

**Deal 1**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**16**  
7   o  
**17**

	N	E	S
W	7 5	9 7 4 2	8 6 2
	♣ 7 6 5 2		

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by North			
Lead: ♠ 5			

this case an even number must be 4 which means that North has one more ♥. So you play your ♥ K. He ruffs in dummy of course, but then has no way to get rid of that ♣ loser when the finesse fails.

If you had not been paying attention to East's signal you might have decided to risk a ♣ lead - with a disastrous result.

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. The 2 ♥ bid was a transfer. The 5 NT bid meant to choose either 6 ♠ or 6 NT. North liked the suit. Partner led the ♠ 5, won by North's ♠ Q. North pulls one more trump with his ♠ A, then wins three high ♦s. Next comes dummy's ♥ A on which he plays the ♥ 3 and East plays the ♥ 9. Then he leads dummy's ♥ 6 which you win with the ♥ Q. On this trick North drops the ♥ J and East the ♥ 2. It is your play.

When you have made your choice

If you believe North is now out of ♥s then you shoud not play your ♥ K because it would give him a ruff-sluff.

But you shouldn't believe North when your partner has sent you a clear signal that he holds an EVEN number of ♥s. In

**Deal 2**

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

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

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12 13  
13

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

4 ♥ by East  
Lead: ♣ A

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♣ A, North played the ♣ 2 and East the ♣ 9. What should you play to the second trick?

When you have made your choice

On first thought North's ♣ 2 seems to be a discouraging signal. Think again.

After the first trick you know the location of every ♣ except the ♣ Q and ♣ J. If North started with ♣ J 2 he would have signaled with the ♣ J. If North started with ♣ Q J 2 he would have signaled with the ♣ Q. Since he did neither he started either with singleton ♣ 2 or with ♣ Q 2. In either case you should play a low ♣ now which he will either win with his ♣ Q or he will ruff.

It turns out that he wins with the ♣ Q,

then leads a ♣ back to your ♣ A Q.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 5  
♥ 9 7 4 2  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

W N E S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

W N E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 9**

North Deals    ♠ A Q J 2  
E-W Vul      ♥ J 10 3  
                ♦ A K 10  
                ♣ J 10 3

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

**16**  
**7**   **0**  
**17**

N  
W   E  
S

♠ 7 5  
♥ 9 7 4 2  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ 7 6 5 2

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

**Deal 10**      ♠ 9 8 7 5 2

East Deals      ♥ 10 5

Both Vul      ♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W    E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12**   **13**  
**13**

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

W N E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W S E

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W S E

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♦ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4



♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 19**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♦ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7 0  
**17**

**Deal 20**      ♠ 9 8 7 5 2

West Deals      ♥ 10 5

Both Vul      ♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W    E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12**   **13**  
**13**

**Deal 21**      ♠ A Q J 2

North Deals      ♥ J 10 3

N-S Vul      ♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

W      N  
S      E

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

**16**  
7      0  
**17**

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

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W S E

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**Deal 28**

West Deals  
N-S Vul  
**♠ 9 8 7 5 2**  
**♥ 10 5**  
**♦ 9 7 4 3**  
**♣ Q 2**

**♠ 6 4**  
**♥ A J 8**  
**♦ A Q J 6**  
**♣ 8 7 5 4**

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

N  
W E  
S

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

**♠ A Q 10**  
**♥ 9 2**  
**♦ 8 5 2**  
**♣ A K 10 6 3**

**Deal 29**      ♠ A Q J 2

North Deals      ♥ J 10 3

Both Vul      ♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W     E  
S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**16**  
7     0  
**17**

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

W N E S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

**16**  
7    0  
**17**

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

**Deal 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 10

♥ 9 2

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

**2**  
**12 13**  
**13**