

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 4 3	♦ —	♥ K 8 4	◆ A K J 7 6 5 2
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♦ —	♣ A 6 5
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♥ J 9 5	♦ —	♣ J 10 7 2
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15	9 7	9
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♦ by North

Lead: ♠ 10

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

♠ 10 9 6 ♥ Q 10 7 2 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ K Q 8

3 NT would have been a lot easier, but you didn't get there. North is to play 5 ♦. East leads the ♠T.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=1 ♦=0 ♣=2 Total = 3

The good news is that you only have one loser to get rid of. The bad news is that there doesn't seem to be a good place to put it.

Unlikely as it seems, your best candidate for establishment is dummy's ♠ 8. East is marked with 3 ♠s, and having led the ♠T there is a good chance that he also has the ♠ 9. If so you can ruff it out.

Cover the ♠T with dummy's ♠ J, and when West plays one of his honors ruff in your hand. Play a trump to the ♦T, West showing out. Lead the ♠Q. West will be forced to play his other high honor, (if he

doesn't you would discard a loser), and you ruff again.

Back to dummy with the ♦ Q and ruff the ♠ 2 with a high trump just to be safe. East drops the ♠ 9 on this trick.

Pull East's last trump and enter dummy with the ♥ A and FINALLY discard a loser on the now established ♠ 8.

Here you needed ♠ T 9 x to be with East if you were to make the contract so you played for just that holding.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

7
7 21
5



♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ A 5
♣ A K

West
Pass
2 NT
4 ♠
5 ♦
Pass
6 ♠ by East
Lead: ♠ 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East is to play 6 ♠. South leads the ♠ 5.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=1 ♦=1 ♣=0 Total = 2

First pull trumps with the ♠ A and ♠ Q, both defenders following. Next you must establish dummy's ♣ suit to get rid of one of your losers. If the suit splits 3-3 that will be easy since you have two dummy entries, one to get there to ruff the third ♣ and the other to get there to enjoy playing the winners. But ♣s will probably split 4-2 so the two entries won't be enough. Here's how to make the defenders help you establish the suit.

After pulling trumps, play the ♣ A K, then ♦ A. Next exit with a small ♦.

to see the position.

The defender who won the ♦ trick has a problem. If he plays another ♦ you will get a ruff-sluff, and if he plays a ♥ you will play for the ♥ Q and ♥ J to be in different hands. So he will probably play a ♣.

You ruff in your hand, play a trump to dummy's ♠ K and ruff the ♣ 8, establishing the ♣ 9 while you still have the ♥ entry.

This was a combination of Suit Establishment and End-play. The lesson on Eliminations contains a lot more of this type of hand.

Deal 3 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4
E-W Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

7
7 21
5

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ A 5
♣ A K

♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 5 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4
N-S Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

7 5
7 21
5

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ A 5
♣ A K

♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 7 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4

Both Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2



♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

7
7 21
5

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ A 5
♣ A K

♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 9 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4
E-W Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

7
7 21
5

♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 11 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4
None Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

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9 7
9

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

♠ 5 3
7 21
5
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 13 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4
Both Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

W N E S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

7
7 21
5♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 15 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4
N-S Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

7
7 21
5♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 17 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4

None Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2



♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

W N E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

♠ 5 3
7 7 21
5

♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 19 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4
E-W Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3



♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

7
7 21
5♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 21 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4
N-S Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

♠ 5 3
7 21
5
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 23 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4

Both Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2



♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

¹⁵
9 7
9

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ A 5
♣ A K

♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

7
7 21
5

Deal 25 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4
E-W Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

7
7 21
5

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ A 5
♣ A K

♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 27 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4
None Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

¹⁵
9 7
9

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

♠ 5 3
7 21
5
7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 29 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4
Both Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

¹⁵
9 7
9

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

♠ 5 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ K J 7 3 2

♣ 10 5

7
5
21

Deal 31 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4
N-S Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

♠ 5 3
7 21
5
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

Deal 33 ♠ —

North Deals ♥ K 8 4

None Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2



♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

¹⁵
9 7
9

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ Q J 7 2

W N E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 5

♦ A 5

♣ A K

♠ 5 3
7 7 21
5

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ K J 7 3 2

♣ 10 5

Deal 35 ♠ —

South Deals ♥ K 8 4
E-W Vul ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 4 3

15
9 7
9

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ K 6 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ A 5
♣ A K

♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

7
5
21