

**Deal 1**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
 9 8  
<sub>10</sub>

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

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	♦ 10 6		♣ A K 8 4	
	♦ 8 7 2			

♠ K Q 7 5 2  
 ♥ Q 4  
 ♦ 9 6 3  
 ♣ K 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You know partner also has the ♦ K, and normally you would give an encouraging signal when you hold the Queen. But with this hand you want partner to switch to ♣s as soon as possible. So you play a low ♦.

East looks at your signal, then looks at dummy, then looks at your signal. He knows you want a switch and it looks like a switch to ♣s might work the best. North plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by East with his ♦ K. East leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another ♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

**Deal 2**

South Deals	♠ A 10 3
None Vul	♥ 10 6
	♦ 9 7 2
	♣ K Q J 3 2

♠ 9 6 4	♠ 8
♥ A K 7 2	♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ A 8 6 3	♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 9 5	♣ 8 7 6
10	♠ K Q J 7 5 2
11 6	♥ 9 5
13	♦ K 5
	♣ A 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ A



You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ A, East puts on the ♥ Q. It's your play.

When you have made your choice

East's ♥ Q is either a singleton, (practically impossible), or a signal showing that he also holds the ♥ J. In either case you can reach the East hand on the second trick by playing a low ♥. Since you don't particularly want to start playing ♦s from your side, you go ahead and play a small ♥, won by East with the ♥ J.

East next plays the ♦ Q and however South tries it your side will take the next two ♦ tricks and set the contract.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ A Q  
 ♥ J 10 4  
 ♦ 10 7 4 3  
 ♣ A K J 2



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

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

When you have made your choice

As soon as dummy appears you can see 3 tricks for your side. Partner surely has the ♦ K to go with his Ace and you have a certain trump trick. However, that's all you can see.

Your best hope is that East may be able to win a ♠ trick, and it may be important for the first ♠ lead to come from your side of the table.

Your ♦ Q play informs partner that you also have the ♦ J, giving him the option of underleading his ♦ K to get to your hand.

East next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦ J. You return the ♠ T. This establishes East's ♠ K before North can pull trumps and discard one of dummy's ♠ s on his fourth ♣.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 5 2

♥ A Q 10 6

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ —

8  
7 8  
17

♠ 7

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A K J 9 6 4 2



♠ 10 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ Q 7 3

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

West

North

East

South

1 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 5

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ 5, East plays the ♠ T and South wins the ♠ K. To the second trick South plays the ♣ T and you must discard something.

When you have made your choice

You know that East has no high ♠ honor or he would have played it to the first trick. So South has the ♠ A Q left, plus all those ♣ tricks. You need to have West switch to a ♥ if possible.

East must be expecting to lead a ♠ back when he wins the ♣ Q which you hope he holds. Your ♠ J discard may make him rethink. If your ♠s were any good why would you be discarding a winner when all you had to do was toss a small red card?

Hopefully East will come to the conclusion that this is Suit Preference for a ♥ return and will play his ♥ J. Hopefully.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ J 8 5  
♥ A Q J 8 7 5 2  
♦ A K  
♣ K

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

♠ 9 6 2  
♥ K 10 6 3  
♦ Q 9 4  
♣ Q J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥

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 you signal with your ♠ T. East next plays the ♠ Q and you drop the ♠ 4, completing your doubleton signal. East then plays the ♠ K and it turns out you don't have to ruff after all. So what are you going to play?

When you have made your choice

This should be a clear enough signal for East to play a ♣ to your ♣ A next.

An alternate play, just as good, would be for you to ruff the good ♠ Q and play the ♣ A yourself.

If you don't get your ♣ trick at trick 4 you will never get it. North will discard his ♣ K on South's extra ♦ winner.