

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ —

♣ Q 10 6 3

♠ K Q 7 3

♥ A 4

♦ Q 9 6 2

♣ A 8 4



♠ 8

♥ K Q 10 7 5

♦ 10 8 4

♣ J 9 5 2

♠ A 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ A K J 7 5 3

♣ K 7

15
3 6
16

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by North

Lead: ♥ K

North is to play 7 NT. East leads the ♥ K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥ J is a Threat against East's ♥ Q, so if it is East who holds 4 ♠s you will be able to squeeze him.

Since the contract is 7 NT you take the first trick with the ♥ A.

You continue with the ♦ Q and ♦ K, West discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

To find out for sure you play ♠ A, then ♠ Q. Sure enough East discards a ♥ on the second round.

But now a completely new possibility shows up. Say to yourself, over and over, "East must guard ♥s, and West must guard ♠s. Nobody can guard ♣s."

You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦ 5 West must keep both ♠s to guard against your ♠ 7. So he discards the ♣ 6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

Your ♠ 7 is now worthless so you throw it.

East has no problem, (yet), he discards the ♥ T.

Play dummy's ♠ 5 to your ♠ K.

East MUST keep his ♥ Q so he releases his ♣ 5.

And you win the last three tricks with ♣ K, ♣ A, ♣ 8.

This is called a Double Squeeze.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A J 9 7 4
♣ Q 8 4 3

3
7 26
4

West

♠ 6

♥ Q 9 8 4 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ J 9 7 5



♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ 10 6

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

7 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by East

Lead: ♠ Q

East is to play 7 NT. South leads the ♠ Q.

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

South discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

Before tackling ♦s, see what you can discover about ♠s.

Play the ♠ A. North discards a ♥.

South guards the ♠s. Nobody can guard the ♥s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

You discarded a small ♠. South discarded a ♠ on the third ♦ and a ♥ on the fourth.

Play dummy's ♦ 4. North cannot throw the ♣ J or he will set up dummy's ♣ 8, so he discards a ♥.

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now South is squeezed. He cannot discard the ♠ J or he will set up dummy's ♠ 9, so he discards a ♥.

You win the last three ♥ tricks with another Double Squeeze.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 7 2
♣ Q 10 2

11
10 4
15

West

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ A

♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ Q 10
♦ K Q 6
♣ A 9 7 5



♠ 5
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ K 8 6 3

North

2 ♣

4 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♠ A, then ♠ K.

Even looking at all four hands here it is still very difficult to come up with a plan.

Here's a hint: If West holds 3 ♣s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣s and ♠s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze West in the black suits right now is that East actually holds a ♠ guard. But you can fix that.

Play dummy's ♥ Q and ♥ T, then ruff a ♠, then pull the last trump.

Then lead dummy's ♣ 7 to your ♣ K.

Only West can guard dummy's ♠ T, and only West can guard dummy's ♣ 9.

So you play your ♥ A and West must give up one of his guards. If he holds on to the ♠ J then you toss dummy's useless ♠ T. If he throws the ♠ J then you toss dummy's ♣ 9.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 4
♥ A 7
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ A K 7 3

9
15 11
5

West

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

3 NT by West

Lead: ♠ 3

♠ A K 9 3 2

♥ 10 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ J 6 4



♠ 8 6 5

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ Q 10 4

♣ Q 10 9

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 10

♥ K Q 5 3

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 8 5 2

West is to play 3 NT. North leads the ♠ 3. South plays the ♠ 5.

You have 8 winners, and if South holds 4+ ♥s AND 3+ ♦s then only he can guard the two suits.

But how can you squeeze him?

But maybe you can make his partner do the job for you.

At trick 2 you play a ♠.

And he will no doubt continue with the ♠ A and ♠ 9.

You discard 2 ♦s from dummy and a ♣ from your hand.

South cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he

also throws a ♣.

North will almost surely cash his ♠ 2.

You and dummy both discard a ♣ and South also must discard a ♣.

It doesn't matter what North plays next, let's say it is a ♣.

South is truly squeezed. If he discards a ♥, dummy's ♥ 5 will become a winner. but if he discards a ♦ then you will get a third ♦ trick and the contract.

Since it was North who started the squeeze by cashing his last ♠, this is called a Suicide Squeeze. BUT, what if North had not cashed that ♠?

Suppose North is a really expert defender and avoids the Suicide Squeeze by just refusing to cash his winning ♠. It doesn't matter what else he plays instead, so let us assume it is a ♣.

You win in your hand and establish a ♦ winner by playing ♦ A, ♦ K, and a small ♦. South wins but cannot reach his partner's hand for that good ♠.

So you establish a ♦ winner and make your contract.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	7 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
7 ♣ by North			
Lead: ♠ K			

North is to play 7 ♣. East leads the ♠ K.

So you take the ♠ A, pull three rounds of trumps and play ♦ K.

But when you lead to the ♦ A East discards a small ♠.

Think squeeze instead. Ruff a ♦. This turns the ♦ J into a Threat card against West's ♦ Q.

But, the ♠ J is already a Threat card against East's ♠ Q.

East can afford to discard the ♠ 9 and the ♥ 5.

West can spare his two ♠s.

East cannot throw the ♠ Q, so he gives up the ♥ 8. Dummy's ♠ J is of no further value so you dump it.

West cannot throw the ♦ Q, so he gives up the ♥ 2.

And you take the last three tricks with the ♥ suit. There were only two defenders; one of them had to guard ♠s and the other had to guard ♦s. There was nobody left to guard ♥s.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4

♥ J 9 7 3

♦ K 7 5

♣ 8 6 5 2

4
6 22
8

♠ 10 9 7

♥ 4

♦ Q J 9 4 2

♣ J 10 9 3



♠ —

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ A K Q 4

♠ A K J 8 6 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 10

♣ 7

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

4 ♠

6 ♥

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥ by East

Pass

Pass

Lead: ♠ A

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

So you ruff the ♠, pull trumps in three rounds, then play ♣ A K and get the bad news when South discards a ♠.

And since South had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that North guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze North in ♣s and ♦s, but first you must lose a trick to rectify the count.

So you play a low ♦ from each hand.

He will then play the ♠ K, which you must ruff in your hand.

Play dummy's ♥ J.

North gets to choose his own fate - discarding a protector in one of the two

suits. Of course, whichever suit he discards you will throw the opposite one.

Yet another slam, courtesy of the Squeeze Play!