

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q T 9 2

♣ Q 8 7 3

♠ A K

♥ K T 3

♦ A K 8 6

♣ A J T 9



♠ T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 7 5 2

♦ J 4

♣ K 5

♠ Q 6

♥ A Q J 8 4

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 6 4 2

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | 2♣ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 6NT |
| All Pass | | | |

6 NT by South

out so it is East who started with 4 ♥s but that won't be a problem for you. Play another ♣ from dummy, finessing the ♣T which wins.

Now play your ♥3 toward dummy, finessing the ♥8 when East follows with a low card. Play dummy's two ♥ winners, discarding ♦s, then the low ♣ to your ♣J. Wow.

And as you have figured by now, assessing how many entries you are going to need is big part of that plan. Like here, if you had won a single ♥ trick in your hand then you wouldn't have had the three entries to dummy.

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North is to play 6NT. East leads the ♠T.

Winners: ♠ = 2 ♥ = 5 ♦ = 2 ♣ = 1 Total = T

You need two more winners and the best bet is to try to pick up three ♣ tricks. You will need the ♣K and ♣Q to lie in different hands, or both of them to be with West. That is about a 75% chance.

But you may need to make 3 finesses, so that means 3 entries to dummy, all of which must be in the ♥ suit. Can it be done?

Of course it can. Win the ♠ lead in your hand and play the ♥K, overtaking with dummy's ♥A. Now play a ♣ to your ♣9, which loses to East's ♣K. East plays another ♠.

Now play the ♥T, and when East follows you are safe to overtake with dummy's ♥J since you can tell that West did not start with 4 ♥s. In fact, West shows

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 4
♥ J 9 2
♦ Q J T 3
♣ T 8 6 2

♠ 8

♥ A K 8 6 5 4 3

♦ 8 5 4

♣ Q 3

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♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ Q T 7
♦ 9 7
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ A K Q J 9 7
♥ -
♦ A K 6 2
♣ A J 5

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 6♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

6 ♠ by South

If they refuse to take the trick you will counter by next laying down the ♣A, then ruffing a third ♣ to get to dummy and the two golden eggs.

My dream is that someday I will get a chance to use it at the table. If you ever do be sure and email me.

Baker Entries 20

Pretty bold bidding by South, but partner DID make a positive response. South is to play 6♠. West leads the ♦Q.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=0 ♦=2 ♣=1 Total = 3

OK, the plan is to get over to dummy for those two ♥ winners.

If you just play a small ♣ toward the ♣Q that will work whenever West holds the ♣K.

How about playing ♣A an a small ♣, planning on ruffing your third ♣ to get to dummy? Naaah. They will win the second ♣ and play a trump.

There is actually a play that is 100% certain, no matter who holds the ♣K.

Win the opening lead and lay down your ♣J. The defense is helpless. If they take the ♣J with the ♣K, then you have a dummy entry in the form of the ♣Q.