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♠ 10532
♥ AJ1083
♦ 4
♣ 832

♠ A
♥ K654
♦ A98532
♣ Q5

♠ J974
♥ 97
♦ KJ106
♣ K76

♠ KQ86
♥ Q2
♦ Q7
♣ AJ1094

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
1 ♦	1 ♥	2 ♦	2 ♠
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♣ 3

Bidding: If East overcalls, this should lead to a competitive auction.
Play: After drawing trumps, declarer should end up losing 1♣ and 2♥, as 2 hearts can be ruffed in dummy.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	3	-	2	3	-
S	3	-	2	3	-
E	-	4	-	-	1
W	-	4	-	-	1

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 3S: S-74 H-97 D-KJ106 C-76
vs South 3S: S-A H-K654 D-A98532
vs North 2H: H-97 D-KJ106
vs South 2H: H-654 D-A98532

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♠ 85
♥ AJ53
♦ KQ943
♣ J10

♠ AK109632
♥ Q842
♦
♣ 73

♠ Q7
♥ K9
♦ A75
♣ KQ8654

♠ J4
♥ 1076
♦ J10862
♣ A92

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♦ K

Bidding: Once East opens the bidding, West should not stop below 4♠.
Play: You could plan to set up the clubs, or ruff 2 hearts in dummy.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	1	-	-	-
S	-	1	-	-	-
E	4	-	-	5	2
W	4	-	-	5	2

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 1D: S-Q7 H-K9
vs South 1D: S-AK109632 H-Q842
vs East 2N: D-J10862
vs West 2N: D-KQ943
vs East 5S: S-J4 H-1076 D-J10862 C-A

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♠ A64
♥ A10
♦ QJ5
♣ Q9864

♠ KJ107
♥ K9864
♦ K106
♣ 7

♠ 983
♥ QJ32
♦ 843
♣ 532

♠ Q52
♥ 75
♦ A972
♣ AKJ10

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 6

Bidding: If South correctly opens 1NT, North will raise to 3NT.
Play: You have 8 top tricks and it may seem to be a hopeless contract, as surely West will collect 4 hearts and a king. However, when you run the clubs, West must find 4 discards - and he must keep his hearts. If he does not discard a heart, he must bare one of his kings, and now you cannot be prevented from making 9 tricks - a squeeze play (either accidental or deliberate!)

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	4	4	-	-	3
S	4	4	-	-	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

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♠ KJ63
♥ A5
♦ J10642
♣ 109

♠ AQ9542
♥ 1073
♦ Q7
♣ K4

♠ 107
♥ Q864
♦ 95
♣ AJ753

♠ 8
♥ KJ92
♦ AK83
♣ Q862

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Dbl
2 ♠	3 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♠ 10

Bidding: Some people would play that a double by South is for penalties, but it is much more useful to play this as takeout. North might be tempted to double 2♠, but should definitely double 3♠ if West bids that.
Play: The computer finds that NS can make 10 tricks in No Trump and that EW cannot even make 1♠.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	3	-	-	4
S	-	3	-	-	4
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

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♠ A65
♥ 43
♦ J10984
♣ KQ2

♠ J
♥ QJ86
♦ A76
♣ J10743

♠ 93
♥ 109752
♦ KQ53
♣ A6

♠ KQ108742
♥ AK
♦ 2
♣ 985

Dealer: North
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♣ J

Bidding: If South rebids 2♠, North can invite game.
Play: Declarer should lose 2♣ and 1♦ - just making.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	4	3
S	-	-	-	4	3
E	1	-	3	-	-
W	1	-	3	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

- vs North 3N: S-93 H-109752 D-KQ53 C-A
- vs South 3N: Any Card
- vs North 4S: S-93 H-109752 D-KQ
- vs South 4S: S-J H-QJ86 D-76
- vs East 3H: Any Card

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♠ AQJ4
♥ AKJ95
♦ 7
♣ A85

♠ 10963
♥ Q86
♦ KJ5
♣ K92

♠ 2
♥ 73
♦ AQ109862
♣ 1064

♠ K875
♥ 1042
♦ 43
♣ QJ73

Dealer: East
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		3 ♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦ 5

Bidding: If East opens with a pre-empt, North should bid on the assumption partner has about 7 points, and should either double or bid 4♥.
Play: Even with the bad trump break, declarer should be able to set up the hearts, and ruff a diamond for 10 or 11 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	4	-	5	5	-
S	4	-	5	5	-
E	-	2	-	-	-
W	-	2	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

- vs North 5S: Any Card

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♠ 10987
♥ KQ85
♦ 762
♣ J3

♠ AQJ53
♥ 1097642
♦ A
♣ 4

♠ K4
♥ AJ
♦ J109854
♣ AK2

♠ 62
♥ 3
♦ KQ3
♣ Q1098765

Dealer: South
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♣ J

Bidding: It's probably better for West to open 1♠ and then rebids hearts twice to show this exceptional distribution. East can make a bid of 3♣ to keep the auction going.
Lead: ♣J, as East's club bid was 4th suit forcing and artificial.
Play: Declarer will probably not lose more than 1 heart and could make 12 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	-	5	5	6	4
W	-	5	5	6	4

Best Opening Leads:

- vs East 4N: C-Q1098765

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♠ K743
♥ 5
♦ KQ974
♣ Q83

♠ Q2
♥ AQ764
♦ J83
♣ K92

♠ 1065
♥ KJ10932
♦ 1062
♣ 7

♠ AJ98
♥ 8
♦ A5
♣ AJ10654

Dealer: West
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Dbl	4 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ A

Bidding: East should make a pre-emptive game raise to 4♥, and South should probably bid 4♠, rather than 5♣.
Play: Declarer should just lose: 1♥ and 1♣. He will also probably lose 1 trump, although on this hand just cashing ♠AK works out better.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	5	5	-	5	1
S	5	5	-	5	1
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

- vs North 1N: H-KJ10932
- vs South 1N: H-AQ764
- vs North 5S: H-KJ10932

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♠ KQJ93
♥ Q6
♦ AK93
♣ Q8

♠ A1082
♥ K83
♦ J106
♣ J64

♠ 76
♥ 1054
♦ Q87
♣ K10532

♠ 54
♥ AJ972
♦ 542
♣ A97

Dealer: North
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♣ 3

Bidding: South has just enough to bid 2♥. 3♦ is game-forcing and leads to 3NT.
Play: You can win the first trick with ♠Q. If you next play spades, you will lose 2 tricks there - but can still make 9 tricks: 3♠, 2♣, 2♦ and 2♥.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	3	4	3	3
S	-	4	4	3	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

- vs North 3N: D-J106 C-J64
- vs South 3N: D-Q87 C-K
- vs North 3S: D-J10 C-J64
- vs South 3S: S-76 D-87

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♠ AKQ32
♥ 105
♦ Q108
♣ A82

♠ 10854
♥ AQJ83
♦ K953

♠ J96
♥ K
♦ AK542
♣ QJ74

♠ 7
♥ 97642
♦ J9763
♣ 106

Dealer: East
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ A

Bidding: Should East open the bidding? If he does EW may get too high. West's 3♣ (a new suit by responder) is really a forcing bid, but East is going to be sorely tempted to pass.

Play: The defence can take 3♠ and ♠A, holding declarer to 9 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	1	-	-	-
S	-	1	-	-	-
E	3	-	-	1	2
W	3	-	-	1	2

Best Opening Leads:

- vs North 1D: Any Card
- vs South 1D: Any Card

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♠ 4
♥ J1095
♦ KJ
♣ KQ10843

♠ Q98
♥ K4
♦ 10863
♣ 7652

♠ 753
♥ Q87632
♦ 952
♣ 9

♠ AKJ1062
♥ A
♦ AQ74
♣ AJ

Dealer: South
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ 6

Bidding: North should make a positive reply to 2♣, which should lead to a slam - 7NT is well worth a shot.

Play: You have 13 top tricks: 6♣, 4♦, 1♥, 2♠. Just a little care is needed to untangle the clubs and diamonds.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	7	-	-	7	7
S	7	-	-	7	7
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

- vs North 7N:
- vs South 7N:
- vs North 7S:
- vs South 7S:

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♠ 83
♥ A987
♦ Q975
♣ KJ6

♠ Q96
♥ J2
♦ A10832
♣ 853

♠ K742
♥ K10654
♦ K4
♣ Q9

♠ AJ105
♥ Q3
♦ J6
♣ A10742

Dealer: West
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦ K

Bidding: South has a close call as to whether to bid over 1NT as the club suit quality is a bit weak.

Play: After a diamond lead, West should get a diamond ruff with ♠9 or ♠Q if South has ruffed with ♠10. In fact declarer does best to discard a heart, rather than ruffing. Eventually declarer may lose: 1♠, 1♥, 2♦ and 1♣ - perhaps making or going down 1.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	3	-	-	-	3
S	3	-	-	-	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

- vs North 3N: Any Card

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♠ 9
♥ A87532
♦ J74
♣ QJ6

♠ AK652
♥ K106
♦ AK83
♣ K985

♠ Q
♥ QJ94
♦ Q92
♣ A10732

♠ J108743
♥ K106
♦ 1065
♣ 4

Dealer: North
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♥ 6

Bidding: When West bids the third suit - 2♦, this suggests 3NT if East has a heart stopper.
Play: Declarer should not lose more than 2♥ and 1♣ and should make 10 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	6	5	-	-	4
W	6	5	-	-	4

Best Opening Leads:
vs East 4N: S-J108743 D-1065 C-4
vs West 4N: S-9 H-87532 D-J74
vs East 5D: H-K D-10
vs West 5D: H-87532 D-74
vs East 6C: Any Card

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♠ AJ10
♥ 953
♦ AQJ4
♣ 1087

♠ KQ6
♥ KQ1076
♦ 97
♣ 964

♠ 8754
♥ AJ82
♦ 10832
♣ 3

♠ 932
♥ 4
♦ K65
♣ AKQJ52

Dealer: East
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♣
1 ♥	2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♣
Pass	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ K

Bidding: East-West may push North-South to the 4 level.
Play: Ruff the 2nd heart, draw trumps and then lead a low spade towards dummy. West must split his honours - otherwise declarer can win ♠J and cash the diamonds, discarding a spade. You should be held to 11 tricks if West splits his honours.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	5	5	-	-	2
S	5	5	-	-	2
E	-	-	2	-	-
W	-	-	2	-	-

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 2N: H-AJ82
vs South 2N: H-KQ1076

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♠ 982
♥ J965
♦ QJ9
♣ KQ4

♠ 643
♥ A10432
♦ 7
♣ AJ96

♠ AQ75
♥ Q
♦ A10532
♣ 852

♠ KJ10
♥ K87
♦ K864
♣ 1073

Dealer: South
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♠ 8

Bidding: This might get passed out, or otherwise this could end in 1NT.
Lead: The 1NT suggests that West has a club stopper, surely ♣A, so perhaps North should not lead a club. In this situation it is often a good plan to lead a suit bid by dummy - perhaps the weaker 2nd suit. ♠8 - MUD
Play: If declarer plays a low spade from dummy, South should win ♠10 and return a club - into dummy's weakness. Good defence should defeat 1NT.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	1	1	-	2
S	-	1	1	-	2
E	2	-	-	2	-

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♠ AJ
♥ AQJ1098
♦ Q43
♣ 103

♠ 10843
♥ 7
♦ KJ1065
♣ A76

♠ K972
♥ 6542
♦
♣ QJ942

♠ Q65
♥ K3
♦ A9872
♣ K85

Dealer: West
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♣ Q

Bidding: If North rebids 3♥, that will lead to 4♥ - otherwise 3NT or 3♥ are possible final contracts.
Play: Declarer is likely to be defeated against good defence, as he will lose: 1♠, 1♦ and 2♣.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	1	3	-	2
S	-	1	3	-	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 2N: C-QJ
vs South 3N: S-10843 H-7 C-76
vs North 3H: H-6542 C-QJ
vs South 3H: S-10843 H-7 D-KJ1065

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♠ KQJ8
♥ 8765
♦ A
♣ Q863

♠ 5
♥ AK10942
♦ 74
♣ KJ54

♠ A102
♥ J
♦ KQJ862
♣ A109

♠ 97643
♥ Q3
♦ 10953
♣ 72

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♣ 7

Bidding: If North opens 1♣, it makes it hard for EW to reach game.
Lead: The best lead is a spade, though South is likely to lead a club, if North bid that suit.
Play: As ♥Q drops, there are 6 heart tricks, so you have 9 top tricks. After a club lead you can make 12 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	5	6	6	-	5
W	5	6	6	-	5

Best Opening Leads:
vs East 5N: S-97643
vs West 5N: S-KQJ

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♠ A32
♥ K63
♦ K4
♣ AJ1063

♠ Q5
♥ 10987
♦ 986
♣ K874

♠ K94
♥ 42
♦ Q107532
♣ 92

♠ J10876
♥ AQJ5
♦ AJ
♣ Q5

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦ 8

Bidding: South's bidding promises a 5 card suit, so North can bid 4♠.
Lead: MUD in an unbid suit? ♥10 is also tempting.
Play: Win ♠A and lead ♠J. West should cover with ♠Q, but whether he does or not, there is just one trump loser. With the club finesse on, you should manage 12 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	5	-	6	6	6
S	5	-	6	6	6
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 6N: Any Card
vs South 6N: Any Card

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♠ Q5
♥ 1084
♦ 1095
♣ AJ987

♠ A1086
♥ K965
♦ J87
♣ Q6

♠ J9743
♥ J32
♦ A32
♣ K3

♠ K2
♥ AQ7
♦ KQ64
♣ 10542

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 ♠	1 NT
Pass	Pass		Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♦ K

Bidding: East might pass, or bid 2♠ in the passout seat - definitely a bit risky, though. Just hope that West does not raise!
Play: After a diamond lead, declarer is likely to lose: 1♣, 1♦, 1♠ and 2♥ - just making 8 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	3	2	-	-	-
S	3	2	-	-	-
E	-	-	1	2	-
W	-	-	-	1	-

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 2D: S-J9743 H-J32
vs South 2D: H-965 C-Q6
vs North 3C: Any Card

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♠ AQJ103
♥ 4
♦ A10632
♣ A4

♠ 842
♥ J83
♦ KQJ54
♣ 103

♠ K7
♥ AQ107
♦ 987
♣ J976

♠ 965
♥ K9652
♦
♣ KQ852

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Dbl	2 ♣
2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦ 9

Bidding: South might show the stronger club suit, rather than 2♥. North may reach 4♠.
Play: Declarer should plan to ruff as many diamonds as possible in dummy. Ruff the 1st diamond, cross to ♣A and ruff a 2nd diamond. You could now lead ♠9 - but that finesse loses. You can later discard a loser on ♠Q and should lose: 1♠, 1♥ and 1♦.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	3	-	-	5	3
S	3	-	-	5	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 3N: H-AQ107 D-987 C-J976
vs South 3N: S-842 H-J83 D-KQJ C-103

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♠ 76
♥ AJ102
♦ Q4
♣ A10654

♠ Q
♥ Q654
♦ A10652
♣ 987

♠ AJ1032
♥ 73
♦ 873
♣ KQJ

♠ K9854
♥ K98
♦ KJ9
♣ 32

Dealer: North
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead:

Bidding: This one may get passed out.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	3	2	2
S	-	-	3	2	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

vs North 2N: Any Card
vs South 2N: Any Card
vs North 2S: Any Card
vs South 2S: Any Card
vs North 3H: Any Card
vs South 3H: Any Card

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♠ J
♥ A10742
♦ 43
♣ 109743

♠ Q876
♥ KQ5
♦ KQJ98
♣ 6

♠ AK5
♥ J6
♦ A762
♣ AKJ2

♠ 109432
♥ 983
♦ 105
♣ Q85

Dealer: East
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
3 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
6 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
		Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♠ 4

Bidding: With 13 points, West should go for 6NT, after failing to find a spade fit. 6♦ is another possibility.

Play: Declarer has 10 top tricks: 3♠, 5♦ and 2♣. You can make 12 tricks by establishing hearts - do not risk the club finesse.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	-	6	-	5	6
W	-	6	-	5	6

Best Opening Leads:

vs East 6N: Any Card
vs West 6N: Any Card
vs East 5S: Any Card
vs West 5S: Any Card

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♠ AKQ974
♥ J84
♦ Q6
♣ J4

♠ J6
♥ 52
♦ A10832
♣ KQ98

♠ 105
♥ AKQ963
♦ K7
♣ A75

♠ 832
♥ 107
♦ J954
♣ 10632

Dealer: South
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Dbl	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ 3

Bidding: With 16 points, East should probably double, planning to rebid hearts later. West should jump the bidding to show 9+ points, and East should bid 4♥, with a pretty solid suit.

Play: The only losers are 2 spades.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	5	4	5	-	1
W	5	4	5	-	1

Best Opening Leads:

vs East 1N: S-832
vs West 1N: S-AKQ
vs East 5H: S-832
vs West 5H: S-AKQ

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♠ KQ3
♥ J4
♦ 1074
♣ J10732

♠ 94
♥ A5
♦ Q6532
♣ 8654

♠ A10875
♥ K982
♦ A98
♣ 9

♠ J62
♥ Q10763
♦ KJ
♣ AKQ

Dealer: West
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 2

Bidding: South has difficult call over 1♠. He has far from the right distribution for a double, but could rebid 2♥ if North bids diamonds, as he has 16 points. North's 2♣ shows fewer than 9 points, so South might just pass.

Lead: Probably better to lead a heart than a suit with an ace in it.
Play: East can try to give his partner a heart ruff, but North can overruff.
Declarer should lose 1♠, 2♥ and 1♦. Perhaps 1♦ can be ruffed in dummy.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	2	-	1	-	-
S	2	-	1	-	-

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♠ 43
♥ 32
♦ AQJ108532
♣ J

♠ K10982
♥ J10984
♦
♣ AKQ

♠ J65
♥ 5
♦ K96
♣ 1098653

♠ AQ7
♥ AKQ76
♦ 74
♣ 742

Dealer: North
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Dbl	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 5

Bidding: Not vulnerable, North should overbid by at least 3 tricks. South might try 4♥, but West should possibly double that, and maybe North will return to 5♦. Lead: Perhaps a singleton heart, if West doubled 4♥. Play: Unless the defence slips up, declarer will lose: 1♠, 1♣ and 1♦. Declarer may have a chance to discard a loser on dummy's hearts.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	4	-	-	-
S	-	4	-	-	-
E	4	-	-	2	-
W	4	-	-	2	-

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♠ 9652
♥ KQ654
♦ QJ83

♠ Q975
♥ Q1074
♦ A93
♣ 96

♠ A1083
♥ J8
♦ 1082
♣ 7542

♠ KJ642
♥ AK3
♦ J7
♣ AK10

Dealer: East
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♣ 5

Bidding: North might be tempted to respond 2♦, but should end in 3NT in any case. Lead: In 3NT played by North, a club is a likely choice, though the computer finds a spade lead is best. Play: Declarer should be able to set up the diamond suit, and could make 4♣, 4♦ and 2♥.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	4	4	3	-	3
S	4	4	3	-	4
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 3N: S-1083
vs South 4N: S-975 H-Q1074 D-A93 C-96

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♠ 96
♥ AK
♦ AK52
♣ J10854

♠ K
♥ J7432
♦ Q1096
♣ A76

♠ QJ854
♥ Q985
♦ J7
♣ 92

♠ A10732
♥ 106
♦ 843
♣ KQ3

Dealer: South
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 4

Bidding: North could open 1♦, planning to rebid 2♣, although the hand is almost strong enough for a reverse. 2♥ is 4th suit forcing, allowing North to bid 3NT, with a heart stopper. Play: Win ♥A and then attack clubs. You should manage: 1♠, 2♥, 2♦ and 4♣.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	3	3	-	2	3
S	3	3	-	2	3
E	-	-	1	-	-
W	-	-	1	-	-

Best Opening Leads:
vs North 3N: S-854 H-Q985 D-J7 C-92
vs South 3N: Any Card

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♠ J6
♥ J4
♦ A74
♣ AJ9875

♠ A92
♥ 952
♦ QJ85
♣ 1042

♠ Q10743
♥ A83
♦ 10932
♣ 3

♠ K85
♥ KQ1076
♦ K6
♣ KQ6

Dealer: West
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦ 5

Bidding: South shows a balanced 15-16 points, and North goes to game. Lead: The best lead is a spade, though West is more likely to lead a diamond. Play: After a diamond lead, win ♦A and lead ♥J to force out ♥A. The best the defence can do is cash ♠A - but declarer should make: 6♣, 2♦ and up to 4♥ - to make 11 or 12 tricks.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	5	-	4	-	3
S	5	-	4	-	3
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

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♠ Q95
♥ AQJ874
♦ 62
♣ A9

♠ K10
♥ K962
♦ A103
♣ K643

♠ 743
♥ 1053
♦ KQ7
♣ QJ105

♠ AJ862
♥
♦ J9854
♣ 872

Dealer: North
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♣ Q

Bidding: South hates to pass 2♥, but that is the right bid.

Play: Declarer is likely to lose 1♠, 2♥, 2♦ and 1♣ - down 1. There is a chance to set up some spade tricks, if the opponents allow it.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	1	-	3	-
S	-	1	-	3	-
E	2	-	-	-	1
W	2	-	-	-	1

Best Opening Leads:

vs North 3S: S-743 D-KQ7 C-QJ105
vs South 3S: D-A103 C-K643
vs North 1D: S-743 D-KQ7 C-QJ105

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♠ A952
♥ AQJ
♦ K
♣ 87642

♠ K8
♥ 3
♦ 108654
♣ AKJ103

♠ QJ1043
♥ K10654
♦ AJ9
♣

♠ 76
♥ 9872
♦ Q732
♣ Q95

Dealer: East
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♦ K

Bidding: With a misfit, EW may end in 2NT. Lead: Nothing is attractive - ♦K is a bit of a gamble!

Play: 3NT is the only makeable game, though even 2NT is hard - as entries to both hands are few. One possible line is: win ♠A, then lead a spade towards ♠K. If North wins ♠A, you may be able to get to your hand later in diamonds, to cash at least 2 clubs.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	-	4	-	3	3
W	-	4	-	3	3

Best Opening Leads:

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♠ 3
♥ KQJ965
♦ J74
♣ 872

♠ AKJ
♥ A1083
♦ KQ5
♣ AK3

♠ 964
♥ 74
♦ 1098
♣ 109654

♠ Q108752
♥ 2
♦ A632
♣ QJ

Dealer: South
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♥ K

Bidding: With no points, East might well pass 2NT, (23-24 balanced points). North might be tempted to bid 2♥.

Play: West can afford to duck 2 hearts, if North then plays another heart, this gives declarer a 2nd trick there. As it turns out the clubs do run, and declarer can make up to 10 tricks: 5♣, 1♥, 3♠ (with a finesse) and 1♦.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	5	-	-	-	4
W	5	-	-	-	4

Best Opening Leads:

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♠ A432
♥ QJ873
♦ Q5
♣ A8

♠ K65
♥ A65
♦ A82
♣ J763

♠ QJ87
♥ 9
♦ J76
♣ Q10952

♠ 109
♥ K1042
♦ K10943
♣ K4

Dealer: West
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 NT	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♠ Q

Bidding: Even if North overcalls 2♥, it's unlikely NS will reach game. South could raise to 3♥.

Play: If declarer can ruff 2 spades in dummy, he'll end up losing 3 tricks: 1♠, 1♥ and 1♦.

<-Makeable contracts->

	C	D	H	S	NT
	=	=	=	=	==
N	-	2	4	-	2
S	-	2	4	-	2
E	2	-	-	-	-
W	2	-	-	-	-

Best Opening Leads:

vs North 2N: S-QJ87 C-Q10952
vs South 2N: S-K65 C-J763
vs North 4H: Any Card