

Deal 1

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

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

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| 15 | ♠ A 5 2 |
| 3 6 | ♥ J 6 |
| 16 | ♦ A K J 7 5 3 |
| | ♣ K 7 |

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
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| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 3 ♦ |
| Pass | 4 ♦ | Pass | 4 NT |
| Pass | 5 ♥ | Pass | 7 NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

7 NT by North
Lead: ♥ K

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| | ♠ 8 ♥ K Q 10 7 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ J 9 5 2 |
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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.

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."

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ 10 6

7
4 3
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♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3

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♠ 6

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

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

7 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

Lead: ♠ Q

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 ♥.

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.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ J 4

15
4 10
11

| West | North | East | South |
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| | 1 ♥ | 1 ♠ | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♦ |
| Pass | 6 ♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 6 ♥ by North | | | |
| Lead: ♠ A | | | |



♠ 5
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ K 8 6 3

♠ 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

North is to play 6 ♥. East 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 East holds 3 ♣ s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣ s and ♠ s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze East in the black suits right now is that West 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 East can guard dummy's ♠ T, and only East can guard dummy's ♣ 9.

So you play your ♥ A and East 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

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| South Deals | ♠ Q 10 |
| None Vul | ♥ K Q 5 3 |
| | ♦ A 8 6 3 |
| | ♣ 8 5 2 |

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



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| 11 | ♠ J 7 4 |
| 9 5 | ♥ A 7 |
| 15 | ♦ K 7 5 2 |
| | ♣ A K 7 3 |

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| West | North | East | South |
| | | | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♦ |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |

3 NT by South
Lead: ♠ 3

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

You have 8 winners, and if East 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.

East cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he also throws a ♣.

West will almost surely cash his ♠ 2.

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

It doesn't matter what West plays next, lets say it is a ♣.

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

Suppose West 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 ♦. East 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

♥ J 10 2

♦ Q 10 4 3

♣ 4

♠ A

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 9 8 7



♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ Q 9 8 5

♦ 9

♣ 10 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ K 7 4

♦ A J 8 7 6 2

♣ 5 3

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 3 7
 9

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

South Deals

None Vul

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

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| 6 | — |
| 8 4 | ♦ A K Q 10 5 |
| 22 | ♦ A 8 6 3 |
| | ♣ A K Q 4 |

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass | 5 ♥ |
| Pass | 6 ♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | 2 ♣ |
| 6 ♥ by South | | | |
| Lead: ♠ A | | | |

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|-------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| N | W | E | S |
| ♦ Q 4 | ♥ J 9 7 3 | ♦ K 7 5 | ♣ 8 6 5 2 |
| ♦ 10 | — | ♦ 4 | ♣ 10 9 7 |
| ♣ 7 | ♦ Q J 9 4 2 | ♦ J 10 9 3 | — |

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

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

And since West had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that East guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze East 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.

East 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!