

2025 Houston Regional Gary King - February 3, 2025

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 5
♥ J 10
♦ K J 10 9
♣ 5 4 3



♠ 10 4 3
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ Q
♣ K Q 10 7 6

West	North	East	South
	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

You are South. Partner wins the ♣ A and returns the ♣ 2. You win and cash a third club with partner discarding the ♦ 2 while declarer follows with the ♣ J. What next?

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul



♠ J 8 4 2
♥ 10 6
♦ J 9 8
♣ Q J 8 7

♠ 10
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q 5 3
♣ 10 6 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 NT	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

You are South. Partner leads the ♥ A and you start a High-Low signal with the ♥ 10. Partner continues with the ♥ K and a third round of hearts trumped by the ♠ 10 in dummy. What next?

Board 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 7
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ K 4
♣ Q J 10 2



♠ A 9 5 4
♥ A K J 8 7
♦ 7 5
♣ 7 6

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: ♥ A

You are South. North plays the ♥ 10 on trick 1 and the ♥ Q when you cash the ♥ K. Declarer follows to both. What next?

Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul



♠ A
♥ A K Q 10 8
♦ 6 3
♣ 10 7 4 3 2

♠ 5 4 3
♥ 9 7 5 2
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 NT	2 ♥
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

You are South. You win the ♥ Q and continue with the ♥ A. Declarer follows low and then with the ♥ J and partner the ♥ 3. A third big heart is trumped by declarer with the ♠ Q. Declarer next plays the ♣ J to the ♣ K and leads a spade won by your ♠ A. What next?