

Texas Two Step

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

Lead: ♦ Q. Top of touching honors.

Auction: East opens 1 ♠ showing 5+ spades and 13-21 total points. South and North pass throughout. West, as Responder knows the Partnership belongs in spades and reevaluates the hand by subtracting out the heart Long Suit Point and adding a +1 for the doubleton club and a +1 for the ♠ Q Honor Upgrade.

West responds 2 ♥ showing 11+ total points and at least 5 hearts. East rebids 3 ♦ showing 5 spades and at least 4 diamonds. West completes the Texas Two Step by rebidding 4 ♠. East knows West has at least 3 spades and 13+ total points.

Declarer: Counting losers from East's hand: 1 heart, 1 diamond and 1 club. The key to making this hand is to place the ♦ J in South's hand based on the opening lead. Win the opening lead with the ♦ A ~ preserving the ♦ K10 tenace. Pull trump and finesse South out of the ♦ J by playing low to the ♦ 10. Diamonds are 4-2 so East still has 1 diamond loser, but not 2!

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Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

<p>♠ Q 10 9</p> <p>♥ 3 2</p> <p>♦ 10 4 2</p> <p>♣ A Q 7 5 4</p>	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K 2</p> <p>♥ A K 10 6 5</p> <p>♦ Q 7 3</p> <p>♣ J 10 9</p>
		<p>♠ 8 6 5 4</p> <p>♥ J 9 7</p> <p>♦ A 8 6</p> <p>♣ K 8 3</p>

<p>♠ A J 7 3</p> <p>♥ Q 8 4</p> <p>♦ K J 9 5</p> <p>♣ 6 2</p>

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			

Lead: ♣ 3. Low from 3 or more in an unbid suit.

Auction: North opens 1 ♥ showing 5+ hearts and 13-21 total points. East and West pass throughout. As Responder, South knows the Partnership belongs in hearts and reevaluates the hand ~ subtracting out Long Suit Points (there are none) and adding 1 point for the doubleton club. South also adds an Honor Upgrade point for the ♥ Q in Partner's 5+-card suit.

11 HCP

1 SSP

1 HUP

13 Total Points.

Responder now knows the Partnership belongs in a major suit game. However, Responder can't jump to 4 ♥ because that would show the Weak Freak! Instead, South responds 1 ♠ showing 6+ total points and 4+ spades. REMEMBER: New Suit by Responder is Forcing!

North rebids 1 NT showing a 5-3-3-2 shape and 12-14 total points. South rebids 4 ♥ to complete the Texas Two Step showing 3+-card heart support and 13+ total points.

Declarer: Declarer counts losers from North's hand: 1 diamond and 2 clubs. Making 4!