

LEBENSOHL PART 2 CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

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STANDARD METHODS

SUIT BIDS AT THE 2 LEVEL ARE

NATURAL & NON-FORCING



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NEW SUITS AT THE 3 LEVEL ARE

NATURAL & GAME FORCING



STANDARD METHODS

CUE BID İS **GAME FORCING STAYMAN**



LEBENSOHL

This convention is used in competitive auctions, after 1NT, only when our systems are NOT ON!

The 2NT bid begins a sequence designed to give us maximum flexibility in competitive auctions.



THE 2NT BID IS A RELAY

This is always the same.

2NT RELAYS TO 3 CLUBS

OPENER MUST BID 3 CLUBS

(**NOT A TRANSFER**)



AFTER THE RELAY TO 3 CLUBS

<u>3NT</u> Game forcing natural **with a stopper** in the opponent's suit.

CUE BID

Game forcing Stayman with a stopper in the opponent's suit.

SLOW APPROACH SHOWS STOPPER.



AFTER THE RELAY TO 3 CLUBS

PASS SIGN OFF IN CLUBS



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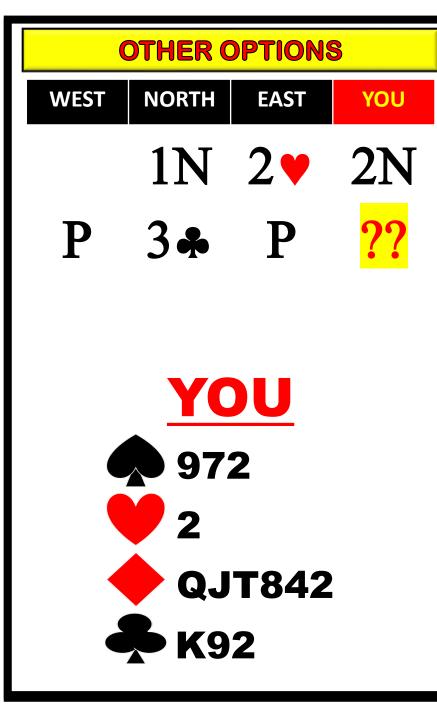
<u>3 OF A NEW SUIT</u>

NATURAL VALUES DEPEND ON WHAT BIDS WERE AVAILABLE AT THE 2 LEVEL.





ANY NEW SUIT AT THE TWO LEVEL DIRECTLY





ANY NEW SUIT, AFTER RELAY, THAT WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE 2 LEVEL ORIGINALLY



INVITE SEQUENCES

ANY NEW SUIT, AFTER RELAY, THAT WAS AVAILABLE AT THE 2 LEVEL IS

NATURAL & INVITATIONAL

SIGN OFF or INVITATIONAL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU	
Р	1N 3♣	2♥ ₽	2N 3	- SO
WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU	
	1N	2 ♦	2N	
Ρ	3*	Р	<mark>3♥</mark>	INV

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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ALERT!

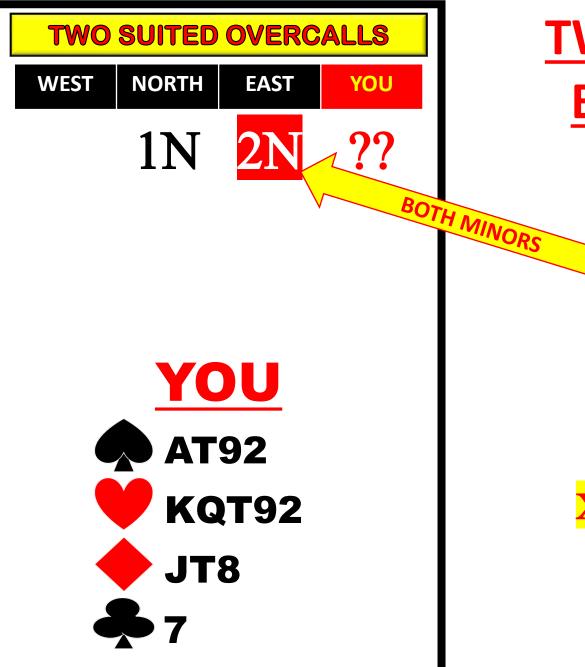
These days, many partnerships are playing some form of system when they overcall our 1NT. The most common situations that concern us are below;

- Single suited hands
 - Suit is known
 - Suit is unknown
- Two suited hands
 - One suit is known
 - Both suits are known



OUR SYSTEMS ARE STILL ON IN THE SITUATIONS BELOW

- Single suited hands
 - Suit is known
 - JUST LIKE NORMAL LEBENSOHL.
 - Suit is unknown (usually X or 2C)
 - JUST LIKE NORMAL
- Two suited hands
 - One suit is known
 - HERE WE CAN USE LEBENSOHL WITH THE KNOWN SUIT AS OUR TARGET.



TWO SUITED HANDS WHEN BOTH SUITS ARE KNOWN



- 3♣ STAYMAN
- 3♦ TRANSFER TO ♥
- 3♥ TRANSFER TO ♠

 $\frac{\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{DESIRE TO PENALIZE AT LEAST}}{\mathbf{ONE OF THE KNOWN SUITS}}$

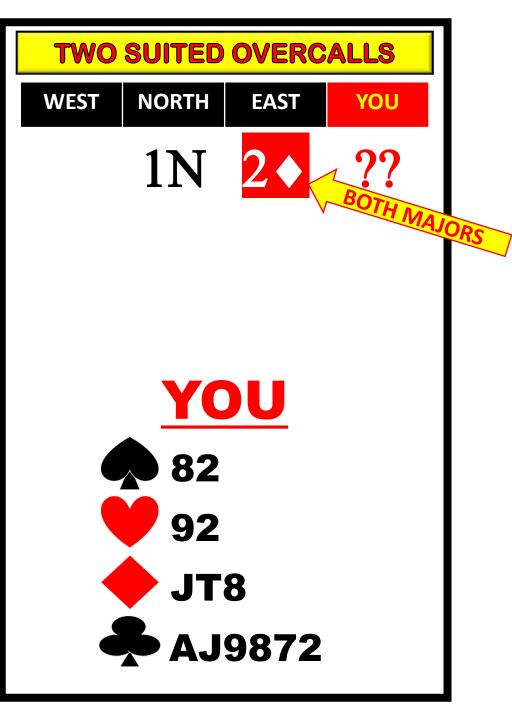


AFTER 2C = BOTH MAJORS

NO NEED FOR TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS

- $2 \blacklozenge NATURAL SIGNOFF$
- $2 \checkmark INVITATIONAL+ WITH \clubsuit$
- $2 \bigstar INVITATIONAL+ WITH \blacklozenge$
- 2N INVITATIONAL
- **3♣ NATURAL SIGNOFF**

X = DESIRE TO PENALIZE AT LEAST ONE OF THE KNOWN SUITS

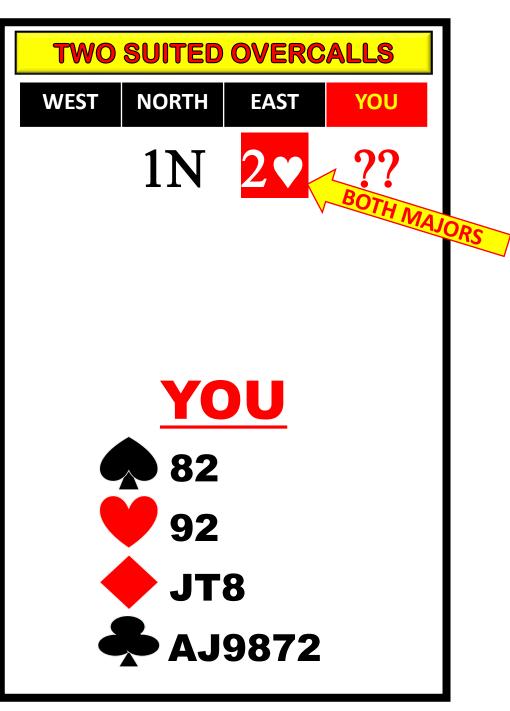


AFTER 2 D = BOTH MAJORS

NO NEED FOR TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS

- $2 \checkmark INVITATIONAL+ WITH \clubsuit$
- $2 \bigstar INVITATIONAL+ WITH \blacklozenge$
- 2N INVITATIONAL
- **3♣** − NATURAL SIGNOFF
- **3♦** NATURAL SIGNOFF

X = DESIRE TO PENALIZE AT LEAST ONE OF THE KNOWN SUITS



AFTER 2H = BOTH MAJORS

NO NEED FOR TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS

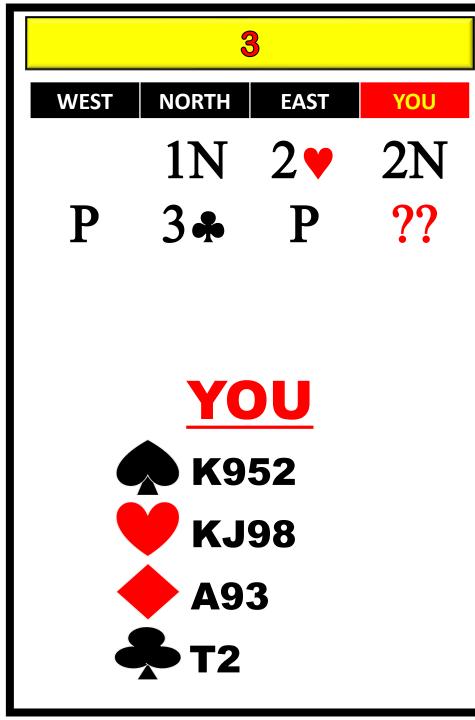
- $2 \bigstar INVITATIONAL OR \clubsuit$
- 2N BOTH MINORS
- 3 INITATIONAL + WITH +
- **3♦** NATURAL SIGNOFF

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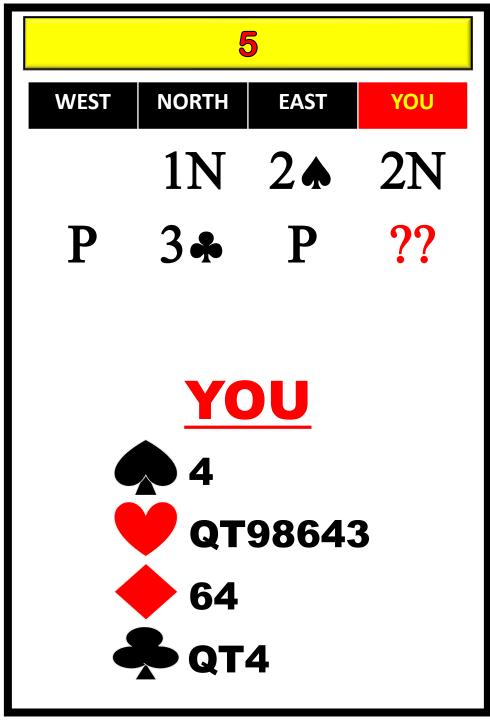
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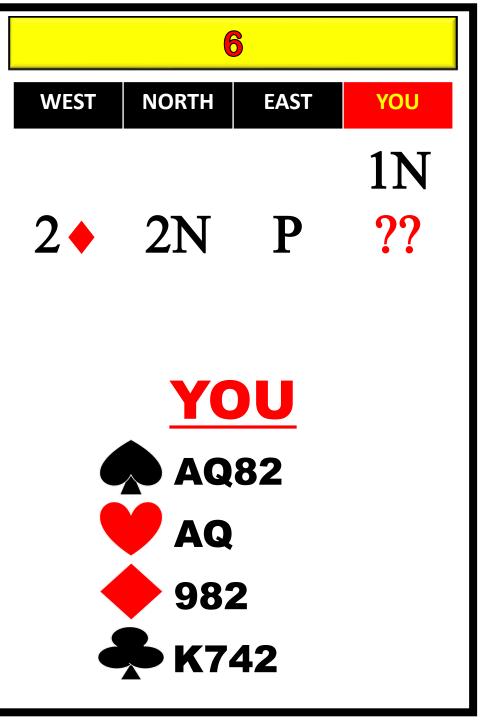


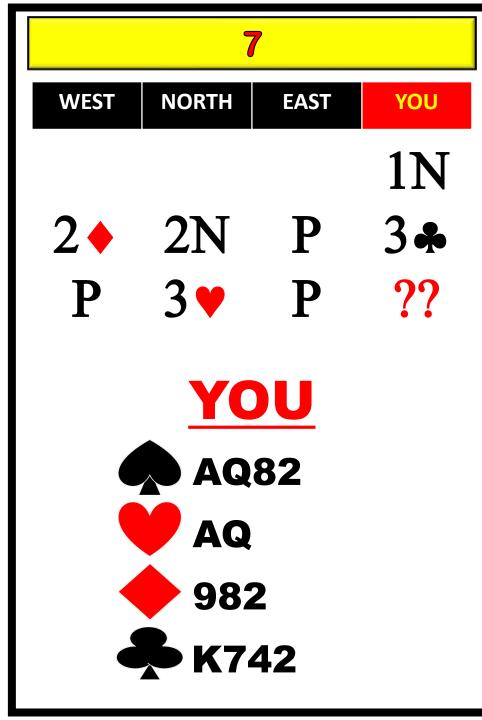








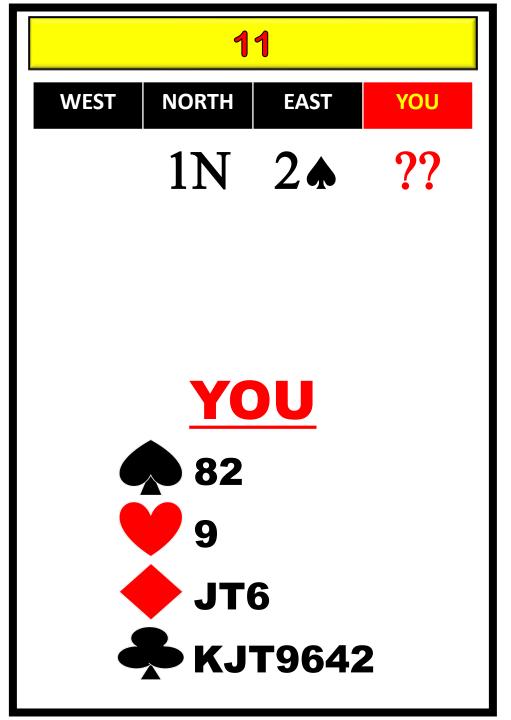




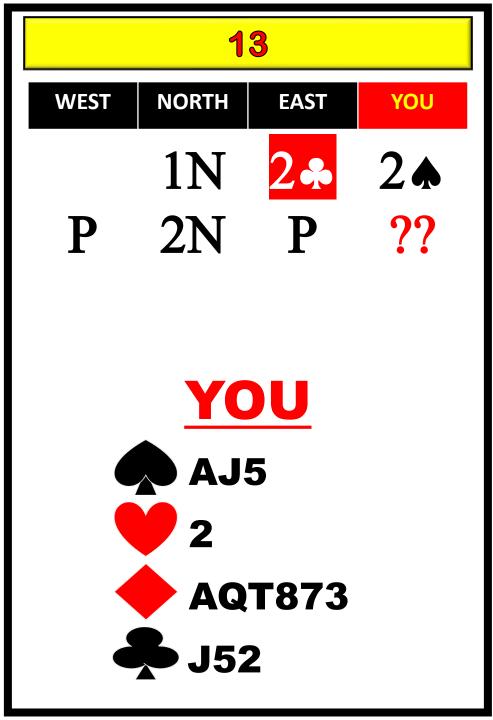
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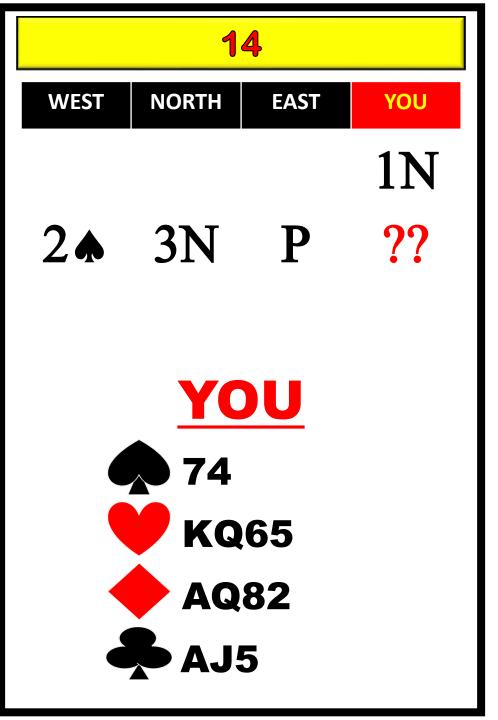


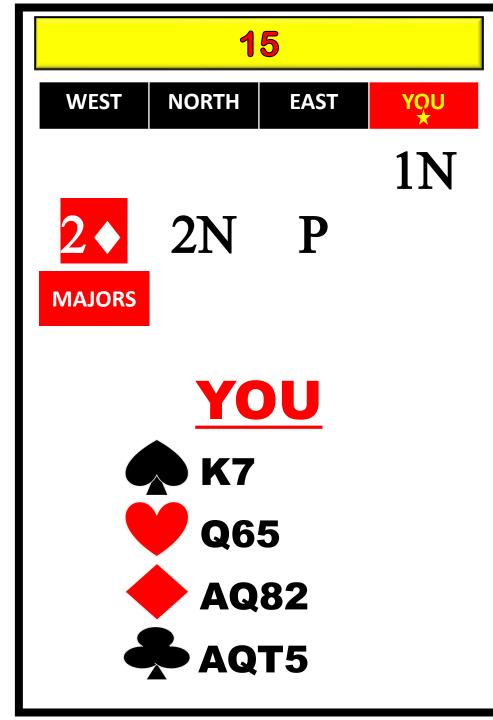


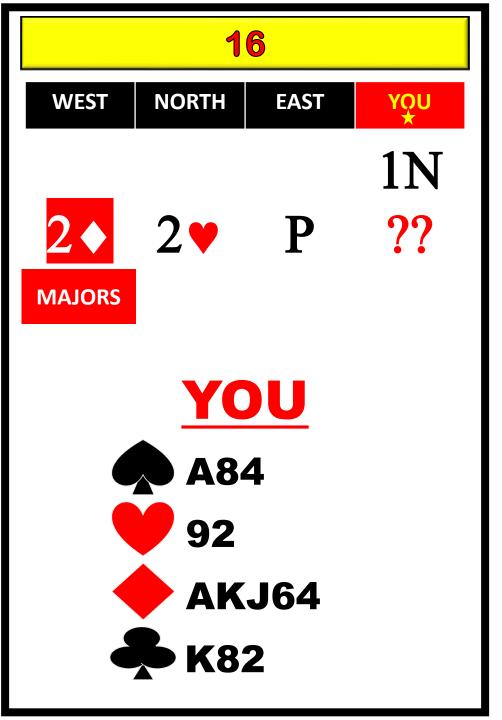








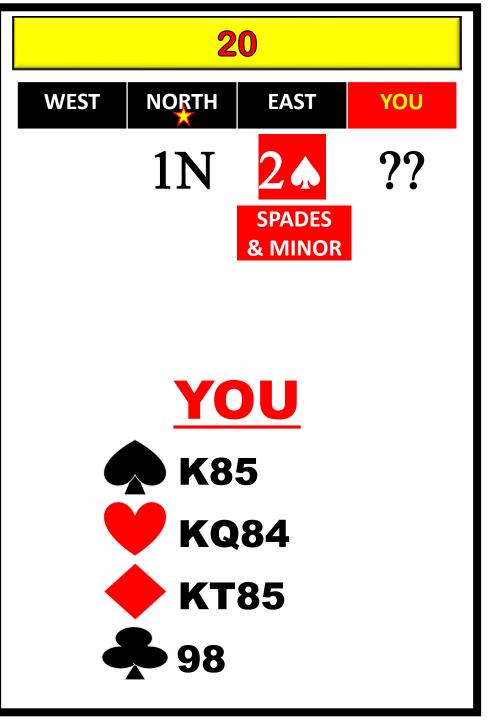


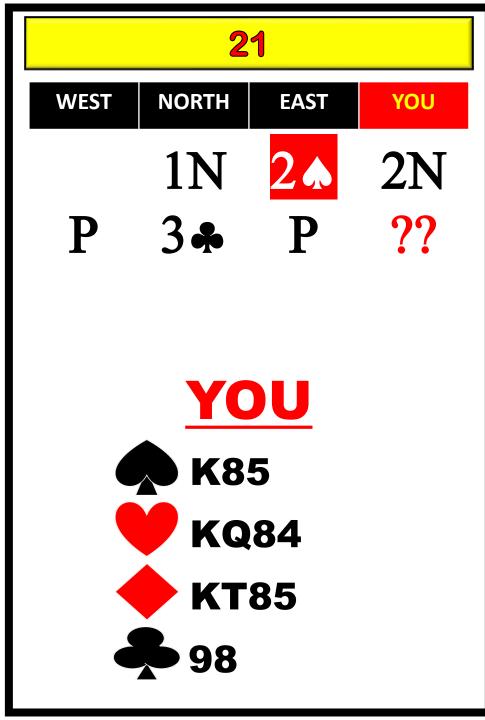


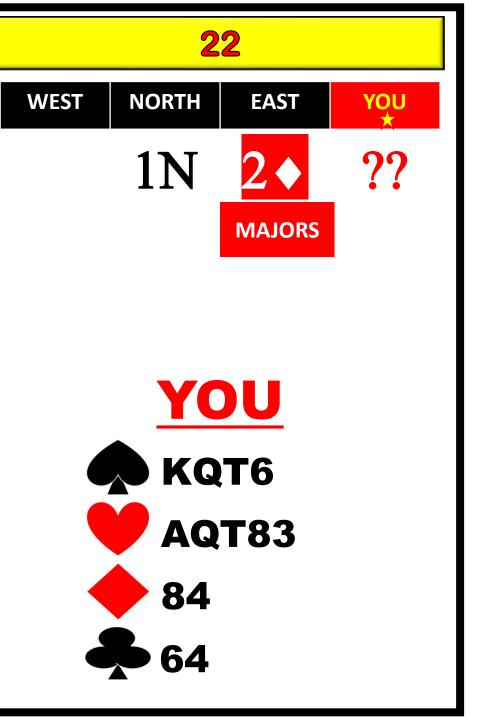


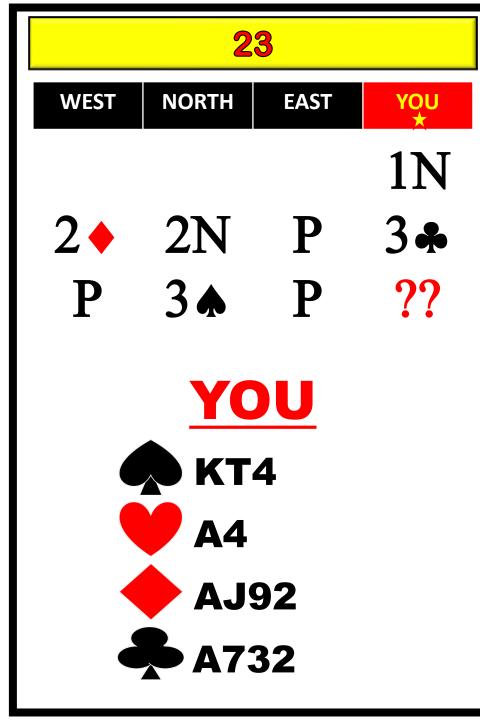






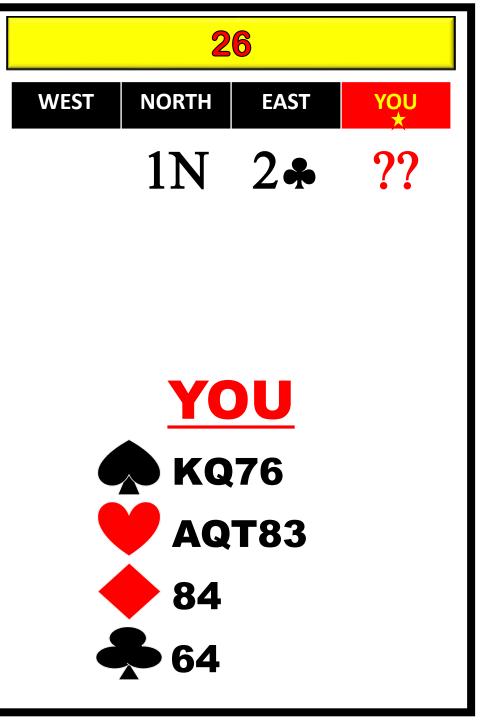


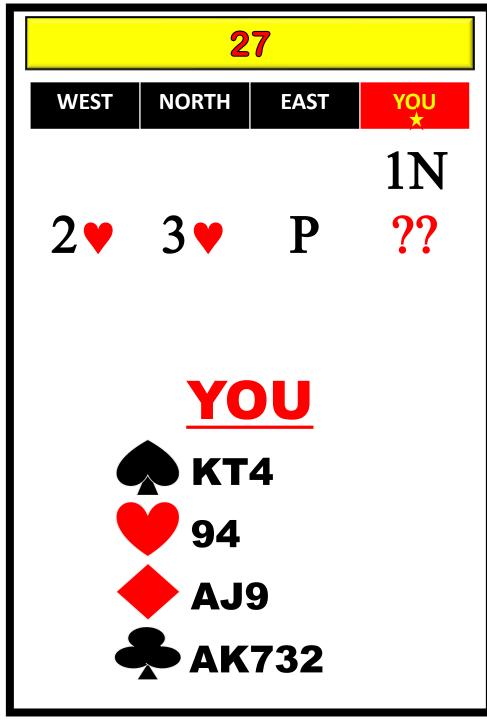


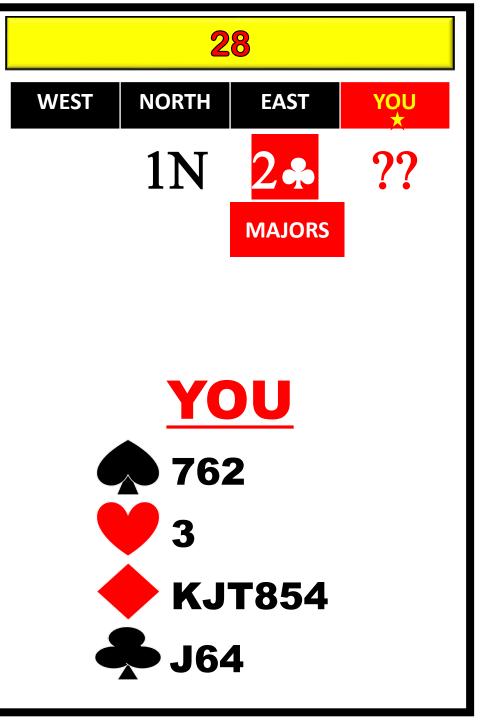


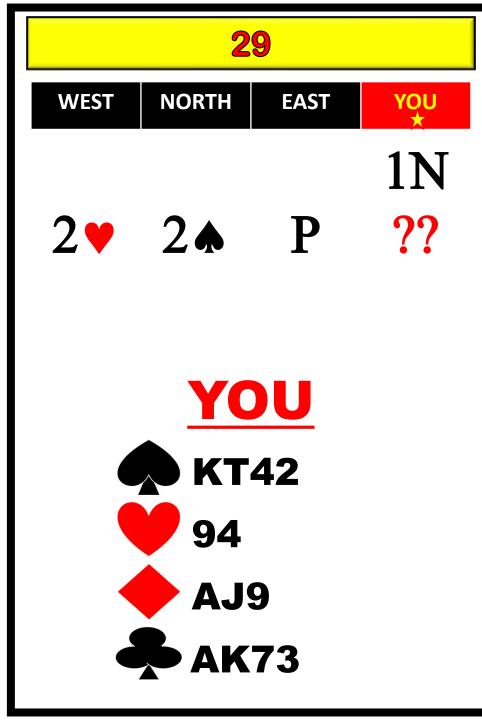














ANSWERS TO NUMBERED HANDS

- 1. 2H TRANSFER
- 2. 2N SLOW SHOWS
- 3. 3H STAYMAN
- 4. 2N
- 5. 3H SIGNOFF
- 6. 3C FORCED
- 7. PASS PARTNER IS INVITING
- 8. PASS PARTNER IS SIGNING OFF
- 9. 2N
- 10. 3H INVITE
- 11. 2N
- 12. 25 DIAMONDS AND INVITATIONAL+
- 13. 3N
- 14. 4D − NO STOPPER 😕
- 15. 3N PARTNER'S 2N = INVITATIONAL

- 16. 3C PARTNER'S 2H = CLUBS
- 17. 2N
- 18. 3D SIGNOFF
- 19. 3H NATURAL GAME FORCING
- 20. 2N
- 21. 3S STAYMAN WITH A STOPPER
- 22. X PENALTY FOR 1 OR BOTH SUITS
- 23. 4S PARTNER'S 3S = NAT & INVITATIONAL
- 24. 2N 2N
- 25. 3H SIGNOFF
- 26. X STAYMAN
- 27. 4C PARTNER'S 3H = STAYMAN WITHOUT STOPPER
- 28. 2D SIGNOFF
- 29. PASS PARTNER IS SIGNING OFF
- **30. 2N SLOW APPROACH SHOWS STOPPER**