

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**20**  
8 6  
6

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♥ Q

You are North and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

With 22 points you are too strong to open with a 1-bid.

You start with a forcing 2 ♣, partner responds 2 ♦. This is a "waiting" bid, showing 0-7 points.

No need to jump. If you say anything other than 2 NT partner is forced to bid again.

You bid 2 ♠ and it is partner who says 2 NT.

Always keep in mind that you don't need to bid the same values twice. Partner knows that you have 22 or more points and knows that you have a good ♠ suit. So all you do at this point is rebid your ♠s to show that it is a 6-card suit.

You bid 3 ♠ and partner raises you to game.

North plays 4 ♠. East leads the ♥ Q.

Losers: ♠ 1? : ♥ 1 : ♦ 2 : ♣ 0 : Total = 4?

That question mark means that if ♠s don't split 3-2 you will have 2 losers in which case the ♦ finesse will just have to work. However, the 3-2 split will probably occur, so you make your PLAN based on that.

Unless East is a complete moron dummy's ♥ K is a goner no matter what you do. So you duck, then ruff the ♥ J continuation. Next you play ♠ A, ♠ K, both defenders following. At this point one defender still holds the master ♠ Q and you must decide whether to leave it outstanding or force them to play it.

When dummy has a side suit you want to run but no outside entries it usually pays to drive out the master trump. So you play another ♠ and West wins the ♠ Q. He now plays a ♦ and you hopefully play the ♦ Q, but East takes the ♦ K and plays another ♦. You are now in control. Win the ♦ A and play 4 rounds of ♣s, discarding your ♦ loser.

You would have played ♣ A, ♣ K, then a small ♣ to dummy's ♣ J. West would ruff this with his ♠ Q and you would never be able to reach dummy's ♣ J. You would be down 1, losing 1 ♠, 1 ♥ and 2 ♦s.

**Deal 2**West Deals  
None Vul

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

7	8	10 8 5
13	12	♦ K Q J 10
		♣ 7 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♠ by East  
Lead: ♦ K

♠ K J 2	♦ 7 3	♣ 10 9 5 4
♥ Q J 7 2		

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ 10 6 5 4	♦ 9 6 4 2	♣ J 8
♥ A K 3		

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

10  
4 8  
18

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 7  
♥ 10 5  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ A Q 10 9 5

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

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♣      Pass      3 NT  
Pass      Pass      Pass

3 NT by South  
Lead: ♥ 7

you won't risk the ♣ finesse.

The best thing about this plan is that when you test the ♦s, if it turns out they do not split 3-3 you can still try the ♣ finesse.

You are South and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

You are too strong to open 1 NT. With two 4-card minors the correct opening bid is 1♦. Partner responds 2♣.

You now need to make a jump bid. You MIGHT jump to 4♣ but that would bypass what is probably your best game. Instead you just jump to 3 NT. Partner doesn't HAVE to pass, but he does.

South plays 3 NT. West leads the ♥ 7 East wins ♥ A and returns ♥ 9.

Winner count: ♠ 3 : ♥ 1 : ♦ 3 : ♣ 1 : Total = 8

You have a LOT of points - but only 8 tricks. And you know that if you lose the lead there will be a deluge of ♥s on the table. ♠s is your best suit, and if the finesse works you will make 6. Of course if it fails you will go down. But there is one thing you should do before you stake everything on a 50% finesse. You should play 3 rounds of ♦s. If they split 3-3 you will have found your ninth trick and

**Deal 4**

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



West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by West  
Lead: ♥ K

You are West and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

Well, you're pretty sure you have a ♣ fit. But before you show partner your fine ♣ support you have an obligation to show a 4-card Major.

You respond 1 ♠, partner jumps to 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Your hand revalues to 11 or 12 points so you should bid game. 5 ♣ requires 11 tricks and 4 ♠ only T tricks. You bid 4 ♠.

West plays 4 ♠. North leads the ♥ K.

Losers: ♠ 2 : ♥ 0 : ♦ 0 : ♣ 0 : Total = 2

You expect trumps to split 3-2 so you would lose 2 trumps. You have no other losers so you decide to pull trumps. You win the ♥ A and play the ♠ A. South plays the ♠ K!

Do you change your Plan? ?

Well, South may be false-carding. He may also have the ♠ Q for example. But if you decide to play another trump and it turns out he was NOT false-carding you will be dead in the water. North will take his three trump tricks and some ♥s. Many ♥s.

So don't take the chance. Abandon trumps and start playing ♣ winners. Let North take the three trumps whenever he wants to. You will not lose control of the hand and will make your T tricks.

As you see, North would have pulled your and dummy's trumps and then won 3 ♥ tricks.

A slightly different Plan would also have worked. At trick two you could have played a low trump from both hands. South would win the ♠ K, then probably play another ♥. You ruff, play a ♠ to the ♠ A and discover the split. From there the Plan is the same, play your ♣s and let North ruff when he wants.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5  
♥ K 9 8 3  
♦ Q J 9 5 3  
♣ 6

**15**  
8 7  
**10**

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



♠ J 10  
♥ Q J 10 2  
♦ K 8  
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♥ Q

would still have to lose a ♥ and two ♦s.

You are North and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣.

With 17 points and a 6-card suit you jump to 3 ♠. Partner bids the game.

North plays 4 ♠. East leads the ♥ Q.

Losers: ♠ 1 : ♥ 1 : ♦ 2 : ♣ 0 : Total = 4

You have plenty of ♣ winners in dummy but you must be careful because there are no outside entries. You win your ♥ A and play ♠ A and ♠ K, both defenders following suit. The ♠ Q is still out. To make sure you get to enjoy those ♣ winners you should continue with another ♠, forcing out the ♠ Q. The defense will now take a ♥ if they are smart, but the rest of the tricks are yours because you can run the ♣ suit without anyone trumping in.

West would have used his master ♠ Q to ruff the second ♣, before you had taken any discards. You

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 8 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ A 7 6 4

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ 10 5

W N E S

♠ 10 3  
♥ Q J 10 8  
♦ K 8 2  
♣ 9 7 6 420  
8 6  
6♠ 7 4  
♥ K 5 3 2  
♦ 9 5 4  
♣ Q J 8 3

**Deal 7**

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

N  
W E  
S

7  
**13 8**  
**12**

♠ A Q
♥ 10 8 5
♦ K Q J 10
♣ 7 6 3 2

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 7  
♥ 10 5  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ A Q 10 9 5

♠ J 8 6

♥ Q J 8 7 2

♦ 10 9 4

♣ 6 3

10  
4 8  
18

N  
W S E

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

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

**Deal 9**      ♠ Q J 9 4  
North Deals    ♥ K Q 10 7  
E-W Vul        ♦ J 10 8 2  
                  ♣ 9

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

N  
W     E  
S

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

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♦ 5 3

♠ Q 9 5

♥ K 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 5 3

♣ 6

♠ A K 8 7 4 2

♥ A 6

♦ A 10 2

♣ 5 3



♠ J 10

♥ Q J 10 2

♦ K 8

♣ 10 9 8 4 2

♠ 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A K Q J 7

15  
8 7  
10

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ A 7 6 4

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ 10 5

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 3

♥ Q J 10 8

♦ K 8 2

♣ 9 7 6 4

**20**

**8 6**

**6**

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

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

7  
**13    8**  
12

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

N  
W   E  
S

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

**Deal 13**

North Deals

♦ Q 10 7

Both Vul

♥ 10 5

♦ Q 7 2

♣ A Q 10 9 5

♠ J 8 6

♥ Q J 8 7 2

♦ 10 9 4

♣ 6 3

**10**  
4    8  
18

♠ A K 3

♥ K 4

♦ A K 6 5

♣ J 8 7 2

N  
W    E  
S

♠ 9 5 4 2

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ J 8 3

♣ K 4

**Deal 14**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 4

♥ K Q 10 7

♦ J 10 8 2

♣ 9

♠ 10 7 6 2

♥ 5

♦ A 6

♣ Q J 10 8 7 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ A 6 4 2

♦ K 7

♣ A K 5

♠ K

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q 9 5 4 3

♣ 6 4 2

9  
7 18  
6

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 8 7 4 2

♥ A 6

♦ A 10 2

♣ 5 3

♠ Q 9 5

♥ K 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 5 3

♣ 6

W N E S

♠ J 10

♥ Q J 10 2

♦ K 8

♣ 10 9 8 4 2

♠ 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A K Q J 7

15  
8 7  
10

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 8 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ A 7 6 4

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ 10 5

W N E S

♠ 10 3

♥ Q J 10 8

♦ K 8 2

♣ 9 7 6 4

20  
8 6♠ 7 4  
♥ K 5 3 2  
♦ 9 5 4  
♣ Q J 8 3

**Deal 17**      ♠ K J 2  
North Deals    ♥ Q J 7 2  
None Vul      ♦ 7 3  
                  ♣ 10 9 5 4  
♠ 9 8 7 3      ♠ 10 6 5 4  
♥ 9 6 4      ♥ A K 3  
♦ A 8 5      ♦ 9 6 4 2  
♣ A K Q      ♣ J 8

N  
W E  
S

7  
13 8  
12

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

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 7

♥ 10 5

♦ Q 7 2

♣ A Q 10 9 5

♠ J 8 6

♥ Q J 8 7 2

♦ 10 9 4

♣ 6 3

W N E S

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

**Deal 19**      ♠ Q J 9 4  
South Deals    ♥ K Q 10 7  
E-W Vul        ♦ J 10 8 2  
                  ♣ 9

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

N  
W   E  
S

♠ K  
9  
7   18  
6  
♣ 6 4 2

♥ J 9 8 3  
♦ Q 9 5 4 3

**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 8 7 4 2

♥ A 6

♦ A 10 2

♣ 5 3

♠ Q 9 5

♥ K 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 5 3

♣ 6

N  
W E  
S♠ J 10  
♥ Q J 10 2  
♦ K 8  
♣ 10 9 8 4 215  
8 7  
10♠ 6 3  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ 7 6 4  
♣ A K Q J 7

**Deal 21**      ♠ A K 9 8 6 5

North Deals      ♥ 9

N-S Vul      ♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ A 7 6 4

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ 10 5

N  
W     E  
S

♠ 10 3

♥ Q J 10 8

♦ K 8 2

♣ 9 7 6 4

**20**

**8 6**

**6**

♠ 7 4

♥ K 5 3 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ Q J 8 3

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

7  
**13    8**  
12

N  
W   E  
S

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

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

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 10 7

♥ 10 5

♦ Q 7 2

♣ A Q 10 9 5

♠ J 8 6

♥ Q J 8 7 2

♦ 10 9 4

♣ 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 5 4 2

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ J 8 3

♣ K 4

**10**  
**4 8**  
**18**

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

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 4

♥ K Q 10 7

♦ J 10 8 2

♣ 9

♠ 10 7 6 2

♥ 5

♦ A 6

♣ Q J 10 8 7 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ A 6 4 2

♦ K 7

♣ A K 5

♠ K

9  
7 18  
6

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q 9 5 4 3

♣ 6 4 2

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 8 7 4 2

♥ A 6

♦ A 10 2

♣ 5 3

♠ Q 9 5

♥ K 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 5 3

♣ 6

N  
W S E♠ J 10  
♥ Q J 10 2  
♦ K 8  
♣ 10 9 8 4 215  
8 7  
10♠ 6 3  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ 7 6 4  
♣ A K Q J 7

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 9 8 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ A 7 6 4

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ 10 5

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 3

♥ Q J 10 8

♦ K 8 2

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 7 4  
**20**  
8 6  
6

♠ 7 4

♥ K 5 3 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ Q J 8 3

**Deal 27**      ♠ K J 2  
South Deals      ♥ Q J 7 2  
None Vul      ♦ 7 3  
                    ♣ 10 9 5 4  
♠ 9 8 7 3      ♠ 10 6 5 4  
♥ 9 6 4      ♥ A K 3  
♦ A 8 5      ♦ 9 6 4 2  
♣ A K Q      ♣ J 8

N  
W E  
S

7  
13 8  
12

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

**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 7

♥ 10 5

♦ Q 7 2

♣ A Q 10 9 5

♠ J 8 6

♥ Q J 8 7 2

♦ 10 9 4

♣ 6 3

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A K 3

♥ K 4

♦ A K 6 5

♣ J 8 7 2

**10**  
**4 8**  
**18**

**Deal 29**      ♠ Q J 9 4  
North Deals    ♥ K Q 10 7  
Both Vul        ♦ J 10 8 2  
                  ♣ 9

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K  
9  
7 18  
6  
♣ 6 4 2

♥ J 9 8 3  
♦ Q 9 5 4 3

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 8 7 4 2

♥ A 6

♦ A 10 2

♣ 5 3

♠ Q 9 5

♥ K 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 5 3

♣ 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 10

♥ Q J 10 2

♦ K 8

♣ 10 9 8 4 2

♠ 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ 7 6 4

15  
8 7  
10

♣ A K Q J 7

**Deal 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ A 7 6 4

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ 10 5

W N E S

♠ 10 3  
♥ Q J 10 8  
♦ K 8 2  
♣ 9 7 6 420  
8 6  
6♠ 7 4  
♥ K 5 3 2  
♦ 9 5 4  
♣ Q J 8 3

**Deal 32**

West Deals  
E-W Vul  
  
♠ 9 8 7 3  
♥ 9 6 4  
♦ A 8 5  
♣ A K Q

13 7 8  
12

N  
W E  
S

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

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 7

♥ 10 5

♦ Q 7 2

♣ A Q 10 9 5

♠ J 8 6

♥ Q J 8 7 2

♦ 10 9 4

♣ 6 3

N  
W S E

♠ 9 5 4 2

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ J 8 3

♣ K 4

♠ A K 3

♥ K 4

♦ A K 6 5

♣ J 8 7 2

**10**  
**4 8**  
**18**

**Deal 34**

East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ Q J 9 4

♥ K Q 10 7  
♦ J 10 8 2

♣ 9

♠ 10 7 6 2

♥ 5

♦ A 6

♣ Q J 10 8 7 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ A 6 4 2  
♦ K 7

♣ A K 5

♠ K

9  
7 18  
6

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q 9 5 4 3

♣ 6 4 2

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 8 7 4 2

♥ A 6

♦ A 10 2

♣ 5 3

♠ Q 9 5

♥ K 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 5 3

♣ 6

N  
W S E♠ J 10  
♥ Q J 10 2  
♦ K 8  
♣ 10 9 8 4 215  
8 7  
10♠ 6 3  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ 7 6 4  
♣ A K Q J 7