

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
6 10  
9

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

♠ A Q

♥ J 10 4

♦ 10 7 4 3

♣ A K J 2



♠ J 5

♥ A Q 9 8 7 5

♦ 5 2

♣ Q 10 4

North

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

4 ♥

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**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 5 2

♥ A Q 10 6

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ —

8  
7 8  
17

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 5

♠ 7

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A K J 9 6 4 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A K Q 3

♥ K 9 8

♦ A J 10

♣ 10 8 5

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

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

When you have made your choice

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

East 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 card?

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

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

18  
 5 9  
 8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

Lead: ♠ A

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠A, dummy played the ♠2 and you signal with your ♠T. East next plays the ♠Q and you drop the ♠4, completing your doubleton signal. East 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 East 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. North will discard his ♣K on South's extra ♦ winner.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 8 6 3

♥ Q 7 2

♦ Q 8 4

♣ J

♠ 10

♥ 9 6 4 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ K Q 10 6 3



♠ 2

♥ A K J

♦ J 10 6 3 2

♣ A 9 7 2

♠ A K 7 5 4

♥ 10 8 5

♦ A K

♣ 8 5 4

8

5 13

14

West

North

East

South

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♣ K

You are East. 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

West 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 asking West to switch to the higher suit

(choosing between ♦s and ♥s).

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