

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

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♠ 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

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9 7
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West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♦ by North

Lead: ♠ 10

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

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7 21
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West
Pass
2 NT
4 ♠
5 ♦
Pass
6 ♠ by East
Lead: ♠ 5

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2



♠ 5 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 5

North

East

South

2 ♣

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

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