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Analysis of Hands 7 & 8

7	Dealer: South Both Vulnerable			
	West	North	East	South
♠ 1085				2 ♥
♥ AQ7	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
♦ AK87	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
♣ Q93	4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
♠ 632				
♥ 93				
♦ 6543				
♣ AK42				
♠ AQJ94				
♥ 82				
♦ QJ109				
♣ 76				
♠ K7				
♥ KJ10654				
♦ 2				
♣ J1085				
Opening Lead: ♥ 9				

North uses a transfer bid to show a spade suit and then bids 3NT to show at least 10 points. West corrects to four spades. Note that 3NT would be defeated if south were to switch to a club after winning K♠.

8	Dealer: West Neither Vulnerable			
	West	North	East	South
♠ KJ9876	2 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
♥ 95	Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
♦ A64	Pass			
♣ 107	Pass			
♠ AQ5				
♥ KJ4				
♦ K1085				
♣ KJ8				
♠ 104				
♥ A2				
♦ J32				
♣ AQ9432				
♠ 32				
♥ Q108763				
♦ Q97				
♣ 65				
Opening Lead: ♠ 10				

After north's no-trump overcall, south transfers to hearts and then passes. Three hearts is by no means certain to make, but going down one is better than allowing E-W to play in two spades.