

**Deal 1**

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

♠ J 10 9 6 4	♦ —
♥ 9 8 3 2	♣ Q 10 6 3

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>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by North  
Lead: ♥ K

	♠ 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**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**7**  
**3**  
**26**  
**4**

*West*  
**3 ♦**  
**5 ♦**  
Pass  
7 NT by East  
Lead: ♠ Q

**♠ 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**

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

*North*  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

**4 NT**  
**7 NT**

**2 ♣**  
**Pass**

*East*  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

**Pass**  
**Pass**

*South*  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

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

♠ 10 8 7 3

♥ Q 10  
♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 7 5

	N		E
W		S	
11	♠ 5	7 5 2	
10 4	♥ A K J 9 8 3	♦ J 9 8 4 3	
15	♦ A 5	♣ J 4	
	♣ K 8 6 3		

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
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**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

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

9  
 15 11  
 5

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

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

♠ 8 6 5

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ Q 10 4

♣ Q 10 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♠ 3			

N  
 W E  
 S

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, lets 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

♥ 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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	7 ♣	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

West  
Pass  
6 ♥  
6 ♥ by East  
Lead: ♠ A

♠ 10 9 7

♥ 4

♦ Q J 9 4 2

♣ J 10 9 3

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

West	North	East	South
		2 ♣	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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!