

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A K 5		
None Vul	♥ A K 6		
	♦ 7 6 3		
	♣ A K 4 2		
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2		
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4		
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9		
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7		
	♠ 9 6 4		
21 8 7 4	♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ 6 5		
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 NT by North
Lead: ♠ 2

North is to play 3 NT. East leads the ♠ 2, West plays the ♠ J.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 7

You need two more winners and dummy's ♦ suit is your only hope. IF ♦s split 3-2 and IF the defenders don't take too many winners in their suit(s) you can establish ♦s by ducking twice.

Win the first ♠. If you hold up they might pocket the ♠ trick and switch to another suit where you only have two stoppers.

Next play a small ♦ from each hand. Win the return (probably a ♠) and duck a second ♦.

If the defenders can only take 2 ♠ tricks now you are home-free since dummy's 3 ♦s are now established.

But in fact you were pretty sure they were going to do so. Since East's ♠ 2 was probably his fourth-down then he couldn't have a fifth-down.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

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♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

W N
S E

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 NT	ALL	Pass	
3 NT by East			
Lead: ♠ 2			

West's 3 ♦ bid was a transfer to ♥s. East is to play 3 NT. South 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 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

12	7 8	13
♦ A 2		♦ A 2
		♣ 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ K

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S		

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

South is to play 6 ♠. West 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 West 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 4

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

6	♠ A 8
17 7	♥ Q 10 8 2
10	♦ Q J 9
	♣ J 10 9 7

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 NT by West			
Lead: ♦ 6			



West is to play 1 NT. North leads the ♦ 6, taken by South with the ♦ J. South next plays the ♦ Q on which North plays the ♦ 2. South 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 North 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 North 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 5

North Deals	♠ A K 5
N-S Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21 8 7 4	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ 6 5



Deal 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

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10 **17**
3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

♠ —

♥ 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



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7 8
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Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

N
W E
S♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ A J 6
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

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17 7
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Deal 9

North Deals	♠ A K 5
E-W Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21	♠ 9 6 4
8 7	♥ 7 3 2
4	♦ A 8 5 4 2
	♣ 6 5

N
W E
S

Deal 10
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

10
10 **17**
3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 11 ♠ A J 6 4

South Deals ♥ 7 5

None Vul ♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

N
W E
S

♠ —
♥ 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

12
7 8
13

Deal 12West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

W N E S

♠ 10 9 7 2

♥ A J 6

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

6
17 7
10

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

Deal 13

North Deals	♠ A K 5
Both Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21 8 7 4	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ 6 5

N
W E
S

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 9 5

♠ A 7 4

♥ K 10 9 8 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q 3

W N E S

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

10
10 **17**
3♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

♠ —

♥ 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



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7 8
13

Deal 16West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 7 2

♥ A J 6

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

6
17 7
10

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ A K 5
None Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21 8 7 4	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ 6 5

N
W E
S

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 8

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 9 5

♠ A 7 4

♥ K 10 9 8 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q 3

W N E S

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

10
10 **17**
3♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

♠ —

♥ 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



12
7 8
13

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ A J 6
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

6
17 7
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Deal 21

North Deals	♠ A K 5
N-S Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21	♠ 9 6 4
8 7	♥ 7 3 2
4	♦ A 8 5 4 2
	♣ 6 5



Deal 22

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

10
10 17
3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

♠ —

♥ 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



Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

N
W E
S♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ A J 6
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

6
17 7
10♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ J 10 9 7

Deal 25

North Deals	♠ A K 5
E-W Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21	♠ 9 6 4
8 7	♥ 7 3 2
4	♦ A 8 5 4 2
	♣ 6 5

N
W E
S

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

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10 17
3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

N
W E
S

♠ —

♥ 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

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7 8
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Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

W N E S

♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ A J 6
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

6
17 7
10♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ J 10 9 7

Deal 29

North Deals	♠ A K 5
Both Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21 8 7 4	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ 6 5

N
W E
S

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

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10 **17**
3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 9 5

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 31 ♠ A J 6 4

South Deals ♥ 7 5

N-S Vul ♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

N
W E
S

♠ —
♥ 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

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7 8
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Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

N
W E
S♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ A J 6
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

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17 7
10♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ J 10 9 7

Deal 33

North Deals	♠ A K 5
None Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ 7 6 3
	♣ A K 4 2
♠ J 8 3	♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ Q 9 4
♦ K J	♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ J 10 7
21 8 7 4	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 2 ♣ 6 5

N
W E
S

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 8

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ K 9 5

♠ A 7 4

♥ K 10 9 8 3

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q 3

W N E S

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6 4

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♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 8 7 2

Deal 35 ♠ A J 6 4

South Deals ♥ 7 5

E-W Vul ♦ 6 3

♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ 10 8 7 5

♣ J 8

N
W E
S

♠ —
♥ 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

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7 8
13

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K 10 8 6 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K 5

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ A J 6
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 6 4 3

♠ A 8

♥ Q 10 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 9 7

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17 7
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