

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♦ Q

♠ A J 10 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ A 8 3 2

North is to play 4 ♠. East leads the ♦ Q.
West plays the ♦ 9.

Make a Plan, then .

Losers: ♠=1 ♥=0 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 4

On the plus side dummy has an extra ♥ winner on which you could discard a loser from your hand. The danger is that when you take the trump finesse, East might win the ♠ K and put his partner in the lead with the ♦ K for a ♣ play through your ♣ K.

To prevent that from happening all you have to do is hold up on the first ♦. You have to lose one trick in the suit no matter what, so lose it right now to East, the Safe Hand. East continues with another ♦ which you win.

You go over to dummy with a ♥ and play the ♠ Q, letting it ride. East wins with his ♠ K, but cannot play ♣s from his side of the table without handing you a trick. Whatever else he plays you win, pull trumps, and discard a ♣ loser on dummy's fourth ♥.

At suit contracts the most common reason for a hold-up is to keep the Danger Hand from getting the lead.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9
 ♥ A 3 2
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ Q 9 5 4

6
 11 15
 8

West

3 NT

3 NT by East

Lead: ♥ K

♠ J 10 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ 10 8 3



♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q 10 8 5

♦ K 10 9

♣ 7 2

North

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

East is to play 3 NT. South leads the ♥ K.

Winners: ♠=3 ♥=1 ♦=0 ♣=4 Total = 8

Unless there is a miracle in the ♦s, (or a defensive error), you can't get a trick in that suit. But you have a chance for a second ♥ trick.

It's the Bath Coup again, just dressed up a little differently.

Let South hold the first trick, playing the ♥ 7 from your hand to conceal the ♥ 4 in the hope that South will continue the suit. If he does you have your ninth trick - if he doesn't, good luck.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4

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♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
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Pass			Pass
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3 NT by South			
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Lead: ♠ 7			
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South is to play 3 NT. West leads the ♠ 7.

Winners: ♠=1 ♥=2 ♦=3 ♣=0 Total = 6

It's pretty clear that your extra tricks are going to have to come from the ♣ suit. The danger here is that West may have a 5-card ♠ suit that he can establish and the ♣ A as an entry. So what is the best approach, hold up or not hold up?

To answer that question you must think about West's lead. Since he did not lead the ♠ K you know he doesn't have a suit headed by K Q J. So you can visualize East sitting there with a doubleton honor in ♠s. It might be ♠ K x, ♠ Q x or ♠ J x, but it is surely one of those three.

Think what East will do if you duck in dummy. He will play his honor, win the

trick, and clear the suit by leading his small x. If West can get in with the ♣ A he will run the ♠s.

But what will East do if you play dummy's ♠ A? If he plays his small one the ♠ suit will block. If he unblocks his honor card then your ♠ T 9 5 3 will provide a second stopper in the suit. So you go up with dummy's ♠ A and guarantee the contract.

Of course from now on you will recognize it.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A 8
♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q 10 8 5

♦ K 10 9

♣ 7 2

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A 8
♣ K 6



♠ K 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 8 3 2

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5 4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6

16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A 8
♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A 8
♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 20
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A 8
♣ K 6



♠ K 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 8 3 2

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5 4

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10 8 6

16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 28
 West Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ 7 4
 ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ K 9 6 2
 ♣ Q J 10 9

16
 6 10
 8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2
 ♥ K J 4
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ A Q 10 2
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ Q J 10 4
 ♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2
♥ 10 7 5
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6
♥ 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3
♥ A K 4
♦ A Q 7
♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4
♥ Q J 9 8
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ 8 7 2

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A 8
♣ K 6



♠ K 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 8 3 2

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5 4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

16
6 10
8

♠ A J 10 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ A 8 3 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 10 9 4

♣ A 5

10
8 6
16

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J 10 9 4



♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2