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Barbara Seagram on Defense - Lesson 2 Review Hands

Board 1, 9, 17 & 25

S – J86
 H – J43
 D – KQ876
 C – A2

S – Q9
 H – AK10872
 D – A2
 C – 1094

S – 102
 H – 96
 D – 10543
 C – 86543

S – AK7543
 H – Q5
 D – J9
 C – KQJ

West	North	East	South
			1S
2H	3H	Pass	4S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Bidding:

- **1S** 16 HCP + 2 for the 6-card spade suit, but subtract 1 point each for H-Qx and D-J9. Short suit queens and jacks are not worth full value. This S hand is worth 16 total points.
- **2H** W has a sound overcall with a good 6-card suit and outside ace.
- **3H** In competition, a cue bid of the opponent's suit shows a limit raise (10-12) or better. A jump to 3S should be played as a weak raise with 4+ trumps.
- **4S** S has enough for game opposite 10-12.

The Lead: H-A

Defensive Strategy: *E can see 11 HCP between his hand and dummy. Partner should have 5+ hearts and close to opening points with his 2 level overcall. If partner has 5 hearts, then S would have 3 hearts and a ruff is possible. E should give an encouraging signal with the H-9. W can see 24 HCP. Declarer will have most of the rest for his game bid after the limit raise. E is unlikely to have C-K, so the only chance for a fourth trick is a trump promotion. When W plays high-low on the H-AK, W should continue with the H-10. The H-10 asks E to return diamonds, the higher of the remaining suits. E should ruff high hoping to promote a spade trick in his partner's hand. Once W gets in with his S-Q, he takes the D-A as the setting trick.*

Declarer's Plan:

Analyze the lead & think about distribution: The lead is from AKxxx(x)

Count Losers: We have 2 hearts, 1 diamond and 1 possible spade loser if one opponent has the Qxx

Declarer strategy (with defender comments): We can play H-Q under the H-A lead, hoping W will shift to another suit. *However, this should not work, because East's H-9 signal can only be from H-9x or H-9 singleton.*

If W continues playing hearts, trusting his partner's encouraging signal and E ruffs high, there is nothing we can do to stop the defense from taking the four tricks. If W leads any other suit, we will pull trump, dropping W's S-Q and lose one diamond and two hearts, making four.