

No Trump rebids

Board 1
 North Deals
 No-one Vul

♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ A K 10
 ♦ K 9 5
 ♣ A K 7 4

♠ A 9
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ Q J 10 3 2
 ♣ 10 9 6

♠ 10 8
 ♥ 9 8 7 6
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ Q 8 5 3

17
 9 6
 8

♠ K Q J 6 5 3
 ♥ J 4 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ J 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			
4 ♠ by South			
Lead: ♦ Q			

North's 2 NT rebid shows a balanced hand with 17-18 points. South, knowing they have an eight-card+ fit and sufficient points for game, can bid 4 ♠.

On the ♦ Q lead, declarer will lose the first two diamond tricks and the ♠ A. Declarer must win 10 consecutive tricks, avoiding any heart loser. Declarer must finesse the ♥ Q from the South hand.

Play theme: Finessing for a queen

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Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ K Q J
 ♥ K J 10 8
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 7

♠ A 10 5
 ♥ Q 4 3 2
 ♦ Q J 4
 ♣ 5 4 2

♠ 8 4
 ♥ 7 6 5
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ A K J 3

12
 9 15
 4

♠ 9 7 6 3 2
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ 9 7 5 3
 ♣ 9 6

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 NT	All pass		
2 NT by East			
Lead: ♠ 7			

East's 1 NT rebid shows 15-16 points. West extends an invitational 2 NT bid which East declines by passing with a minimum opening hand.

On the lead of the ♠ 7 (the second highest in a suit with no honours), East has seven top tricks, and needs the club finesse for the eighth trick.

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Board 3

South Deals ♠ J 3 2
♥ Q 8 6 5 3 2
E-W Vul ♦ K 3
♣ 6 5

♠ 9 7 4 ♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ A ♥ K J 10
♦ 10 8 5 4 2 ♦ Q 9 6
♣ A 9 8 3 ♣ Q J 10



♠ A K 5
♥ 9 7 4
♦ A J 7
♣ K 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	All pass	
2 ♥ by North			
Lead: ♣ Q			

South's no trump rebid at the lowest level available shows 15-16 points.

The defenders will win the first five tricks, specifically two with clubs and three with hearts. Declarer needs to take the diamond finesse and discard a spade. Note, there is no finesse position in spades with the ♠ J opposite the ♠ A and ♠ K.

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Board 4

West Deals ♠ K J 8 5 2
Both Vul ♥ 10
♦ Q 10 7
♣ J 9 8 7

♠ 10 3 ♠ A 9
♥ A K 8 5 4 ♥ J 2
♦ A 8 6 ♦ K J 4 3
♣ K Q 6 ♣ A 5 4 3 2



♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ Q 9 7 6 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 10

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♠ 5			

West's 2 NT rebid at the lowest level available, shows 15-16 points. East has enough points to bid game.

North leads with the ♠ 5, indicating the fourth-highest card from their longest suit. Declarer aims for five club tricks but will need to take the diamond finesse if the suit breaks badly. The diamonds break 3-3, enabling ten tricks to be made. Note, that there is no finesse position in hearts.

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Board 5
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 N-S Vul

♠ A K 10 9
 ♥ A K J 4
 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ 6 2

♠ Q 6 5 3
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ J 10 9 6
 ♣ K J 10

♠ 7
 ♥ 10 8 5 2
 ♦ A K 8
 ♣ Q 9 8 5 3

♠ J 8 4 2
 ♥ Q 7 6
 ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ A 7 4

17
 7 9
 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	All pass	
3 ♠ by South			
Lead: ♦ J			

With 4-4 in the majors, North should open 1 ♥. After South 1 ♠ response, North raises to 3 ♠ to show a strong (17+ points) hand with four-card spade support, preferring this to a balanced rebid. With a minimum hand, South passes.

Following the ♦ J lead, the defense takes a successful finesse against the queen in the dummy, cashes three diamonds, and leads a club. To make the contract, the declarer must twice take a finesse in spades.

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Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ 5 3 2
 ♥ K J
 ♦ Q 8 4 3
 ♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ Q J 8
 ♥ Q 8 7 6 4
 ♦ 10 9 2
 ♣ J 8

♠ A K 9
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ A K J 7 5
 ♣ 10 4 2

♠ 10 7 6 4
 ♥ 10 9 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A K Q 7

6
 6 19
 9

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 NT	All pass
3 NT by East			
Lead: ♣ A			

The East's 3 NT rebid shows 19 points.

The defenders win the first four rounds of clubs. Declarer should first cash the ♦ A in case South has a singleton ♦ Q. Then, use the ♠ Q to enter the dummy and run the ♦ 10. If it is not covered, repeat the finesse.

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