

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ K Q 3
None Vul	♥ K 4
	♦ A 8 5 4
	♣ K 6 4 2

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

15	♠ A J 5
2 3	♥ A 9 8 5 3
20	♦ K Q
	♣ A Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 NT
6 NT by North			
Lead: ♦ 2			

W	N	E	S
♠ 9 7 2	♥ Q J 10 6	♦ 10 7 6 2	♣ 7 3

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6 NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Admittedly the ♥ Q looks very tempting, but resist the temptation.

Since dummy bid ♥s, don't help declarer by leading the suit. Declarer has 11 tricks, and will hope to pick up one more in ♣s, but that won't happen.

But if you start with the ♥ Q, he will win with his ♥ K and can then establish an extra ♥ winner by leading through your ♥ J T into dummy's ♥ A 9.

With any lead other than a ♥ honor he cannot come to 12 tricks.

Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A
 ♥ Q J 10 3
 ♦ 8 7 5 3
 ♣ A 7 4 2

13
 11 3
 13

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

♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ 9 8 7 2
 ♦ Q J 6 4 2
 ♣ 3

♠ K J 9 6 3
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ Q 10 8 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 ♠× by South
 Lead: ♣ A

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4 ♠ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Did you choose the ♥ Q? I was afraid you would. That is wrong, but because this is the last Deal I'm going to give you another chance.

Look at the bidding carefully, then ask yourself why you doubled.

Now pick the opening lead that will set the contract, then

North/South apparently have 8 or more ♣s between them, which leaves partner with a singleton at most.

trumps you will play a third ♣ which he will again ruff.

That's why you doubled.

Partner will ruff the second ♣, and when you get into the lead with the Ace of