

# Trapping Honours

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Hand No. 3

Lead: 3♥

|           |  |           |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|--|------|-------|------|-------|
|           |  | ♠ 10 9 5  |           |  | West | North | East | South |
|           |  | ♥ J 7 2   |           |  |      |       |      | 1NT   |
|           |  | ♦ K J 7 5 |           |  | P    | 3NT   | P    | P     |
|           |  | ♣ A Q 5   |           |  | P    |       |      |       |
| ♠ K 8 2   |  |           | ♠ A 7 4   |  |      |       |      |       |
| ♥ Q 9 8 3 |  |           | ♥ K 10 5  |  |      |       |      |       |
| ♦ 9 6 2   |  |           | ♦ 10 4 3  |  |      |       |      |       |
| ♣ 10 9 3  |  |           | ♣ J 7 4 2 |  |      |       |      |       |
|           |  | ♠ Q J 6 3 |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|           |  | ♥ A 6 4   |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|           |  | ♦ A Q 8   |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|           |  | ♣ K 8 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.

Hand No. 4

Lead: 6♠

|              |  |              |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|--------------|--|--------------|-----------|--|------|-------|------|-------|
|              |  | ♠ A J 10 9 4 |           |  | West | North | East | South |
|              |  | ♥ A K 6      |           |  | 1♣   | 1♠    | 1NT  | P     |
|              |  | ♦ 8 5 3      |           |  | P    | P     |      |       |
|              |  | ♣ 6 2        |           |  |      |       |      |       |
| ♠ K 8 3      |  |              | ♠ Q 7 2   |  |      |       |      |       |
| ♥ 10 8 4     |  |              | ♥ Q J 5   |  |      |       |      |       |
| ♦ A 9        |  |              | ♦ K 7 6 2 |  |      |       |      |       |
| ♣ K Q J 10 4 |  |              | ♣ 9 8 3   |  |      |       |      |       |
|              |  | ♠ 6 5        |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|              |  | ♥ 9 7 5 2    |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|              |  | ♦ Q J 10 4   |           |  |      |       |      |       |
|              |  | ♣ A 7 5      |           |  |      |       |      |       |

North should play 9♠ on the first trick, allowing east to win Q♠. When south gains the lead with A♣, 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♠ at trick one. Declarer would win both Q♠ and K♠.

