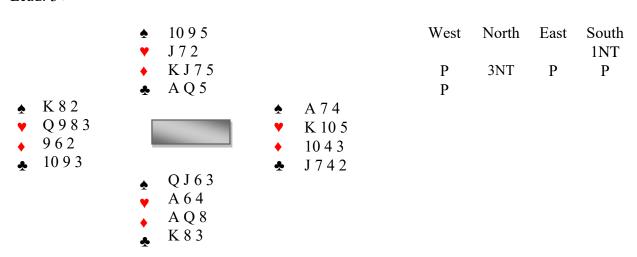
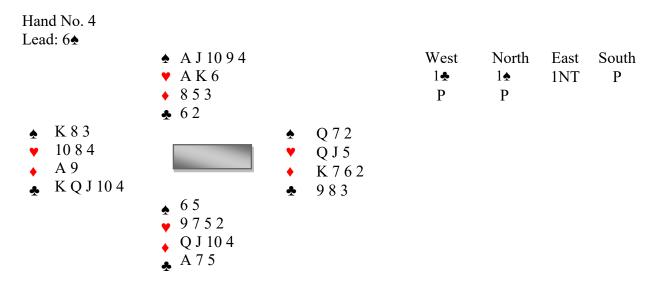
Hand No. 3 Lead: 3♥



Declarer has eight top tricks and hopes to establish a spade trick before the opponents set up the heart suit. If declarer plays low from dummy, east must play 10, saving the K to capture the J. If east plays the K at trick one, declarer wins the A and can win a second heart trick by leading toward the J. Of course if declarer plays J from dummy at trick one, east must play the K, holding declarer to one heart trick.



North should play  $9 \spadesuit$  on the first trick, allowing east to win  $Q \spadesuit$ . When south gains the lead with  $A \spadesuit$ , a second spade lead traps the K, allowing the defence to win four spade tricks and defeat the contract. Notice what would happen if north played  $A \spadesuit$  at trick one. Declarer would win both  $Q \spadesuit$  and  $K \spadesuit$ .