

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A J 10 8 3
None Vul	♥ A 3
	♦ A J 7
	♣ A Q 5

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



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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass

6 ♠ by North

Lead: ♥ Q

end-played.

The defender who won the last trick cannot lead a trump because he has none. If he leads a ♥ or a ♣ you will get a ruff-sluff, ruffing in one hand while discarding a ♦ loser from the other. If he leads a ♦ you will get the free finesse you were hoping for all along.

With an elimination play you make it no matter who holds the Queen.

South's 3 ♠ bid is a limit raise showing T-12 points and good trump support. North is to play 6 ♠. East leads the ♥ Q.

With one certain ♥ loser you cannot afford to lose a ♦ also. You could guess which way to finesse and be correct half of the time. But an elimination play will work ALL of the time.

Win the first trick and play ♠ A, ♠ K. Trumps split 2-1.

Next play three rounds of ♣s to eliminate that suit from both your and dummy's hand.

With all the eliminations completed you are ready for the throw-in. Lead a ♥ from either hand. One of the defenders will win, (you don't care which), and will be

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2

6 7
9 18

West

4 ♠
4 ♠ by East
Lead: ♥ Q

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3



♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

North

Pass
1 ♠

South
Pass
Pass

East is to play 4 ♠. South leads the ♥ Q.

This should remind you a lot of Deal 1. This time you have 1 ♥ loser and 3 ♦ losers. If you can force the opponents to lead ♦s you can make a trick with the ♦ Q or ♦ J, avoiding one of those losers.

Win the first trick and play ♠ A, ♠ K. Trumps split 2-1.

Next play three rounds of ♣s to eliminate that suit from you and dummy.

The eliminations are complete and it is time for the throw-in. Play the small ♥ from whichever hand you are in. This will be taken by one of the defenders.

No matter which defender wins the ♥ he is end-played. A ♥ or a ♣ will give you a ruff-sluff, but if he leads a ♦ you cannot be prevented from establishing either your ♦ Q or ♦ J as a winner.

Only by forcing them to start the ♦s can you take a trick in the suit.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 2 ♥ Q J 10 7 ♦ Q 8 6 4 ♣ J 7 4	♠ K 9 7 6 4 ♥ 6 4 ♦ K 10 3 ♣ K 8 2
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W	N	E	S
9		5	
8 4		K 9 8 5 2	
19		♦ J 5 2	
		♣ 10 9 6 3	

♠ A J 10 8 3 ♥ A 3 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ A Q 5	West Pass Pass 6 ♠ by South Lead: ♥ Q	North 3 ♠ Pass	East Pass Pass	South 1 ♠ 6 ♠
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leads the ♦. You play low in dummy and East must play either the ♦ Q or ♦ J to keep you from getting a cheap trick with your ♦ 9. So you take East's honor with your ♦ A and then finesse West for the other honor. As long as the ♦ Q and ♦ J are in different hands the elimination play will succeed.

By forcing them to start the ♦s you make three tricks when the two outstanding honors are divided.

South is to play 6 ♠. West leads the ♥ Q.

This is another follow-up to Deal 1. But this time you are missing both the ♦ Q and ♦ J. In this case an Elimination play doesn't give you a guarantee, it just improves your odds.

Win the first trick and play ♠ A, ♠ K. Trumps split 2-1.

Play three rounds of ♣s to eliminate the suit from you and dummy.

Now execute the throw-in by leading a ♥ from either hand.

The defender who gets thrown in cannot play a ♥ or a ♣ without handing you the contract by way of a ruff-and-sluff. So he must lead a ♦. Suppose it is West who

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5

♥ A Q 9 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ A J 5

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 ♥ by West

Lead: ♦ J

your luck with guessing who had the ♣ Q.

West is to play 4 ♥. North leads the ♦ J.

Win the ♦ K, then pull trumps, it takes two rounds.

Next you eliminate the ♦s by playing ♦ A then ruffing the ♦ 8.

Execute the throw-in by leading a ♠.

The defense is in with a ♠ and they are welcome to take two more ♠s. But then they will have to play a ♠ or a ♦, giving you a ruff-sluff, or else lead a ♣ which finds the ♣ Q for you.

Here you were lucky the defense didn't start by taking their three ♠s. If they had, you would not have been able to pull off the throw-in, and would have had to try

Deal 5 ♠ A J 10 8 3

North Deals ♥ A 3

N-S Vul ♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4

W N
S E

♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

20
7 4
9

Deal 6

East Deals ♠ 5
E-W Vul ♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3
♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2



♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

6 7 18
9
♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

Deal 7 ♠ K 9 7 6 4
South Deals ♥ 6 4
Both Vul ♦ K 10 3
 ♣ K 8 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ A Q 5

9
8 4
19

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ 10 5

♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5
♥ A Q 9 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ A J 5

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 3
♥ K J 8 2
♦ A 8 4
♣ K 10 3

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♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 9 ♠ A J 10 8 3

North Deals ♥ A 3

E-W Vul ♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

20
7 4
9

Deal 10

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

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W		E
	S	

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ K 10 3
♣ K 8 2

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ J 7 4

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ J 5 2
♣ 10 9 6 3

9
8 4
19

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ A Q 5

N
W E
S

Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul
♠ K J 4
♥ 10 5
♦ J 10 9 3 2
♣ Q 7 4
♠ 8 6 5
♥ A Q 9 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ A J 5

7
14 11
8

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 3
♥ K J 8 2
♦ A 8 4
♣ K 10 3

♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 13 ♠ A J 10 8 3

North Deals ♥ A 3

Both Vul ♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

20
7 4
9

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

6 7 18
9
♣ J 7 4

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

♠ Q 2

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ Q 8 6 4

♣ J 7 4

W N E S

♠ 5

♥ K 9 8 5 2

♦ J 5 2

♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 9 7

♣ A Q 5

9
8 4
19

Deal 16 ♠ K J 4
West Deals ♥ 10 5
E-W Vul ♦ J 10 9 3 2
 ♣ Q 7 4

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

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

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14 11
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Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3

♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4

♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

N
W E
S

20
7 4
9

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

Deal 18

East Deals
N-S Vul
♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2



♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

Deal 19

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ K 10 3
♣ K 8 2

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ J 7 4

9
8 4
19

N
W E
S

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ J 5 2
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ A Q 5

Deal 20 ♠ K J 4

West Deals ♥ 10 5

Both Vul ♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5

♥ A Q 9 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ A J 5

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 3

♥ K J 8 2

♦ A 8 4

♣ K 10 3

♠ A Q 10 2

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 9 8 6 2

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Deal 21 ♠ A J 10 8 3

North Deals ♥ A 3

N-S Vul ♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4

W N
S E

♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

20
7 4
9

Deal 22

East Deals ♠ 5
E-W Vul ♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3
♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2



6 7 18
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♣ J 7 4

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

Deal 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ K 10 3
♣ K 8 2

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ J 7 4

9
8 4
19

N
W E
S

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ J 5 2
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ A Q 5

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ 10 5

♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5

♥ A Q 9 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ A J 5

♠ 9 7 3

♥ K J 8 2

♦ A 8 4

♣ K 10 3



♠ A Q 10 2

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3

♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4



♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

20

7 4

9

Deal 26

East Deals
Both Vul
♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3

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W		E
	S	

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

Deal 27 ♠ K 9 7 6 4
South Deals ♥ 6 4
None Vul ♦ K 10 3
 ♣ K 8 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ A Q 5

9
8 4
19

Deal 28

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ 10 5

♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5
♥ A Q 9 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ A J 5

14 7
8 11

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 3
♥ K J 8 2
♦ A 8 4
♣ K 10 3

♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 29 ♠ A J 10 8 3

North Deals

♥ A 3

Both Vul

♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

20
7 4
9

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

6 7 18
9
♣ J 7 4
♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

♠ Q 2

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ Q 8 6 4

♣ J 7 4

W N E S

♠ 5

♥ K 9 8 5 2

♦ J 5 2

♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 9 7

♣ A Q 5

9
8 4
19

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ 10 5

♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5

♥ A Q 9 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ A J 5

W N E S

♠ 9 7 3
♥ K J 8 2
♦ A 8 4
♣ K 10 3

♠ A Q 10 2

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 9 8 6 2

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Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3

♦ A J 7

♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ Q 8 5 4

♣ 10 6 4

♠ 5

♥ Q J 10 8 7

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 9 7 3

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7 4

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♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8 2

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W		E
	S	

♠ A J 10 8 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A K 5

6 7 18
9
♣ J 7 4

♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 7 4

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 7 6 4

♥ 6 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K 8 2

♠ Q 2

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ Q 8 6 4

♣ J 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 5

♥ K 9 8 5 2

♦ J 5 2

♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 8 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 9 7

♣ A Q 5

9
8 4
19

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ 10 5

♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5

♥ A Q 9 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ A J 5

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 3

♥ K J 8 2

♦ A 8 4

♣ K 10 3

♠ A Q 10 2

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 9 8 6 2

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