

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J 10

♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 6 3


 $\begin{matrix} 15 \\ 2 \\ 16 \end{matrix}$

West North East South

Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass

Pass

6♠ by North

Lead: ♥3

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6♠ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

The ♣T would probably be a very safe lead. But you don't want "safe", you want "attack".

Dummy has advertised a long, strong ♦ suit which declarer will no doubt establish for discards.

It is important for your side to create a winner before your ♦A is forced out. The most likely looking winner is your ♥K. So lead the small ♥ and hope partner has the Queen.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

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

10	♠ 4
14	♥ 10 9 8 4
3	♦ 8 6 3 2
	♣ K 8 7 2

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

Pass

3 NT× by East

Lead: ♠ 4

W	N	E	S
♦ K Q J	♦ 5 3	♦ Q J 10 9 7	♣ A 10 4

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 3 NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

If partner had not doubled the contract you would probably have started with the ♥T, or possibly the ♣ 2.

But partner DID double, and most good players play that doubling 3 NT is lead-directing as follows: If you have bid a suit, lead it. If doubler has bid a suit, lead it. If neither of you has bid, lead dummy's first bid suit.

So lead a ♠, certainly not a lead you would have made without the double. Partner immediately establishes 4 ♠ winners and he has the ♦ A for an entry.

With any other lead declarer will make the contract.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

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

12
2 11
15

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K Q 7 4

♠ K Q 7
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ A K 5
♣ 10 9 2

West North East South
Pass 2 ♣ Dbl 1 NT

Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass
4 ♥ by South
Lead: ♣ 8

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4 ♥ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

If partner had not doubled North's Stayman 2 ♣ bid you would probably have started with one of your Jacks.

But partner DID double, and the double of a conventional bid clearly means that the doubler would like you to lead that suit.

So lead a ♣, and partner will take three ♣ tricks. With any other lead declarer would quickly discard a ♣ from dummy on a high ♦, easily making the contract.

Declarer may still make the contract if he guesses the ♥ Q correctly, but maybe not.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

15 3
2 20

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	6 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 NT by West			
Lead: ♦ 2			

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5



♠ 10 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J 10 9 8

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6 NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Admittedly the ♥ Q looks very tempting, but resist the temptation.

Since dummy bid ♦s, don't help declarer by leading the suit. Declarer has 11 tricks, and will hope to pick up one more in ♣s, but that won't happen.

But if you start with the ♥ Q, he will win with his ♥ K and can then establish an extra ♥ winner by leading through your ♥ J T into dummy's ♥ A 9.

With any lead other than a ♥ honor he cannot come to 12 tricks.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ 9 8 7 2
 ♦ Q J 6 4 2
 ♣ 3

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 3 11
¹³

♠ K J 9 6 3
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ A
 ♥ Q J 10 3
 ♦ 8 7 5 3
 ♣ A 7 4 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠× by North			
Lead: ♣ A			

trumps you will play a third ♣ which he will again ruff.

That's why you doubled.

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4 ♠ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Did you choose the ♥ Q? I was afraid you would. That is wrong, but because this is the last Deal I'm going to give you another chance.

Look at the bidding carefully, then ask yourself why you doubled.

Now pick the opening lead that will set the contract, then

South/North apparently have 8 or more ♣s between them, which leaves partner with a singleton at most.

Partner will ruff the second ♣, and when you get into the lead with the Ace of

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J 10

♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 6 3

N
W S E

♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ 10 9 8 7 4

♠ A 10

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

15
2 7
16

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5



♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 9 7

♣ A 10 4

♠ 4

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

10

14

3

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ AJ 6 5

♦ Q 7

♣ J 6 3

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J 10 9 6 3

♣ 8 5



♠ 5 2

♥ Q 7 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 4

♠ K Q 7

12

♥ K 10 9 8

2 11

♦ A K 5

15

♣ 10 9 2

Deal 9North Deals
E-W Vul♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ 7 3♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2N
W E
S♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 53
15 20
2♠ 10 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J 10 9 8

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 10 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2

13
3 11
13

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A 10

♣ K J 9 6

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J 10

♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ 10 9 8 7 4

♠ A 10

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

15

2 7

16

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 9 7

♣ A 10 4



10
14 13
3

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ 8 6 3 2
♣ K 8 7 2

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ AJ 6 5

♦ Q 7

♣ J 6 3

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J 10 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2

♥ Q 7 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 4

♠ K Q 7

12
2 11

♥ K 10 9 8

15
15

♦ A K 5

♣ 10 9 2

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 4

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ K 6 4 2

♠ 9 7 2

♥ Q J 10 6

♦ 10 7 6 2

♣ 7 3

W N E S

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5

♠ 10 8 6 4

♥ 7 2

♦ J 9 3

♣ J 10 9 8

3
15 20
2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

N
W S E

♠ A

♥ Q J 10 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A 10

♣ K J 9 6

13
3 11
13

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J 10

♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 6 3

N
W S E

♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ 10 9 8 7 4

♠ A 10

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

15
2 7
16

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

N
W E
S

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 9 7

♣ A 10 4

♠ 4

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

10
14 **13**
3

Deal 18 ♠ A 8 6 4
East Deals ♥ AJ 6 5
N-S Vul ♦ Q 7
 ♣ J 6 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 7
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ A K 5
♣ 10 9 2

12
2 11
15

Deal 19

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ Q J 10 6

♦ 10 7 6 2

♣ 7 3

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 4

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ K 6 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 5

♥ A 9 8 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ A Q 5

♠ 10 8 6 4

♥ 7 2

♦ J 9 3

♣ J 10 9 8

3
15 20
2

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 10 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A 10

♣ K J 9 6

13
3 11
13

Deal 21 ♠ K Q J 9 5 4

North Deals ♥ A J 10

N-S Vul ♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ 10 9 8 7 4

♠ A 10

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

15
2 7
16

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5



♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 9 7

♣ A 10 4

♠ 4

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

10

14 **13**

3

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ AJ 6 5

♦ Q 7

♣ J 6 3

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J 10 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2

♥ Q 7 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 4

♠ K Q 7

12
2 11

♦ A K 5

15
10 9 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ Q J 10 6

♦ 10 7 6 2

♣ 7 3

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 4

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ K 6 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 5

♥ A 9 8 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ A Q 5

♠ 10 8 6 4

♥ 7 2

♦ J 9 3

♣ J 10 9 8

3
15 20
2

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

N
W S E

♠ A

♥ Q J 10 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A 10

♣ K J 9 6

13
3 11
13

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J 10

♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 6 3

W N E S

♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ 10 9 8 7 4

♠ A 10

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

15
2 7
16

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

N
W E
S

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 9 7

♣ A 10 4

♠ 4

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

10

14 **13**

3

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ AJ 6 5

♦ Q 7

♣ J 6 3

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J 10 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2

♥ Q 7 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 4

♠ K Q 7

12
2 11

♥ K 10 9 8

15

♦ A K 5

♣ 10 9 2

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ Q J 10 6

♦ 10 7 6 2

♣ 7 3

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 4

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ K 6 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 5

♥ A 9 8 5 3

♦ K Q

♣ A Q 5

♠ 10 8 6 4

♥ 7 2

♦ J 9 3

♣ J 10 9 8

3
15 20
2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3



♠ A

♥ Q J 10 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2

13
3 11
13

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A 10

♣ K J 9 6

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J 10

♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 6 3

W N E
S

♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ 10 9 8 7 4

♠ A 10

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

15
2 7
16

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J 10 9 7

♣ A 10 4



♠ 4

♥ 10 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

10

14

3

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ AJ 6 5

♦ Q 7

♣ J 6 3

♠ J 10 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J 10 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

♠ 5 2

♥ Q 7 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ K 10 9 8

♦ A K 5

♣ 10 9 2

♠ 12

2 11

15

♠ N

W E

S

♠ 12

2 11

15

Deal 34

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

3
15 20
2

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5

♠ 10 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J 10 9 8

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q 10 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 10 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2

♠ Q 10 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A 10

♣ K J 9 6

13
3 11
13