

Deal 1

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 NorthLead: **♣ 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 2
 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

N
 W E
S

♠ 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.

Deal 3

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

♠ 7 5	♦ 8 6 2	♣ 7 6 5 2
♥ 9 7 4 2		

17	♦ A Q J 2
o 7	♥ J 10 3
16	♦ A K 10
	♣ J 10 3

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by South			
Lead: ♠ 5			

N		E
W		S
♠ 10 3	♦ K Q 8 5	♣ Q 8 4
♦ 9 7 5 4		

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. The 2 ♥ bid was a transfer. The 5 NT bid meant to choose either 6 ♠ or 6 NT. South liked the suit. Partner led the ♠ 5, won by South's ♠ Q. South pulls one more trump with his ♠ A, then wins three high ♦s. Next comes dummy's ♥ A on which he plays the ♥ 3 and West plays the ♥ 9. Then he leads dummy's ♥ 6 which you win with the ♥ Q. On this trick South drops the ♥ J and West the ♥ 2. It is your play.

When you have made your choice

If you believe South is now out of ♥s then you shoud not play your ♥ K because it would give him a ruff-sluff.

But you shouldn't believe South when your partner has sent you a clear signal that he holds an EVEN number of ♥s. In

this case an even number must be 4 which means that South has one more ♥. So you play your ♥ K. He ruffs in dummy of course, but then has no way to get rid of that ♣ loser when the finesse fails.

If you had not been paying attention to West's signal you might have decided to risk a ♣ lead - with a disastrous result.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10	♦ 8 5 2	♣ A K 10 6 3
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♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

13	13	12
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West

North

East

South

W	N	E	S
♠ 6 4	♦ A J 8	♣ A Q J 6	♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

Lead: ♣ A

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♣ A, South played the ♣ 2 and West the ♣ 9. What should you play to the second trick?

When you have made your choice

On first thought South's ♣ 2 seems to be a discouraging signal. Think again.

After the first trick you know the location of every ♣ except the ♣ Q and ♣ J. If South started with ♣ J 2 he would have signaled with the ♣ J. If South started with ♣ Q J 2 he would have signaled with the ♣ Q. Since he did neither he started either with singleton ♣ 2 or with ♣ Q 2. In either case you should play a low ♣ now which he will either win with his ♣ Q or he will ruff.

It turns out that he wins with the ♣ Q, then leads a ♣ back to your ♣ A Q.

Deal 5 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

N-S Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

W N E S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6♠ 9 8 5
♥ K Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 4

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

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o 7
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Deal 8 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals ♥ 9 2

None Vul ♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13

13 12

2

Deal 9 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

E-W Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6

♠ 9 8 5
♥ K Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 4

Deal 11 ♠ K 9 8 6 4

South Deals ♥ A 6

None Vul ♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

17
o 7
16

Deal 12 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals

♥ 9 2

N-S Vul

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

W N E S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13

13 12

2

Deal 13 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

Both Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

W N E S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6♠ 9 8 5
♥ K Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 4

Deal 15

South Deals ♠ K 9 8 6 4
N-S Vul ♥ A 6
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ A K 9

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

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 2
♥ J 10 3
♦ A K 10
♣ J 10 3

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o 7
16

Deal 16 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals

♥ 9 2

E-W Vul

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13

13 12

2

Deal 17 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

None Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

W N E S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6♠ 9 8 5
♥ K Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 4

Deal 19

South Deals ♠ K 9 8 6 4
E-W Vul ♥ A 6
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ A K 9

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

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 2
♥ J 10 3
♦ A K 10
♣ J 10 3

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o 7
16

Deal 20 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals

♥ 9 2

Both Vul

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13
13 12
2

Deal 21 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

N-S Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 22 ♠ J 10 7 3

East Deals ♥ J 7 2

E-W Vul ♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6

♠ 9 8 5

♥ K Q 8 5 3

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 4

Deal 23

South Deals ♠ K 9 8 6 4
Both Vul ♥ A 6
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ A K 9

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

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 2
♥ J 10 3
♦ A K 10
♣ J 10 3

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o 7
16

Deal 24 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals ♥ 9 2

None Vul ♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13
13 **12**
2

Deal 25 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

E-W Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

W N E S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6♠ 9 8 5
♥ K Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 4

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♦ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A 6

♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2



♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

17

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16

Deal 28 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals ♥ 9 2

N-S Vul ♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13
13 **12**
2

Deal 29 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

Both Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 3o

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

W N E S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6♠ 9 8 5
♥ K Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 4

Deal 31 ♠ K 9 8 6 4

South Deals ♥ A 6

N-S Vul ♦ Q J 3

♣ A K 9

♠ 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ 9 7 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A Q J 2

♥ J 10 3

♦ A K 10

♣ J 10 3

17

16

♦ 7

Deal 32 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals

♥ 9 2

E-W Vul

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13

13 12

2

Deal 33 ♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

North Deals ♥ 8 5

None Vul ♦ 6

♣ 10 7 5

♠ 8 3

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

6
5 11
18

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 10 7 5

♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3

W N E S

♠ A K Q

♥ A 10

♦ A J 4

♣ Q 10 8 6 2

6
8 20
6♠ 9 8 5
♥ K Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 4

Deal 35

South Deals ♠ K 9 8 6 4
E-W Vul ♥ A 6
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ A K 9

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

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 2
♥ J 10 3
♦ A K 10
♣ J 10 3

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o 7
16

Deal 36 ♠ A Q 10

West Deals

♥ 9 2

Both Vul

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A K 10 6 3

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 7 6 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ J 9

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 8

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ Q 2

13

13 12

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