

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ K Q 7 5 2
None Vul	♥ Q 4
	♦ 9 6 3
	♣ K 9 6

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

2 ♥ by South

Lead: ♦ A

♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

You are East. 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 ♦.

West 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. South plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by West with his ♦ K. West leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another

Deal 2

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

♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

10
11 6
13

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ A

W	N	E	S
♠ 8	♥ Q J 8 4 3	♦ Q J 10 4	♣ 8 7 6

♠ K Q J 7 5 2

♥ 9 5
♦ K 5

♣ A 10 4

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
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 7 4
♥ 6 3
♦ A K 9 6
♣ 9 5 3

10 9
15 6
15

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♠ J 5
♥ A Q 9 8 7 5
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 10 4

♠ 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

<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 South
Lead: ♦ A

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. West 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 West 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.

West next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦ J. You return the ♠ T. This establishes West's ♠ K before South 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

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



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

4 ♥ by South
Lead: ♠A

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠A, dummy played the ♠2 and you signal with your ♠T. West next plays the ♠Q and you drop the ♠4, completing your doubleton signal. West 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 West 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. South will discard his ♣K on North's extra ♦ winner.