

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

15  
8 10  
7

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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by North			
Lead: ♦ J			

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Partner tells you that he has only invitational strength, but has at least 6 ♠s. The ♠s are fine by you, but with only 15 HCP you decide to pass.

UhOh. Maybe you should have bid game.

If the ♠s are 2-2 there will be only one loser in that suit. And maybe the ♣ finesse will work.

Don't get too optimistic too early. If you play ♠ A and another ♠ you could go down. Remember that you only counted one ♥ loser - that means you MUST ruff a ♥ in your hand.

Win the ♦ lead and play ♥ A and another ♥ before you touch trumps.

After this there is nothing the defense can do to stop you ruffing one ♥ in your hand.

to see why this was necessary.

East would have taken the second ♠, then pulled your last ♠. When the ♣ finesse failed you would make only 8 tricks.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

West

2 ♥  
3 NT  
3 NT by East  
Lead: ♦ Q

North

Pass  
Pass

East

1 NT  
2 ♠  
Pass

South

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

♠ J 9 5 2

♥ Q J 5

♦ 9 2

♣ 10 9 7 4



♠ K Q 8 6 3

♥ 6 2

♦ K 7 3

♣ K 6 2

♠ 7 4

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ Q J 10 8

♣ J 8 3

With 12 points and a 5-card Major you transfer partner to that Major. You bid 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 ♠. Now what do say next?

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You must insist on game, but since partner could have a doubleton ♠ you do so by bidding 3 NT to give him the choice.

He chooses 3 NT by passing.

The contract would be 3 NT played by East.

To make West the declarer ROTATE.

West plays 3 NT. North leads the ♦ Q. Do you win the first trick or holdup?

A holdup wouldn't hurt you since North would retain the lead. But it probably wouldn't help you much either since you do have 2 stoppers in the suit. You obviously need to establish at least one

more winner in ♠s so you won't have to depend on the ♥ A being with South. Need it be said that ♥s is the suit you are worried about and South is the Danger hand? Let's say you win the first trick with dummy's ♦ K.

Suppose you play ♠ A, then ♠ K Q. If they split 3-3 you will be soooo happy because you will make at least T tricks. But if South shows out on the third ♠ you will be pretty happy because you can give up a ♠ to North and still make at least 9 tricks. But if North shows out on the third ♠ you could be in deep trouble. You would have to give South the lead to establish an extra ♠ winner, and he might very well lead through your ♥ K.

There is a great safety play to protect against a 4-2 ♠ split. Play a low ♠ from dummy and finesse the ♠ T. North may win with a doubleton ♠ J but you will still make the contract.

to see what really happens.

But visualize the ♠ J and ♠ 7 transposed. If you don't make the safety play it is true that the ♠ J will fall. BUT, South will still take the fourth ♠ and when he gets in he will return the ♥ Q.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

West

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



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

North

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

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♥ 5

2 ♥

2 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

2 ♠

3 NT

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Partner is only inviting, so he must have either 9 or 10 points. And since he chose 2 NT as the invitation he must have only 5 ♠s. You will accept the invitation since you have a maximum 1 NT opener, and you choose 3 NT since you know there is no 8-card ♠ fit.

When West leads the ♥ 5 you have an immediate decision to make.

It is pretty clear that the 4 additional winners you need will be ♠s. The danger is that when you force out the ♠ A the defenders might be able to cash 4 ♥s right away. So the immediate decision is whether you take the ♥ A on the first trick or wait until the second.

If West has only 4 ♥s it will make no difference what you do because they will only win 3 ♥ tricks and you will make your contract. So assume that

West has a 5-card suit, which means that East has 2 ♥s. West's suit is definitely NOT ♥ K Q J 5 2; he would have started with the ♥ K, not the ♥ 5. So you can be sure that East holds either ♥ K x, ♥ Q x or ♥ J x. So what?

So you should play the ♥ A immediately. If East puts on his small ♥ then his lone honor will block the suit the next time it is played. But if he unblocks the honor under dummy's ♥ A then your ♥ T 9 7 will be promoted into a second stopper.

Play the ♥ A on the first trick and East is hog-tied. If he plays low the suit blocks, if he sacrifices his ♥ Q then your ♥ T 9 7 prevents West from running the suit.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

10  
11 16  
3

West  
1 NT  
3 ♣  
3 ♠  
Pass  
4 ♠ by West  
Lead: ♥ K

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



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

North  
2 ♥  
Pass  
Pass

East  
2 NT  
3 ♥  
4 ♠

South  
Pass  
Pass  
ALL

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You bid 4 ♠.

The contract would be 4 ♠ played by West.

To make East the declarer ROTATE.

East plays 4 ♠. South leads the ♥ K. Do you take the first trick or not?

You should not hold up on the ♥ for two reasons. First, North might have a singleton. Second, you might not have a ♥ loser at all (if you can discard both of dummy's ♥ losers on your ♣s.

So win the ♥ A and start on trumps by playing ♠ A, then ♠ K. Uh Oh. North discards a ♥ on the second ♠ so you have two ♠ losers.

Now you will have to be lucky. Leave the two master trumps undrawn and start running the ♣s. Fortunately North has 4 ♣s and you are able to discard both of dummy's ♥ losers. Play a ♦ next and your luck continues when it is South who takes the trick. Since North can't get in to pull your trumps, you cannot be defeated. You play your ♦ winners and ruff a ♥ in dummy. North will get his two trumps at the end.

North would have taken the two trump tricks, then South would have taken 5 ♥ tricks and the ♦ A.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

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

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

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



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

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

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

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



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

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

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 6

♥ A 10 4

♦ 10 7 5 2

♣ A 2

10  
11 16  
3

♠ 5

♥ K Q J 6 5 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ 9 4 3



♠ A 10 7 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q J 7

♠ Q J 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8 6 5



**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

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

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

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



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

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

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

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



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

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

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 8 6

♥ A 10 4

♦ 10 7 5 2

♣ A 2

10  
11 16  
3

♠ 5

♥ K Q J 6 5 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ 9 4 3



♠ A 10 7 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q J 7

♠ Q J 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8 6 5

**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

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

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

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



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

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

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

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



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

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

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

10  
11 16  
3

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



♠ A 10 7 3  
♥ 9 7  
♦ K Q J  
♣ K Q J 7

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



**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

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

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

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



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

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

**Deal 19**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

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



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

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

**Deal 20**  
 West Deals  
 Both Vul

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

10  
 11 16  
 3

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



♠ A 10 7 3  
 ♥ 9 7  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ K Q J 7

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

**Deal 21**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

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

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

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



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

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

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

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



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

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

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 6

♥ A 10 4

♦ 10 7 5 2

♣ A 2

10  
11 16  
3

♠ 5

♥ K Q J 6 5 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ 9 4 3



♠ A 10 7 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q J 7

♠ Q J 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8 6 5



**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

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

**Deal 26**  
East Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

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



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

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

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

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



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

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

**Deal 28**  
West Deals  
N-S Vul

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

10  
11 16  
3

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



♠ A 10 7 3  
♥ 9 7  
♦ K Q J  
♣ K Q J 7

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

**Deal 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



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

♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

**Deal 30**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 5

4  
17 11  
8

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



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

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

**Deal 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

♠ Q 10 9 8 4

♥ A 4

♦ Q 7 2

♣ 8 6 5



♠ K J

♥ 10 9 7 3

♦ A K 5 3

♣ A Q 4

♠ 7 5 3

♥ Q 6

♦ J 10 6 4

♣ K J 9 2

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 8 6

♥ A 10 4

♦ 10 7 5 2

♣ A 2

10  
11 16  
3

♠ 5

♥ K Q J 6 5 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ 9 4 3



♠ A 10 7 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q J 7

♠ Q J 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8 6 5



**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
8 10  
7

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



♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ J 7 4

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

**Deal 34**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ A 10  
 ♥ K 7 4 3  
 ♦ A 6 5 4  
 ♣ A Q 5

4  
 17 11  
 8

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



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

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

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

8  
8 7  
17

♠ Q 10 9 8 4

♥ A 4

♦ Q 7 2

♣ 8 6 5



♠ K J

♥ 10 9 7 3

♦ A K 5 3

♣ A Q 4

♠ 7 5 3

♥ Q 6

♦ J 10 6 4

♣ K J 9 2

**Deal 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 9 8 6

♥ A 10 4

♦ 10 7 5 2

♣ A 2

10  
11 16  
3

♠ 5

♥ K Q J 6 5 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ 9 4 3



♠ A 10 7 3

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q J 7

♠ Q J 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8 6 5