

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**♠ A Q**  
**♥ J 10 4**  
**♦ 10 7 4 3**  
**♣ A K J 2**



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. East led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

As soon as dummy appears you can see 3 tricks for your side. Partner surely has the ♦ K to go with his Ace and you have a certain trump trick. However, that's all you can see.

Your best hope is that East may be able to win a ♠ trick, and it may be important for the first ♠ lead to come from your side of the table.

Your ♦ Q play informs partner that you also have the ♦ J, giving him the option of underleading his ♦ K to get to your hand.

East next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦ J. You return the ♠ T. This establishes East's ♠ K before North can pull trumps and discard one of dummy's ♠ s on his fourth ♣.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ Q 7 3

♠ 7

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A K J 9 6 4 2



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			
Lead: ♠ 5			

card?

Hopefully North will come to the conclusion that this is Suit Preference for a ♥ return and will play his ♥ J. Hopefully.

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ 5, North plays the ♠T and East wins the ♠ K. To the second trick East plays the ♣T and you must discard something.

When you have made your choice

You know that North has no high ♠ honor or he would have played it to the first trick. So East has the ♠ A Q left, plus all those ♣ tricks. You need to have South switch to a ♥ if possible.

North must be expecting to lead a ♠ back when he wins the ♠ Q which you hope he holds. Your ♠ J discard may make him rethink. If your ♠s were any good why would you be discarding a winner when all you had to do was toss a small red

**Deal 3**

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



♠ J 8 5
♥ A Q J 8 7 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by South			
Lead: ♠ A			

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠ A, dummy played the ♠ 2 and you signal with your ♠ T. West next plays the ♠ Q and you drop the ♠ 4, completing your doubleton signal. West then plays the ♠ K and it turns out you don't have to ruff after all. So what are you going to play?

When you have made your choice

This should be a clear enough signal for West to play a ♣ to your ♣ A next.

An alternate play, just as good, would be for you to ruff the good ♠ Q and play the ♣ A yourself.

If you don't get your ♣ trick at trick 4 you will never get it. South will discard his ♣ K on North's extra ♦ winner.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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



♦ A 9 7 2	♣ J
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West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			
Lead: ♣ K			

asking North to switch to the higher suit (choosing between ♦s and ♥s).

North dutifully plays a ♥ and you take the next three tricks. Had he switched to a ♦ instead, West would have been able to discard one of his ♥ losers on East's ♦ Q.

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ K, dummy's singleton was played and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

North will look at your ♣ 9 and perhaps think for an instant that you want him to play another ♣.

But it will be a short instant because a look at dummy makes in absolutely clear to everybody that playing another ♣ could not help your side. Dummy has so many trumps that repeated ♣ leads would do nothing.

OK. If it's not an encouraging Attitude signal, what is it? Suit preference of course. Since it is a high spot card you are

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

6  
5 11  
18

♠ 5

♥ 9 7 3

♦ A 8 7

♣ A K 9 8 6 4

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

West      North      East      South

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass      Pass      Pass

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♣ A

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ A. Seeing your ♣ 3 he next played the ♦ A. What will you play on this trick?

When you have made your choice

Normally with this holding you would play the ♦ 9 to encourage East to play a second ♦ through dummy's ♦ Q T.

But this time you really want him to take his ♣ K. So play the discouraging ♦ 2 and hope he gets the message to go back to ♣s. If he does play the ♣ K next it will win and he can then give you a ♣ ruff.

**Deal 6**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

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

6  
 8 20  
 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT by East			
Lead: ♥ 5			

♠ J 10 7 3  
 ♥ J 7 2  
 ♦ 10 7 5  
 ♣ A 9 5

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

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

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ 5, you put on the ♥ J, East won with the ♥ A. The second trick was ♦ A, ♦ 2, ♦ 3, ♦ 5. The third trick was ♦ J, ♦ 6, ♦ 8, ♦ 7. East then put the ♣ Q on the table.

When you have made your choice

Does it look to you like East is trying to create an entry to dummy so he can cash the 2 ♦ winners? That's what he wants it to look like, hoping someone holds up their ♣ A.

But don't believe Declarer, believe your partner. On the first ♦ South played the ♦ 2. On the second ♦ he played the ♦ 6. He has an odd number of ♦s, obviously 3. And East must also have a third one, so

he is up to some trickery with that ♣ Q.

So grab your ♣ A and return partner's ♥ suit.