

**Deal 1**

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

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

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<b>6</b> <b>7</b> <b>12</b> <b>15</b>	<b>♠ A Q 8 3</b> <b>♥ 10 6</b> <b>♦ 7 5 2</b> <b>♣ A K Q 5</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥	1 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♠

3 ♠ by North  
Lead: ♥ Q

with your 2 ♥s.

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ Q, dummy played the ♥ 6 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

Your side needs to take 5 tricks to defeat this contract. Two of them will be ♥s, but it doesn't look like you can win any ♣s or ♠s.

That means you need to win 3 ♦ tricks and the only way that can happen is if you play ♦s from your side.

So win the first ♥ K (so partner will know you also have the ♥ A), and play the ♦ T. Presumably North will play an honor, but East will take the trick and put you back on lead with your ♥ A. You play the ♦ 9 and your side will collect 3 ♦ tricks to go

**Deal 2**

West Deals	♠ 10
None Vul	♥ 7 3 2
	♦ 9 8 6 3
	♣ Q 7 5 4 3

♠ J 3	♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ K Q J 6	♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ A K Q 10 5	♦ J
♣ 6 2	♣ K 10 8
	♠ A K Q 8 6 4
16    2	♥ 8
14	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A J 9

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

4 ♥ by East

Lead: ♠ A

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠ A, then the ♠ K. Dummy follows suit and it is your play to the second trick.

When you have made your choice

It is obvious that your side can only get 2 ♠ tricks. And assuming that East has the Ace of trumps you will not make a single trick in the red suits. So you need to make 2 ♣ tricks.

If partner has the ♣ A K then he will take them, but if he has the ♣ A J he cannot win 2 ♣ tricks from his side.

To allow for this situation it will be better to play ♣s from your side of the table, and the way to make that happen is for you to ruff partner's ♠ K with an

otherwise useless trump. You still get your two ♠ winners (sort of) but now you get to play a ♣ through East's ♣ K at trick 3.

**Deal 3**

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

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ 8			

N		E
W		S
♠ J 8 3	♥ A K 9 7 5	♦ Q 9 5
	♣ 6 3	

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

South 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 South bid Notrump after you had mentioned ♥s is pretty good evidence that South 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.

South 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 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

8	♠ 8 4
16 12	♥ 9 7 3
4	♦ 10 8 7 2
	♣ A 6 5 3

<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 West

Lead: ♣ 9

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

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 West must hold 5 ♣ s. But you know West has 4 ♠ s, so if he also has 5 ♣ s then he only has 4 red cards, and he would not have opened 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.

**Deal 5**West Deals  
None Vul

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

**20**  
**12** 3  
 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Dbl	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by North

Lead: ♥ 10

to enjoy those two ♣ winners.

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. North 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 North 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

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6

♠ 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 10 8 4 2

W N E  
S♠ K 5  
♥ Q J 9 7 2  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ 9 7 3

♠ A Q 8 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 7 5 2

♣ A K Q 5

6  
7 12  
15

**Deal 7**

South Deals    ♠ 10  
Both Vul      ♥ 7 3 2  
                  ♦ 9 8 6 3  
                  ♣ Q 7 5 4 3

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

2  
**16 8**  
**14**  
♠ A K Q 8 6 4  
♥ 8  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A J 9

N  
W   E  
S

**Deal 8**

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



14  
3 10  
13  
♠ K Q 6  
♥ Q 10 4  
♦ J  
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

**Deal 9**

North Deals	♠ K 6 2
E-W Vul	♥ 10 6 4
	♦ A J 6 5 4
	♣ 9 2
♠ A 10 7 5	♠ Q J 9 3
♥ A 8 2	♥ K Q J 5
♦ K Q	♦ 9 3
♣ K 8 7 4	♣ Q J 10
8	♠ 8 4
16 12	♥ 9 7 3
4	♦ 10 8 7 2
	♣ A 6 5 3



**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

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

**20**  
**12**    **3**  
      **5**



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

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

**Deal 11**

South Deals	♠ J 10 9 6 2
None Vul	♥ 8 5 3
	♦ K J 3
	♣ J 6
♠ 7 4	♠ K 5
♥ A K 4	♥ Q J 9 7 2
♦ 10 9 8 4	♦ A Q 6
♣ 10 8 4 2	♣ 9 7 3
	♠ A Q 8 3
6 7 12 15	♥ 10 6
	♦ 7 5 2
	♣ A K Q 5

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 12**

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

2  
**16** 8  
14

N  
W E  
S

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

**Deal 13**

North Deals  
Both Vul

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

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



14  
3 10  
13

♠ 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

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

8  
**16**   **12**  
4

N  
W   E  
S

♠ 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

**Deal 15**

South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ 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

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

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

**20**  
**12** 3  
5

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6

♠ 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 10 8 4 2

W N E S

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 9 7 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 9 7 3

6  
7 12  
15♠ A Q 8 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A K Q 5

**Deal 17**

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

N  
W E  
S

**2**  
**16 8**  
**14**

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ A K 8 2

♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7

W N E S

♠ 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

14  
3 10  
13

**Deal 19**

South Deals  
E-W Vul

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

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



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

8  
**16    12**  
4

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

**Deal 20**

West Deals  
Both Vul

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



**20**  
**12** 3  
**5**

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

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

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

**Deal 21**

North Deals    ♠ J 10 9 6 2

N-S Vul    ♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6

♠ 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 10 8 4 2

W N E  
S

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 9 7 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 9 7 3

♠ A Q 8 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 7 5 2

♣ A K Q 5

6  
7 12  
15

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10

♥ 7 3 2

♦ 9 8 6 3

♣ Q 7 5 4 3

♠ J 3

♥ K Q J 6

♦ A K Q 10 5

♣ 6 2

W N E S

♠ A K Q 8 6 4

♥ 8

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A J 9

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ A 10 9 5 4

♦ J

♣ K 10 8

**16 2  
14 8**

**Deal 23**

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



14  
3 10  
13

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

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

8  
16 12  
4♠ 8 4  
♥ 9 7 3  
♦ 10 8 7 2  
♣ A 6 5 3

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♦ A K 7 3

♣ Q 5 2

♠ Q J 9 7

♥ K Q 6 5 3

♦ 10

♣ A 6 4

**20  
12 3  
5**



♠ A K 4

♥ A 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ Q 5 2

♠ 10 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ Q J 8 6 4 2

♣ 8 3

♠ 6 5 2

♥ J 9 8

♦ 9 5

♣ K J 10 9 7

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6

♠ 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 10 8 4 2

W N E S

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 9 7 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 9 7 3

6  
7 12  
15

♠ A Q 8 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 7 5 2

♣ A K Q 5

**Deal 27**

South Deals	♠ 10
None Vul	♥ 7 3 2
	♦ 9 8 6 3
	♣ Q 7 5 4 3
♠ J 3	♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ K Q J 6	♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ A K Q 10 5	♦ J
♣ 6 2	♣ K 10 8
<b>16 2 14 8</b>	♠ A K Q 8 6 4
	♥ 8
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A J 9



**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ A K 8 2

♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7



♠ 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

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

**Deal 29**

North Deals	♠ K 6 2
Both Vul	♥ 10 6 4
	♦ A J 6 5 4
	♣ 9 2
♠ A 10 7 5	♠ Q J 9 3
♥ A 8 2	♥ K Q J 5
♦ K Q	♦ 9 3
♣ K 8 7 4	♣ Q J 10
8	♠ 8 4
16 12	♥ 9 7 3
4	♦ 10 8 7 2
	♣ A 6 5 3



**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

**20**  
**12**    **3**  
      **5**



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

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

**Deal 31**South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6

♠ 7 4  
♥ A K 4  
♦ 10 9 8 4  
♣ 10 8 4 2

W N E S

♠ K 5  
♥ Q J 9 7 2  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ 9 7 36  
7 12  
15♠ A Q 8 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A K Q 5

**Deal 32**

West Deals	♠ 10
E-W Vul	♥ 7 3 2
	♦ 9 8 6 3
	♣ Q 7 5 4 3
♠ J 3	♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ K Q J 6	♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ A K Q 10 5	♦ J
♣ 6 2	♣ K 10 8
<b>16 2 14 8</b>	♠ A K Q 8 6 4
	♥ 8
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A J 9



**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ A K 8 2

♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 7 6 4 3

♣ K 7



♠ 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

**14**  
3    10  
13

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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**16** 12  
4

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

**Deal 35**

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



**20**  
**12** 3  
5

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