

**Deal 1**

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



♠ 10 8 6  
♣ K 10 8 6

♠ A J 2  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ Q 7 2

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ 10			

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥T, won by dummy's ♥A. At trick 2 South calls for dummy's ♣3. Which card do you play?

When you have made your choice

You would not have been expecting South to play a small ♣ from dummy's holding. The only way it makes sense is if South holds the ♣Q.

If you play your ♣K you will win the trick, but in so doing you will set up 3 ♣ tricks for South, which is all he needs to make the slam.

Play low instead and South will win his ♣Q. But now your ♣K sits behind dummy's ♣J 4 so he can get only one more trick in the suit, the ♣A.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ K 7 2****♥ K J 10 9 3****♦ 7 2****♣ K J 10****♠ J 10 9 6****♥ —****♦ 10 8 6 4 3****♣ A 8 4 3**

W	N	E	S

**♠ 8 4 3****♥ 7 4****♦ Q J 9 5****♣ Q 9 7 5**

**11**  
**5 5**  
**19**

**♠ A Q 5**  
**♥ A Q 8 6 5 2**  
**♦ A K**  
**♣ 6 2**

West	North	East	South
			<b>1 ♥</b>

Pass	3 ♥	Pass	<b>4 NT</b>
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Pass	5 ♣	Pass	<b>6 ♥</b>
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Pass	Pass	Pass	
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6 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ J

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♠ J, the ♠ K is played from dummy and holds the trick. Next come dummy's ♥ K, then another trump to South's ♥ A.

At trick 4 South plays the ♣ 2 from his hand and you must decide what to play.

When you have made your choice

South has 2 small ♣s and faces a choice of dummy plays in the suit. He must decide whether to play you for the ♣ A or the ♣ Q. If you play your ♣ A you make the decision very easy for him.

When you correctly play your small ♣ life becomes harder for South. Sometimes he will guess correctly and play dummy's ♣ K, but other times he will play dummy's ♣ J, hoping you have the ♣ Q.

**Deal 3**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 4  
 ♥ J 6 2  
 ♦ J 8 5 2  
 ♣ A K Q 2

11  
 4 10  
 15

♠ A 9 3  
 ♥ Q 9 8  
 ♦ A 7 3  
 ♣ 10 8 5 4

♠ K Q J  
 ♥ A K 7 3  
 ♦ Q 10 9 4  
 ♣ 7 3

West      North      East      South  
 Pass      3 NT      Pass      1 NT

Pass

3 NT by South  
 Lead: ♠ 6

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠ 6. You won the ♠ A and returned the ♠ 9, won by South's ♠ Q.

South next played to dummy's ♣ A and led the ♦ 2. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Count the points. South's 15-17 plus North's 11 plus your T comes to 36-38. So West has room for an Ace or a King, but no more.

West's second ♠ play was the 2, so it looks like he started with 5 ♠s. And the fall of South's ♠s looks like he may have 1 ♠ left, very likely the ♠ K.

All this means that you should take your ♦ A now and return your last ♠ to establish West's suit. Now West's ♦ K will be an entry to the ♠s

If you play low, West will have to take the ♦ K now, and although he can play a ♠ to establish the suit, he will not have an entry to be able to cash them.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

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

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

6 ♠ by South  
 Lead: ♣ Q

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♣ Q, East plays low and South wins the ♣ A.

South pulls trumps in 2 rounds. He then takes the ♦ K, ♦ Q, ♦ A, discarding a ♥ on the last one. Next he plays dummy's last ♣ to his ♣ K.

Having done all this, South now plays a low ♥ from his hand. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

If you followed what South was doing you will realize that he has eliminated both the ♦s and ♣s from both his hand and dummy. If it isn't clear that he is now out of ♣s, just remember the bidding - he must have had 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s.

Suppose you play low on this ♥ (as South hopes you will). Dummy's ♥ K will take the trick, and when another ♥ is played you will have to win it with your now bare ♥ A. You will then have to play a ♦ or a ♣, giving South a ruff and sluff.

But if you take your ♥ A now, then exit with your ♥ 2, South can win the ♥ K but will still have to lose a ♥ to East.