Weak Twos

Board 1
North Deals
No-one Vul

♠ K 10 6 5 3 2
♥ 9 8 7
♦ A 9
♣ 10 2

♠ J 4
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ K Q 8 7 6
♣ 8 4

N / W E / S

♠ 9 8
♥ A J 10
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ K Q J 9

7
11 12
10

♠ A Q 7
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A 7 6 5 3

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♠ by North
Lead: ♣ K

With a six-card suit, two honours in Spades and 5-9 points, North has the values for a weak two. South does not have enough points to look for Game. However, 3 ♠ is not an invitation. Instead, it shows three-card support with the idea making it difficult for the opposition to enter the bidding.

Declarer should win the ♣ A and immediately play another club. The only way to make the contract is to set up dummy's club suit.

Play Theme: setting up dummy's suit.

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Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 8 7 6
♣ K J 8 6

♠ K 4 3
♥ A 7
♦ A K 5 3 2
♣ Q 3 2

N / W E / S

♠ A 10 8
♥ K 10 9 8 3 2
♦ 10
♣ 10 7 4

6
16 7
11

♠ J 9 5
♥ Q J 4
♦ Q J 9 4
♣ A 9 5

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

4 ♥ by East
Lead: ♦ Q

With more than 15 points, West can show interest in game with 2 NT. East can bid 3 ♠ showing a good weak two and either the ace or king in that suit. The hand has only 7 points in a 5-9 point range, but there is an ace, a king, a singleton, and the intermediate cards (10s and 9s) are good.

Declarer should play a second top diamond discarding a club, followed by a diamond ruff in hand. The ♥ K and ♥ A should follow, leaving the master trump at large. Now declare can ruff one more diamond setting up the fifth card in this suit for a spade discard.

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Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ Q 10 ♥ A J 8 5 3 ♦ A K 6 ♣ Q 3 2	
♠ 6 3 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ Q 10 5 3 ♣ J 10 9 5	N W E S	♠ 7 5 4 ♥ Q 6 4 2 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ A K 6
16 **6 10** **8**	♠ A K J 9 8 2 ♥ 7 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ 8 7 4	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	
4 ♠ by South			
Lead: ♣ J			

With at least 15 points, North can bid 2 NT as a try for game. With a good suit and no outside ace or king, declarer bids 3 NT. North's weak clubs suit is not ideal for no trumps; 4 ♠ should be preferred.

Declarer loses the first three club tricks. The only chance of making the contract is to set up the fifth round of hearts. Declarer should set about this at the first opportunity before drawing trumps. The ♠ Q and ♠ 10 will be needed as entries.

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Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

	♠ 8 7 5 ♥ K Q J ♦ Q 9 7 3 2 ♣ K J	
♠ Q J 10 9 4 3 ♥ 9 7 ♦ J 5 ♣ Q 5 2	N W E S	♠ A K 6 ♥ A 8 6 5 4 ♦ A 8 ♣ 9 4 3
12 **6 15** **7**	♠ 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ K 10 6 4 ♣ A 10 8 7 6	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	All pass		
3 ♠ by West			
Lead: ♥ K			

East has 15 high card points, good trump support and a diamond doubleton. East should bid 2 NT. West shows a minimum weak two by repeating the spade suit. East will pass

Declarer should win the opening lead and immediately continue hearts to set up a trick in this suit. Note that it would be a mistake to draw trumps as this suit is needed for entries to ruff the heart suit good.

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Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ Q 10 5
♦ A K 6 5 4 3
♣ 7 6

♠ A K 10 7
♥ 8 6 2
♦ J 2
♣ Q 9 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 6 4 2
♥ 9
♦ Q 9 7
♣ A 10 8

9
10 9
12

♠ 9
♥ A K J 7 4 3
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 4 3

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	

4 ♥ by South
Lead: ♠ A

South responds with 2 ♥. This shows a six-card suit or very good five-card suit. A new suit at the two-level is constructive but not Game forcing. A new suit at the three level would be Game forcing. With maximum and three card support, North can bid Game.

South can can ruff the likely spade continuation, draw one round of trumps with the ♥ A. Now declarer can play ♦ A and ♦ K, and ruff a diamond high in hand to set the suit up.

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Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ J 8
♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ A K 7 6 4

♠ A K J 8 2
♥ K 9
♦ Q 6 3
♣ Q 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 6 4
♥ A 7 5 4 3 2
♦ J 5
♣ 2

8
15 7
10

♠ 9 7
♥ Q 10 6
♦ A K 10 2
♣ J 10 9 8

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

4 ♠ by West
Lead: ♣ A

With a four-card spade suit and only one trump honour, East should not open a weak two. When West bids 1 ♠, East can add three for the singleton, one for the doubleton and bid 3 ♠.

If one is dealt the ace and king in suit, it is normally right to lead it. Declarer can make the contract by drawing trumps and setting up the heart suit. Note that 4 ♥ should not make.

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