

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ K 9 5 2 ♣ 9 3	♠ K 9 3 ♥ A 7 6 5 4 ♦ J 8 ♣ Q 7 4
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	♠ J 7 6 5 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ A K 10 5
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10 8 8 14	♠ A ♥ K 10 8 2 ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ J 8 6 2
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			
Lead: ♣ A			

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ A, dummy played the ♣ 2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

If you signal with the ♣ 9 East will continue with the ♣ K and another which you will have to ruff. You will give up your NATURAL trump trick by doing so. Worse, you will allow South's ♣ J to be established as a winner that North can later discard a ♦ on.

Much better to play low. Partner will surely switch to a ♦, and North will probably finesse, though it doesn't matter whether he does or not. You will win the ♦ K, return the ♣ 9 back to East's ♣ K, and still have your trump trick for later.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

3
7 18
12

West

2 ♥

Pass
4 ♥ by East
Lead: ♠ A

♠ 9 3
♥ 5 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ J 9 6 5 2



♠ 8 5
♥ A K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 10 9
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K 8 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	4 ♥	Pass

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ A, North plays the ♠ 9, East the ♠ 5. You assume North has signaled you to continue ♠s, so you play the ♠ Q. On this trick North plays the ♠ 3 and East the ♠ 8. How will you continue?

When you have made your choice

You might just switch suits, but you have a better choice.

If you play your ♠ Q, North won't bother ruffing, East WILL ruff and dummy's ♠ J will be established as a winner.

The best procedure is to lead a low ♠. North will ruff and East will over-ruff but by playing this way you stop the establishment of West's ♠ J. As you can see, East would have been able to discard

a loser on that ♠ J if you hadn't played this way.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

6
6 9
19

West

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5



♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♥ Q

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ Q, you played low and South won the ♥ A.

South now plays the ♦ J on which West plays the ♦ 2. What do you play now, and what is your plan.

When you have made your choice

North hoped his ♦ suit would provide enough tricks to make the game. You can see that there is no entry to the North hand EXCEPT in ♦s, so you want to win your ♦ A on the trick that South plays his last ♦. How can you tell which trick that is?

Only by watching what West plays. On the ♦ J West played the ♦ 2, a low card signaling that he held an ODD number of ♦s. ODD must be either one or three so when he followed to the next ♦ you know he started with three. A little bit of counting tells you that South started with the doubleton Jack, so you want to win the second ♦ trick.

This defense holds South to one ♦ tricks, if you had let him win the second one he would have had 9 tricks.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 4
 ♥ A K
 ♦ J 10 9 5
 ♣ A K Q J

9
 19 7
 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 5
 ♥ Q 10 6 4
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ 10 5 2

♠ K Q 9 3
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

West North East South
 1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass
 3 NT by West
 Lead: ♥ 4

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, South plays the ♥ J, won by West with ♥ A.

West plays the ♠ J, you follow with ♠ 5, dummy ♠ 3 and South plays the ♠ 2. West continues with the ♠ T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

South's ♠ 2 tells you he had an ODD number of ♠s, obviously 3. Since West also must have 3, you must take your ♠ A on the third round, depriving dummy of the extra ♠ trick.

West may now turn to the ♦ suit, but your side can win the first ♦ and drive out West's ♥ K. You will win 2 ♥s, 2 ♦s and the ♠ A, down 1

Deal 5 ♠ K 9 3
North Deals ♥ A 7 6 5 4
N-S Vul ♦ J 8
 ♣ Q 7 4
♠ Q 10 8 4 ♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 9 ♥ 3
♦ K 9 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4
♣ 9 3 ♣ A K 10 5



♠ A
♦ K 10 8 2
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2

10
8
14

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

W N E S

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

3
7 12 18

Deal 7

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K Q 10 9 4
♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ J 6 2

6
6 9
19
♠ Q 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ J 6
♣ A K Q 10 4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2

9
19 7

♦ J 9 5 2

5

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3

Deal 9 ♠ K 9 3
North Deals ♥ A 7 6 5 4
E-W Vul ♦ J 8
 ♣ Q 7 4
♠ Q 10 8 4 ♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 9 ♥ 3
♦ K 9 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4
♣ 9 3 ♣ A K 10 5



♠ A
♦ K 10 8 2
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2

10
8 8
14

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

W N E S

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

3
7 12 18

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K Q 10 9 4
♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3 ♠ A 10 5 2
♥ Q J 10 7 ♥ 8 5 3
♦ 8 5 2 ♦ A 7 3
♣ 8 3 ♣ J 6 2

 N
W E
 S

 ♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ A K Q 10 4

6
6 9
19

Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul
♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2
♠ J 10 4
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A K Q J

9
19 7
5

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3

Deal 13

North Deals ♠ K 9 3
Both Vul ♥ A 7 6 5 4
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ Q 7 4

♠ Q 10 8 4 ♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 9 ♥ 3
♦ K 9 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4
♣ 9 3 ♣ A K 10 5

 N
W E
 S

 ♠ A
 ♥ K 10 8 2
 ♦ A Q 7 3
 ♣ J 8 6 2

10
8 8
14

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

W N E S

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

3
7 18
12

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

N
W S E

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

6
6 9
19

Deal 16

West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 10 4
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A K Q J

9
19 7
5

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3

Deal 17 ♠ K 9 3
North Deals ♥ A 7 6 5 4
None Vul ♦ J 8
 ♣ Q 7 4
♠ Q 10 8 4 ♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 9 ♥ 3
♦ K 9 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4
♣ 9 3 ♣ A K 10 5



♠ A
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2

10
8 8
14

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

W N E S

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

3
7 18
12

Deal 19South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

N
W S E

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

6
6 9
19

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2

9
19 7

♥ J 9 5 2

5

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3

Deal 21 ♠ K 9 3
North Deals ♥ A 7 6 5 4
N-S Vul ♦ J 8
 ♣ Q 7 4
♠ Q 10 8 4 ♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 9 ♥ 3
♦ K 9 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4
♣ 9 3 ♣ A K 10 5



♠ A
♦ K 10 8 2
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2

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8
14

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

N



E

S

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

3
7 12 18

Deal 23South Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K Q 10 9 4
♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ J 6 2

6
6 9
19

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ J 6
♣ A K Q 10 4

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2

9
19 7

♥ J 9 5 2

5

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3

Deal 25

North Deals ♠ K 9 3
E-W Vul ♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ J 8
♣ Q 7 4
♠ Q 10 8 4 ♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 9 ♥ 3
♦ K 9 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4
♣ 9 3 ♣ A K 10 5

 ♠ A
 ♥ K 10 8 2
 ♦ A Q 7 3
 ♣ J 8 6 2



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8 8
14

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q



♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

**3
7 12 18**

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

6
6 9
19

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

Deal 28

West Deals
N-S Vul
♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2
♠ J 10 4
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A K Q J

9
19 7
5

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3

Deal 29 ♠ K 9 3
North Deals ♥ A 7 6 5 4
Both Vul ♦ J 8
 ♣ Q 7 4
♠ Q 10 8 4 ♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 9 ♥ 3
♦ K 9 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4
♣ 9 3 ♣ A K 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ A
10
8 8
14
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

3
7 18
12

Deal 31

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K Q 10 9 4
♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ J 6 2

6
6 9
19

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ J 6
♣ A K Q 10 4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2

♠ J 10 4
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A K Q J

9
19 7
5

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3

Deal 33

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ Q J 9
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ 9 3

♠ K 9 3
♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ J 8
♣ Q 7 4

♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ 3
♦ 10 6 4
♣ A K 10 5

♠ A
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2



10
8 8
14

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 10 7 3

W N E S

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

3
7 12 18

Deal 35

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K Q 10 9 4
♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3 ♠ A 10 5 2
♥ Q J 10 7 ♥ 8 5 3
♦ 8 5 2 ♦ A 7 3
♣ 8 3 ♣ J 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ J 6
♣ A K Q 10 4

6
6 9
19

Deal 36

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 10 4
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A K Q J

9
19 7
5

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3