

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5 4 2

♥ J 10 2

♦ Q 10 4 3

♣ 4

♠ A

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 9 8 7



♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ Q 9 8 5

♦ 9

♣ 10 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ K 7 4

♦ A J 8 7 6 2

♣ 5 3

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 3 7
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West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

5 NT

Pass

6 ♦

Pass

7 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 ♣ by North

Lead: ♣ K

North is to play 7 ♣. East leads the ♣ K.

So you take the ♣ A, pull three rounds of trumps and play ♦ K.

But when you lead to the ♦ A East discards a small ♠.

Think squeeze instead. Ruff a ♦. This turns the ♦ J into a Threat card against West's ♦ Q.

But, the ♠ J is already a Threat card against East's ♠ Q.

East can afford to discard the ♠ 9 and the ♦ 5.

West can spare his two ♠s.

East cannot throw the ♠ Q, so he gives up the ♦ 8. Dummy's ♠ J is of no further value so you dump it.

West cannot throw the ♦ Q, so he gives up the ♦ 2.

And you take the last three tricks with the ♥ suit. There were only two defenders; one of them had to guard ♠s and the other had to guard ♦s. There was nobody left to guard ♥s.

Deal 2	♠ Q 4		
South Deals	♥ J 9 7 3		
None Vul	♦ K 7 5		
	♣ 8 6 5 2		
♠ A K J 8 6 5 3 2	♠ 10 9 7		
♥ 8 6 2	♥ 4		
♦ 10	♦ Q J 9 4 2		
♣ 7	♣ J 10 9 3		
	♠ —		
6 8 4 22	♥ A K Q 10 5 ♦ A 8 6 3 ♣ A K Q 4		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			
Lead: ♠ A			

discards you will throw the opposite one.

Yet another slam, courtesy of the Squeeze Play!

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♠ A.

So you ruff the ♠, pull trumps in three rounds, then play ♣ A K and get the bad news when West discards a ♠.

And since West had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that East guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze East in ♣s and ♦s, but first you must lose a trick to rectify the count.

So you play a low ♦ from each hand.

He will then play the ♠ K, which you must ruff in your hand.

Play dummy's ♥ J.

East gets to choose his own fate - discarding a protector in one of the two suits. Of course, whichever suit he

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 10 8 4 2

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1 11
9

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	2 ♦	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by North			
Lead: ♦ K			

♠ —
 ♥ A K Q J 9 5
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ A K J 6

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♠ A Q 9 7 6 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K Q 10 2
 ♣ 9 7

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

Discard the ♠T and ♦7 from dummy.

East discards the ♠Q and ♠9.

He obviously is not going to throw his ♠A and make dummy high, so he will instead bare his ♦Q.

So you dump dummy's ♠K and win the last two tricks with the ♦A and then the ♦J.

North is to play 6 ♥. East leads the ♦K. Perhaps you wouldn't have bid slam with South's cards, but he has been watching you pull off some fantastic squeeze plays and he has every confidence you will do it again.

And you are 99.9% sure he also has the ♠A, so dummy's ♠K will also be a Threat card against him.

You should be able to squeeze him in the two suits. What is your first act?

But not this defender, not this time.

He exits with the ♥3 which you take with your ♥Q.

You throw a ♠ from dummy and East discards ♠s and ♦s.

Deal 4

East Deals	♠ 10 9 5
None Vul	♥ 7 5
	♦ A Q 10 7 2
	♣ A J 4

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

N
 W E
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11	♠ K Q J 8 7 4 2
4 13	♥ Q J 10
12	♦ J 3
	♣ Q

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

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ A

North's 2 ♥ cue-bid shows ♠ support and at least a limit-raise or better. South is to play 4 ♠. West leads the ♥ A, then a ♥ to East's ♥ K. East plays a third round of ♥s.

The reason you are seeing it like this is that you must do some deducing first.

You saw the bidding and you know that West started with the ♥ A and East started with the ♥ K.

Before you can make a good Plan you need to figure out where the ♠ A, ♦ K and ♣ K are located.

Now on with the plan. East/West took the first two ♥ tricks and then played a third ♥ which you won, discarding the ♦ 2 from dummy.

This pulls all the trumps and also serves to rectify the count for your upcoming squeeze.

**By the way, notice that if East had played any other way he would have handed you the contract.

So dummy's ♦ Q cannot be one of the Threat cards. Instead you must make the ♦ J in YOUR hand a Threat. You do that by playing the ♦ A immediately, a Vienna Coup.

Overtake dummy's ♠ T and run three more ♠s.

Discard all three ♦s from dummy.

East will discard his 2 ♥s, the ♦ 9 and the ♣ 6.

Play your ♠ 2 and discard dummy's ♣ 4.

Poor East will squirm and try to figure out which discard is best because he doesn't actually KNOW what two cards you have left.

But you aren't squirming because you know that whichever card he throws it will give you your contract.