

Deal 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
ALL	Pass	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			
Lead: ♠ 2			



South's 3 ♦ bid was a transfer to ♥s.
 North is to play 3 NT. East leads the ♠ 2.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=0 ♦=2 ♣=1 Total = 5

Obviously you need to establish 4 ♥ winners and by driving out the ♥ A you can manage that handily. The problem is that dummy has only one sure entry, (the ♠ A), and the defenders may be good enough to hold up their ♥ A twice.

To assure the contract you should win the first trick in your hand with the ♠ K. Then play ♥ Q, ♥ J overtaking with dummy's ♥ K so you can continue establishing the suit while you still have that ♠ entry.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 6 4**♥ 7 5****♦ 6 3****♣ A K 6 4 3****8**
12 13**7****♠ —****♥ 10 9 6 3****♦ K Q J 9 4****♣ Q 10 9 7****♠ K Q 9 8 7 5 2****♥ A 2****♦ A 2****♣ 5 2****♠ 10 3****♥ K Q J 8 4****♦ 10 8 7 5****♣ J 8****West****North****East****South****1 ♣****Pass****1 ♠****Pass****2 ♠****Pass****4 NT****Pass****5 ♥****Pass****6 ♠****Pass****Pass****Pass****6 ♠ by East****Lead: ♥ K**

East is to play 6 ♠. South leads the ♥ K.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=1 ♦=1 ♣=0 Total = 2

One of the two red losers must be discarded on dummy's ♣ suit. So you pull trumps, taking two rounds, with ♠K and ♠Q. Then play two top ♣s and ruff a ♣. When South shows out on the third ♣, enter dummy with a trump and ruff another ♣. Dummy's final ♣ is now established, so enter dummy with another trump and discard one of the red losers on the fifth ♣.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

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

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



6 7	♦ Q J 5
10	♦ K 5 4 3
17	♦ A 4 3
	♣ A K 5

West	North	East	South
			1 NT

Pass	Pass	Pass	
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1 NT by South

Lead: ♦ 6

South is to play 1 NT. West leads the ♦ 6, taken by East with the ♦ J. East next plays the ♦ Q on which West plays the ♦ 2. East plays the ♦ 9 which you finally win.

Winners: ♠=0 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=3 Total = 6

You only need one more winner and you have several possibilities. The ♥ finesse might work, or the ♣s might split 3-3. But you need to consider the defenders winners also. They have already scored 2 ♦ tricks and will get 2 more as soon as they gain the lead. (The spot cards told you that West has a 5-card ♦ suit.) Plus they have the 2 top ♠s which they can take whenever they like. So if your play sets up just one more trick for them you will go down.

No, you must establish ♠s, the suit where they have 2 winners anyway. So you play a ♠ which West wins. He takes his 2 ♦s but you are now home free. When you gain the lead again you will get your ♠ winner established and only lose 2 ♠s and 4 ♦s.

If you had played 3 rounds of ♣s you would have gone down with the defenders winning 4 ♦s, 1 ♣ and 2 ♠s.

Only by establishing ♠s can you make the contract.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 7	♦ A K 7 5	♥ A 8 7 3	♣ K Q
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20	5	6	9
9			

West	North	East	South
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♠ 9			

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

N		
W	E	
S		

West is to play 3 NT. North leads the ♠ 9, taken by South with the ♠ A. South next plays the ♠ 4.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=3 Total = 8

You only need one more winner and if ♦s split 3-3 you can easily establish a trick in that suit. But what if ♦s split 4-2? If the ♣ J falls you can get an extra ♣ trick. In fact, no matter how the ♣s are arranged you can establish your extra trick there.

First make sure that you win the second trick with the ♠ K, keeping dummy's ♠ Q for a later entry. Then play ♣ K, and ♣ Q overtaking with dummy's ♣ A. Then play the ♣ T, losing to the ♣ J but establishing the ♣ 9 while you still have the ♠ Q as an entry.

Deal 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ K J 9 ♥ J 10 8 4 ♦ Q J 10 5 ♣ 9 2 8 8¹⁵ 9	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A K 5 2 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ A 7 5 ♠ A 8 5 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ 8 6 4 3	♠ Q 10 4 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ K Q J 10
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<i>West</i> Pass Pass 2 NT by North Lead: ♣ K	<i>North</i> 1 NT 2 ♥	<i>East</i> Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 2 ♣ 2 NT
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North is to play 2 NT. East leads the ♣ K.

Winners: ♠=1 ♥=3 ♦=2 ♣=1 Total = 7

You need to find another winner and the chances are not good. If either black suit splits 3-3 you can establish dummy's fourth card in that suit. But with East's opening lead of the ♣ K it is unlikely that ♣s will split. So your only slim hope is that the ♠s split 3-3 and dummy's fourth ♠ will be a winner.

Win the first trick and play a ♠ to the ♠ A. Then play another ♠. The defense will win and probably take some ♣ tricks. When they have finished and play a red card, you win it and play a third round of ♠s. If both defenders follow to all three ♠s then dummy's ♠ 8 is now a winner.

Next time they probably won't and you'll go down.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

10 **17**
10 **3**

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

Deal 7

South Deals ♠ —
Both Vul ♥ 10 9 6 3
 ♦ K Q J 9 4
 ♣ Q 10 9 7

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

N
W E
S

8
12 **13**
7

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 8

Deal 8

West Deals

♠ 10 9 7 2

None Vul

♥ AJ 6

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2



♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

6 7
10
17

Deal 9 ♠ 9 8 6 5 3
 North Deals ♥ Q 9 3 2
 E-W Vul ♦ K 4
 ♣ 6 2

♠ KJ7		♠ Q102
♥ AK75		♥ 86
♦ A873		♦ 952
♣ KQ		♣ A10983
20 5 9 6	N W E S	♠ A4 ♥ J104 ♦ QJ106 ♣ L754

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 6 3

♥ A K 5 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ A 7 5

♠ K J 9

♥ J 10 8 4

♦ Q J 10 5

♣ 9 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 4

♥ 9 6 3

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K Q J 10

15
8 8
9

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ Q 7

♦ K 7 4

♣ 8 6 4 3

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

♠ J 9 8

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 9 5

♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 8 7 2

**10 17
10 3**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ 6 3
♣ A K 6 4 3

8
12 **13**
7

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ K Q J 9 4

♣ Q 10 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 8 7 5 2
♥ A 2
♦ A 2
♣ 5 2

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 8

Deal 13 ♠ 10 9 7 2

North Deals ♥ A J 6

Both Vul ♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

6 7
10
17

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 5 3

♥ Q 9 3 2

♦ K 4

♣ 6 2

♠ K J 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ A 8 7 3

♣ K Q

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 2

♥ 8 6

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 9 8 3

♠ A 4

20 5 6
9

♥ J 10 4

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ J 7 5 4

Deal 15 ♠ 7 6 3
South Deals ♥ A K 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ A 7 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ Q 7
♦ K 7 4
♣ 8 6 4 3

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8 8
9

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

♠ J 9 8

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 9 5

♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 8 7 2

**10 17
10 3**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

Deal 17

North Deals ♠ —
None Vul ♥ 10 9 6 3
 ♦ K Q J 9 4
 ♣ Q 10 9 7

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



 8
12 13
 7

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 8

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 7 2

♥ AJ 6

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

6 7
10
17

Deal 19 ♠ 9 8 6 5 3
 South Deals ♥ Q 9 3 2
 E-W Vul ♦ K 4
 ♣ 6 2

♠ KJ7		♠ Q 10 2
♥ AK75		♥ 86
♦ A873		♦ 952
♣ KQ		♣ A10983
20 5 9 6	N W E S	♠ A4 ♥ J104 ♦ QJ106 ♣ L754

Deal 20

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K J 9
♥ J 10 8 4
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 9 2

♠ 7 6 3
♥ A K 5 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ A 7 5

♠ Q 10 4
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K Q J 10

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ Q 7
♦ K 7 4
♣ 8 6 4 3



15
8 8
9

Deal 21 ♠ K 6 3
North Deals ♥ Q J
N-S Vul ♦ A K 4 2
 ♣ A 10 6 4

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

17
10 3
10

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ K Q J 9 4

♣ Q 10 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 2

♣ 5 2

8
12 13
7♠ 10 3
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 8

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 7 2

♥ AJ 6

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2



♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

6 7
10
17

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 5 3

♥ Q 9 3 2

♦ K 4

♣ 6 2

♠ K J 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ A 8 7 3

♣ K Q

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 2

♥ 8 6

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 9 8 3

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20 6
9♠ A 4
♥ J 10 4
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ J 7 5 4

Deal 25 ♠ 7 6 3
North Deals ♥ A K 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ A 7 5

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

 ♠ A 8 5 2
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ 8 6 4 3

N
W E
S

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8 8
9

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

10 **17**
10 **3**

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

Deal 27

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ 6 3
♣ A K 6 4 3

8
12 **13**
7



♠ —
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ K Q J 9 4
♣ Q 10 9 7

♠ K Q 9 8 7 5 2
♥ A 2
♦ A 2
♣ 5 2

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 8

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 7 2

♥ AJ 6

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

6	7
10	17

Deal 29 ♠ 9 8 6 5 3
North Deals ♥ Q 9 3 2
Both Vul ♦ K 4
 ♣ 6 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 4
♥ J 10 4
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ J 7 5 4

5
20 6
9

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 3

♥ A K 5 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ A 7 5

♠ K J 9

♥ J 10 8 4

♦ Q J 10 5

♣ 9 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 4

♥ 9 6 3

♦ 9 3 2

♣ K Q J 10

♠ A 8 5 2

15
8 8

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♥ Q 7

♦ K 7 4

♣ 8 6 4 3

Deal 31

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

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



Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ —

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ K Q J 9 4

♣ Q 10 9 7

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 2

♣ 5 2



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12 13
7

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 8

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 2

♥ AJ 6

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

7

10

17

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 6 5 3

♥ Q 9 3 2

♦ K 4

♣ 6 2

♠ K J 7

♥ A K 7 5

♦ A 8 7 3

♣ K Q

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 2

♥ 8 6

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 9 8 3

♠ A 4

20 5 6
9

♥ J 10 4

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ J 7 5 4

Deal 35 ♠ 7 6 3
South Deals ♥ A K 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ A 7 5

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ Q 7
♦ K 7 4
♣ 8 6 4 3

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8 8
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