

**Deal 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ 8 4 $\heartsuit$ A 8 7 5 2 $\diamond$ 7 5 2 $\clubsuit$ 6 4 2  $\begin{matrix} 13 \\ 4 \quad 8 \\ 15 \end{matrix}$	$\spadesuit$ K J 6 $\heartsuit$ J 10 6 3 $\diamond$ A Q 6 $\clubsuit$ Q 10 5  $\spadesuit$ A Q 10 5 $\heartsuit$ K Q 9 4 $\diamond$ K J $\clubsuit$ 8 7 3
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$\spadesuit$ 9 7 3 2 $\heartsuit$ — $\diamond$ 10 9 8 4 3 $\clubsuit$ A K J 9
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
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Pass

3 NT by South

Lead:  $\heartsuit$  5

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the  $\heartsuit$  5, dummy played the  $\heartsuit$  T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You really want West to lead a  $\clubsuit$  if he gets into the lead. If you discard the  $\clubsuit$  9 West will surely get the message and will lead a  $\clubsuit$ . BUT - you will only win 3  $\clubsuit$  tricks. The  $\clubsuit$  9 would have been the fourth winner.

So instead, play a low card in one of the other suits, say the  $\diamond$  3.

South is one trick short and he sees he can easily get that trick in  $\heartsuit$ s. So he plays a second  $\heartsuit$  from dummy and you now discard the  $\spadesuit$  2. West takes the  $\heartsuit$  A and he can see that you don't want him to lead a  $\spadesuit$  or a  $\diamond$ . He deduces that you might like a  $\clubsuit$  so he plays his  $\clubsuit$  2 and you win 4 tricks.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>12</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> 8  
<sup>18</sup>

West

♠ K J 7  
 ♥ Q J 2  
 ♦ Q 10 3  
 ♣ K 10 7 5



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

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

North      East      South  
 3 ♠      2 ♥      2 ♠

Pass      Pass      Pass  
 Pass      Pass      Pass

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ 4

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, East takes the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 3. You ruff and then play what???

When you have made your choice

Partner played the ♥ 3, a low card, for you to ruff. That means his re-entry, if he has one, is in the lower-ranking suit.

Partner takes the ♣ A and gives you a second ♥ ruff.

**Deal 3**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ J 8 6 3</b> <b>♥ 10 6</b> <b>♦ A K 8 4</b> <b>♣ 8 7 2</b>  <b>10</b> <b>8 9</b> <b>13</b>	<b>♠ K Q 7 5 2</b> <b>♥ Q 4</b> <b>♦ 9 6 3</b> <b>♣ K 9 6</b>  <b>N</b> <b>W E</b> <b>S</b>	<b>♠ 10 9 4</b> <b>♥ 9 5 3</b> <b>♦ Q 7 2</b> <b>♣ A Q J 4</b>  <b>♠ A</b> <b>♥ A K J 8 7 2</b> <b>♦ J 10 5</b> <b>♣ 10 5 3</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♥

2 ♥ by South  
 Lead: ♦ A

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You know partner also has the ♦ K, and normally you would give an encouraging signal when you hold the Queen. But with this hand you want partner to switch to ♣s as soon as possible. So you play a low ♦.

West looks at your signal, then looks at dummy, then looks at your signal. He knows you want a switch and it looks like a switch to ♣s might work the best. South plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by West with his ♦ K. West leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another

♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

**10**  
**11** 6  
**13**

W	N	E	S

♠ 8  
 ♥ Q J 8 4 3  
 ♦ Q J 10 4  
 ♣ 8 7 6

♠ K Q J 7 5 2

♥ 9 5  
 ♦ K 5  
 ♣ A 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ A

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ A, East puts on the ♥ Q. It's your play.

When you have made your choice

East's ♥ Q is either a singleton, (practically impossible), or a signal showing that he also holds the ♥ J. In either case you can reach the East hand on the second trick by playing a low ♥. Since you don't particularly want to start playing ♦s from your side, you go ahead and play a small ♥, won by East with the ♥ J.

East next plays the ♦ Q and however South tries it your side will take the next two ♦ tricks and set the contract.