

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 4 3
	♥ A 7
	♦ 7 5 3
	♣ A Q J 9 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2 ♠	3 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♣ by South

Lead: ♠ 8

South plays 6 ♣. West leads the ♠ 8.

You have one ♠ loser and one ♦ loser. A successful finesse will take care of either one of them. Chance of the ♠ finesse working? Zero. Chance of the ♦ finesse working? Maybe 50%. Chance of an elimination play? Priceless.

Win the ♠ A and pull trumps with the ♣ A and ♣ Q. They split 2-1.

Play the ♦ A, just in case there is a singleton ♦ Q somewhere. There isn't. Then eliminate ♥s by playing ♥ A and ruff a ♥.

Now play a low ♠ from both hands. West doesn't follow suit as East wins with a small card.

East is end-played. He has no ♣s. If he plays a ♦ it will be into dummy's ♦ K J. If he plays a ♥ you will discard a ♦ from your hand and ruff in dummy. If he plays the ♠ K you will ruff, and dummy's ♠ Q will be promoted. If he plays a small ♠ you will let it ride to dummy's ♠ Q.

I hope you enjoyed them.