

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	7 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
7 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ K			

South is to play 7 NT. West leads the ♥ K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥ J is a Threat against West's ♥ Q, so if it is West 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, East discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

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

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

You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦ 5 East 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.

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

Play dummy's ♠ 5 to your ♠ K.

West 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ 10 6

7
4 3
26

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3


 ♠ 6
 ♥ Q 9 8 4 3
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ J 9 7 5

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

7 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

Lead: ♠ Q

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now West 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.

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

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

West discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

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

Play the ♠ A. East discards a ♥.

West guards the ♣s. Nobody can guard the ♥s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

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

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

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 7 2
♣ Q 10 2

♠ 10 8 7 3

♥ Q 10
♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 7 5

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ J 4

♠ 5
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ K 8 6 3

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

1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ A

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
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K 9 3 2
 ♥ 10 4 2
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ J 6 4

11
 9 5
 15

♠ Q 10
 ♥ K Q 5 3
 ♦ A 8 6 3
 ♣ 8 5 2