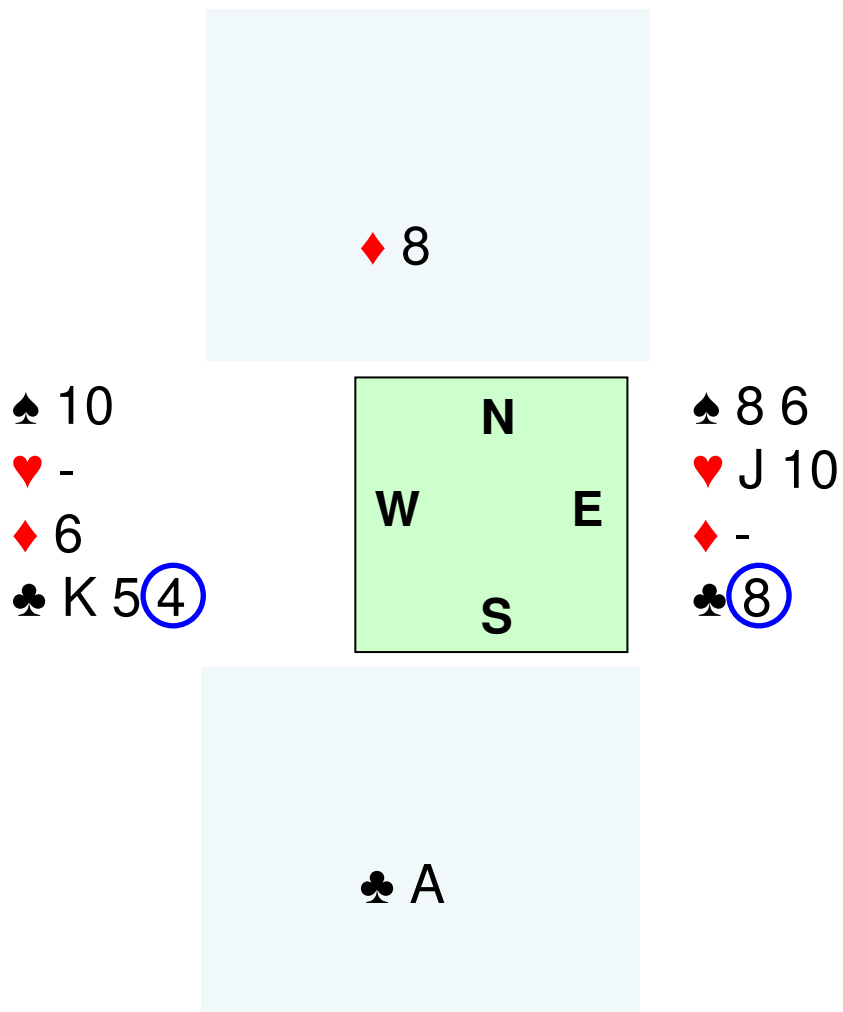
Lead moves to E.



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1	8	Trick 9	
N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1D
P	1S	P	4S
P	P	P	

Force the ♣A out – it will win eventually.

Lead moves to S.



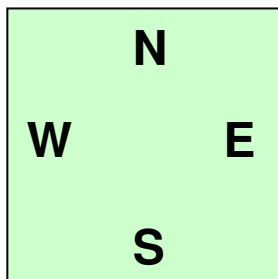
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Week 14 Set hands review

♠ -
♥ A K 5
♦ J
♣ -

♠ 10
♥ -
♦ 6
♣ K 5



♠ 8 6
♥ J 10
♦ -
♣ -

♠ -
♥ Q 9
♦ -
♣ Q 10

	1	12	Trick 10..13	
	N	E	S	W
	P	P	P	1D
	P	1S	P	4S
	P	P	P	

And now win the last 4 tricks with ♣K and 3 trumps.

4S+2

6*30	180
game	300
	480



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Week 14 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)

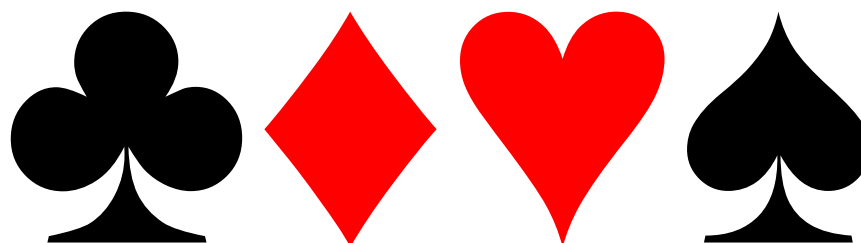
PLAY



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Week 14



The end