

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

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

W N E  
S

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

13  
10 3  
14

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			
Lead: ♥ 8			

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ 8, dummy played the ♥ J and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

North played dummy's ♥ J to tempt you to cover. Don't fall for it.

Partner's lead of a high spot card shows no honors in the suit. That added to the fact that North bid Notrump after you had mentioned ♥s is pretty good evidence that North holds at least ♥ Q x x.

To maintain communication with partner your best hope is to duck the first ♥, but to signal encouragement with the ♥ 9.

North wins the first trick easily, but must try to establish ♣s. He will enter dummy with the ♠ A, then try to run the ♣ Q.

Not today. Partner takes the ♣ K and returns his ♥ 2 to your four winners.

**Deal 2**  
East Deals  
None Vul

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

4  
12 16  
8

West  
2 ♣  
4 ♣  
4 ♠ by East  
Lead: ♣ 9

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 6 2  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ 9 2

North  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

East  
1 NT  
2 ♠  
Pass

South  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

1 NT with either 5-4-2-2 or 5-4-3-1 distribution.

So partner's ♣ 9 is not a singleton, and you should wait. Declarer then runs dummy's ♠ Q. Partner wins the ♠ K, returns his OTHER ♠ to your ♠ A, and NOW you give him the ruff. He takes the ♦ A for down 1.

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ 9, dummy played the ♣ T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

Partner's ♣ 9 is likely from a short suit. If it is a singleton, you should take the ♠ A immediately and return the suit for a ruff. If it is a doubleton, you should NOT take your ♠ A now, but should hope partner can get the lead and play his second ♠ to your Ace so you can give him the ruff.

You can figure out which it is.

If it is a singleton, then East must hold 5 ♠s. But you know East has 4 ♠s, so if he also has 5 ♠s then he only has 4 red cards, and he would not have opened

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 2	♦ 9 5
♥ J 9 8	♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ Q J 8 6 4 2

♣ 8 3

5	12
3	12

N	E
W	S

♠ Q J 9 7	♦ 10
♥ K Q 6 5 3	♣ A 6 4

♠ A K 4	♦ A K 7 3
♥ A 7 4	♣ Q 5 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♥ 10

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥T, dummy played the ♥J and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

Declarer gets two ♥ winners whether you play one of your honors on this trick or not. So why does it matter what you do?

Suppose you cover with your ♥Q. South will win his ♥A, then play ♣s until your ♣A is forced out on the third round. He can then force an entry to dummy in the ♥ suit to reach the two ♣ winners.

Now suppose you duck the ♥J. Again South will push ♣s, and again you hold up until the third round. Ahh, what a difference. Now declarer cannot use the ♥s to enter dummy and he will never get to enjoy those two ♣ winners.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A J 3  
♥ A J 3  
♦ K 10 9 2  
♣ 9 7 3

3  
13 13  
11

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 NT	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	3 NT	Pass
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♠ Q			

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



The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠ Q, a low card was played from dummy, and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

It seems that perhaps you should play low and let partner's ♠ Q force out West's ♠ A. Then, when you get the lead with a high ♣ you can force out West's ♠ J. Get the lead with your other high ♣ and set the contract with ♠s.

Suppose you try that. Play low on the first ♠. West will also play low and North will be left holding the trick, and also holding the bag! With no more ♠s North will have to play one of the other three suits, and that is just what West wants to have happen. The contract could no longer be beaten.

Now do it the right way. Play your ♠ K on partner's ♠ Q. Assume West takes the trick, although it doesn't matter whether he wins the first one or holds up. When you win your first ♣ drive out West's ♠ J. When you win your second ♣ trick your ♠s will be good. If you overtake the first trick the contract can no longer be made.

Notice that West will always make two ♠ tricks, so your overtake costs nothing.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

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

13  
10 3  
14

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

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 8 7 2

♣ A 6 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2

4  
12 16  
8

**Deal 7**      ♠ 6 5 2  
South Deals    ♥ J 9 8  
Both Vul        ♦ 9 5  
                  ♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3  
♥ 10 2  
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2  
♣ 8 3

5  
3 12  
20

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q

♥ 10 9 6 5 2

♦ J 8 6 3

♣ 6 4 2

♠ A J 3

♥ A J 3

♦ K 10 9 2

♣ 9 7 3

W N  
S E

♠ K 10 9 8 6

♥ 8 7 4

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q

♠ 7 5 4 2

♥ K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 10 8 5

3  
**13    13**  
11

**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

13  
10 3  
14

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

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

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

4  
12 16  
8

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 6 2  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ 9 2

**Deal 11**

	♠ 6 5 2
South Deals	♥ J 9 8
None Vul	♦ 9 5
	♣ K J 10 9 7
♠ 10 8 3	♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 10 2	♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2	♦ 10
♣ 8 3	♣ A 6 4
	♠ A K 4
5 3 12 20	♥ A 7 4
	♦ A K 7 3
	♣ Q 5 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q

♥ 10 9 6 5 2

♦ J 8 6 3

♣ 6 4 2

♠ A J 3

♥ A J 3

♦ K 10 9 2

♣ 9 7 3

W N  
S E

♠ 7 5 4 2

♥ K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 10 8 5

♠ K 10 9 8 6

♥ 8 7 4

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q

3  
**13    13**  
11

**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

♦ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3

♥ A K 9 7 5

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7

13  
10 3  
14

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

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 8 7 2

♣ A 6 5 3

W N E S

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2

4  
12 16  
8

**Deal 15**

South Deals	♠ 6 5 2
N-S Vul	♥ J 9 8
	♦ 9 5
	♣ K J 10 9 7
♠ 10 8 3	♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 10 2	♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2	♦ 10
♣ 8 3	♣ A 6 4
	♠ A K 4
5 3 12 20	♥ A 7 4
	♦ A K 7 3
	♣ Q 5 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q

♥ 10 9 6 5 2

♦ J 8 6 3

♣ 6 4 2

♠ A J 3

♥ A J 3

♦ K 10 9 2

♣ 9 7 3

W N  
S E

♠ 7 5 4 2

♥ K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 10 8 5

♠ K 10 9 8 6

3  
13 13

11

♥ 8 7 4

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6

♥ Q 10 4

♦ J

♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3

♥ A K 9 7 5

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7

**13**  
**10** 3  
**14**

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

**Deal 18**East Deals  
N-S Vul

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

4  
12 16  
8

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 6 2  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ 9 2

**Deal 19**      ♠ 6 5 2  
South Deals    ♥ J 9 8  
E-W Vul        ♦ 9 5  
                  ♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3  
♥ 10 2  
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2  
♣ 8 3

5  
3 12  
20

N  
W     E  
S

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

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

**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A J 3  
♥ A J 3  
♦ K 10 9 2  
♣ 9 7 3

3  
**13    13**  
11

N  
W   E  
S  
♠ 7 5 4 2  
♥ K Q  
♦ A 5  
♣ K J 10 8 5

♠ K 10 9 8 6  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ A Q

**Deal 21**      ♠ K Q 6

North Deals      ♥ Q 10 4

N-S Vul      ♦ J

♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3

♥ A K 9 7 5

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 6 3

N  
W     E  
S

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7

**13**  
**10**    3  
**14**

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ A K 8 2

♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

4  
12 16  
8

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 6 2  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ 9 2

**Deal 23**

South Deals	♠ 6 5 2
Both Vul	♥ J 9 8
	♦ 9 5
	♣ K J 10 9 7
♠ 10 8 3	♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 10 2	♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2	♦ 10
♣ 8 3	♣ A 6 4
	♠ A K 4
5 3 12 20	♥ A 7 4
	♦ A K 7 3
	♣ Q 5 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A J 3  
♥ A J 3  
♦ K 10 9 2  
♣ 9 7 3

3  
13 13  
11

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 10 9 8 6  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ A Q

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 6

♥ Q 10 4

♦ J

♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3

♥ A K 9 7 5

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 6 3

N  
W S E

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

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ A K 8 2

♣ Q 10 5

**13**  
**10** 3  
**14**

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

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

4  
12 16  
8

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 6 2  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ 9 2

**Deal 27**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 10 8 3  
♥ 10 2  
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2  
♣ 8 3

5  
3 12  
20

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q

♥ 10 9 6 5 2

♦ J 8 6 3

♣ 6 4 2

♠ A J 3

♥ A J 3

♦ K 10 9 2

♣ 9 7 3

W N  
S E

♠ 7 5 4 2

♥ K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 10 8 5

♠ K 10 9 8 6

3  
13 1311  
13 13

♥ 8 7 4

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q

**Deal 29**      ♠ K Q 6

North Deals      ♥ Q 10 4

Both Vul      ♦ J

♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3

♥ A K 9 7 5

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 6 3

N  
W     E  
S

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7

**13**  
**10**    3  
**14**

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ A K 8 2

♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 8 7 2

♣ A 6 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2

4  
12 16  
8

**Deal 31**

South Deals	♠ 6 5 2
N-S Vul	♥ J 9 8
	♦ 9 5
	♣ K J 10 9 7
♠ 10 8 3	♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 10 2	♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2	♦ 10
♣ 8 3	♣ A 6 4
	♠ A K 4
5 3 12 20	♥ A 7 4
	♦ A K 7 3
	♣ Q 5 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ A J 3  
♥ A J 3  
♦ K 10 9 2  
♣ 9 7 3

3  
**13**    **13**  
11

N  
W     E  
S

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

♠ K 10 9 8 6  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ A Q

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♦ K Q 6

♦ Q 10 4

♦ J

♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3

♥ A K 9 7 5

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 6 3

**13**  
**10**    **3**  
**14**

N  
W     E  
S

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ A K 8 2

♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

4  
12 16  
8

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 6 2  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ 9 2

**Deal 35**

South Deals	♠ 6 5 2
E-W Vul	♥ J 9 8
	♦ 9 5
	♣ K J 10 9 7
♠ 10 8 3	♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 10 2	♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2	♦ 10
♣ 8 3	♣ A 6 4
	♠ A K 4
5 3 12 20	♥ A 7 4
	♦ A K 7 3
	♣ Q 5 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A J 3  
♥ A J 3  
♦ K 10 9 2  
♣ 9 7 3

3  
**13**    **13**  
11

N  
W     E  
S

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

♠ K 10 9 8 6  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ A Q