

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4
♥ K J 10 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 6 2

♠ —
♥ A 5 2
♦ A K 6
♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ J 8 6 2
♥ Q 9 8
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ 10 3

21
4 6
9

♠ A K Q 7 3
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 8 5 3
♣ 9 8

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♣ by North

Lead: ♦ Q

North is to play 6 ♣. East leads the ♦ Q.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=0 Total = 3

Partner's hand didn't turn out to be what you hoped for, you had in mind maybe the ♥ K and ♦ Q.

But this is what you got. First, be thankful East led a ♦ rather than a ♥. Second, see if you can find a way to fight yourself over to dummy and those three beautiful ♠s.

You have two possibilities for a ♣ entry, but you can only try one of them as you will see.

You can play a high ♣ and hope somebody plays the singleton ♣T. Then your ♣9 would be an entry. If this works you would probably make all 13 tricks,

but the chances are very slim.

You can play a low ♣ to dummy's ♣8. Assuming a defender takes the ♣T you can win his return and enter dummy with the ♣9. This play is guaranteed to give you the entry and is the one you should choose.

When you are missing 4 cards the probability of a 3-1 split is about 50%.

But the singleton can be any one of four cards - in this case it can be the ♣T, ♣6, ♣3 or ♣2. So the chance of one of the opponents holding specifically the singleton ♣T is only one-fourth of 50%, about 12.5%.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
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2 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
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4 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
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4 ♥ by East	Pass	Pass	Pass
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Lead: ♠ A

East is to play 4 ♥. South leads the ♠ A, then ♠ K.

Losers: ♠ = 1 ♥ = 0 ♦ = 3? ♣ = 0
Total = 4?

This is the kind of hand that can get really messy if you aren't careful. You could ruff the ♠, then try to ruff some ♦s, but the defense can prevent you by leading trumps when you give up the ♦ tricks.

All in all a much better plan is to use dummy's ♣ suit after you unblock the Ace. The only flaw with that idea is that when you ruff the ♠, unblock the ♣ A, then play two rounds of trumps ending in dummy, there will still be a trump left out. And the defender might ruff a ♣ before you can take the discards you

need. Do you see a way around this?

Do NOT ruff the second ♠ in dummy, just discard a ♦. If South plays a third ♠ you will ruff in your hand, then unblock the ♣ A, then pull trumps in 3 rounds ending in dummy. And run all those ♣ tricks. If South plays a trump or a ♣ the result will be the same. The defense can get one ♦ trick if they take it right now, but you still make your contract.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 10 8
♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4
♥ J 5 3
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q J 7
♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ A 8 4

West	North	East	South
			2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			
Lead: ♣ 3			

South is to play 3 NT. West leads the ♣ 3, East plays the ♣ A.

Winners: ♠=1 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 6

You have the possibility of one additional ♠ winner if West holds the ♠ K. However, ♦s is your best suit and if East holds the ♦ K you could gain all three winners that you need from that suit. But of course you need perhaps 2 dummy entries. Do you have them?

Well, you probably do. West's small ♣ lead probably indicates an honor, and with East playing the ♣ A you can be pretty sure that West holds the ♣ J. So by playing your ♣ K underneath the ♣ A you set up a second entry to dummy via the ♣ finesse.

Assume East now plays a ♥. Take your ♥ A and play a ♣ to dummy's ♣ T. Lead a ♦ and finesse the ♦ J, which holds. Play another ♣ to dummy and finesse another ♦. Now play your ♦ A and smile when the ♦ K drops and your fourth ♦ becomes a winner.

By unblocking the ♣ K you were still pretty confident that you would get the two tricks, but the bonus was in the extra dummy entry your unblock created.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

West

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

Lead: ♦ 5

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

West is to play 3 NT. North leads the ♦ 5, South plays the ♦ Q.

Winners: ♠=0 ♥=3 ♦=1 ♣=1 Total = 5

You must take the ♦ K right now or you might lose the first 5 tricks.

It's a shame about that solid ♠ suit, but if you try to win even a single ♠ they will grab the ♠ A and win enough ♦ tricks to set the contract.

So you are going to have to win a lot of ♣ tricks, and do so without losing the lead. You need dummy entries, and they must be in ♥s.

Win the ♦ K. Play the ♥ J to dummy's ♥ Q. Play the ♣ Q and when South follows with a low card let it ride. Still in dummy,

play the ♣ J, again letting it ride when South plays low. Play one more ♣ to your ♣ A, picking up South's ♣ K this time.

The ♣ suit is ready to run, so play your ♥ K to dummy's ♥ A and take your ♣ winners. You took 9 tricks in all, the ♦ K, the ♥ A Q and all 6 ♣s.

Since it gave you all 6 ♣ tricks the sacrifice was well worth it.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4
♥ K J 10 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ 6 5 2

♦ A Q 7

♣ 9 4

♠ 9

♥ Q 10 4

♦ 6 5

♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3



♠ 8 3

♥ A K J 9 8 7

♦ K 10 4 3

♣ A

♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 3

♦ J 9 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

8

8 15

9

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4

♥ J 5 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ K J 10 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 6 5
♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3

8
8 15
9

♠ Q 10 6 5 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 4



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

♠ 8 3
♥ A K J 9 8 7
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ A

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4

♥ J 5 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 4

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ K J 10 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 6 5
♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3

8
8 15
9

♠ Q 10 6 5 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 4



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

♠ 8 3
♥ A K J 9 8 7
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ A

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4

♥ J 5 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 4

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ K J 10 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9

♥ Q 10 4

♦ 6 5

♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3

8
8 15
9

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ 6 5 2

♦ A Q 7

♣ 9 4



♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 3

♦ J 9 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

♠ 8 3

♥ A K J 9 8 7

♦ K 10 4 3

♣ A

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4

♥ J 5 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 4

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ K J 10 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ 6 5 2

♦ A Q 7

♣ 9 4

♠ 9

♥ Q 10 4

♦ 6 5

♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3



♠ 8 3

♥ A K J 9 8 7

♦ K 10 4 3

♣ A

♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 3

♦ J 9 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

8

8 15

9

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4

♥ J 5 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 4

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ K J 10 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 6 5
♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3

8
8 15
9

♠ Q 10 6 5 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 4



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

♠ 8 3
♥ A K J 9 8 7
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ A

Deal 27
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 10 8
♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4
♥ J 5 3
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q J 7
♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ A 8 4

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ K J 10 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 6 5
♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3

8
8 15
9

♠ Q 10 6 5 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 4



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

♠ 8 3
♥ A K J 9 8 7
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ A

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4

♥ J 5 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ K J 10 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ 6 2

21
4 6
9

♠ —

♥ A 5 2

♦ A K 6

♣ A K Q J 7 5 4



♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 7 6 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ 9 8

♠ J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ 10 3

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 6 5
♣ K Q J 8 7 5 3

8
8 15
9

♠ Q 10 6 5 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 4



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

♠ 8 3
♥ A K J 9 8 7
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ A

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 3

5
3 11
21

♠ Q 7 4

♥ J 5 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 7



♠ A 8 2

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ K 6 2

♠ K J 9

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 4

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ K J

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 10 2

5
14 12
9

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ 6



♠ A 6 4

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J

♥ A Q 6

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3