

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ 7 4 3
None Vul	♥ 9 7 6
	♦ 8 5
	♣ A K 6 4 2

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

7	♠ A 6
7	♥ A K 2
19	♦ A Q 7 3
	♣ Q 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
3 NT by North			
Lead: ♠ 5			

North is to play 3 NT. East leads the ♠ 5.

Winners: ♠=1 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=5 Total = 9

Wow! The winners add up to 9 already. We have assumed that ♣s will split no worse than 3-1, which is exactly how they do split. Is there any other pitfall you might need to worry about?

Just one minor problem. The ♣s will block if you are not careful. If you win the ♠A, then play dummy's ♣Q. Next you play dummy's ♣8 to your ♣K. Then your ♣A on which you put dummy's ♣7. Aha! Now when you play your ♣6 you will be able to keep the lead.

As they are, though, the contract is cold. But only if you are a good bridge player!

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

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22 7  
8

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 NT by East

Lead: ♠ 5

both your ♠ K and ♠ J can be entries.

Win the ♠ A. Play off dummy's ♣ A K. Lead the ♠ 9 to your ♠ J. Play your ♣ J (and another one if necessary) to establish the ♣ suit. Win whatever red card they play next with dummy's Ace. Play the ♠ Q to your ♠ K and cash your established ♣(s). Dummy's other red Ace will be your ninth trick.

You'd have to be very careless to miss this one.

East is to play 3 NT. South leads the ♠ 5.

Winners: ♠=3 ♥=1 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 7

Needing two winners you will naturally consider your 5-card ♣ suit. After unblocking the ♣ A K you will need two entries to your hand; one to lead the ♣ J and drive out the ♣ Q, then a second to enjoy your good ♣ s.

The ♠ suit will provide one entry easily, but should you depend on the ♥ Q for the second entry?

No, for two reasons. Firstly the ♥ Q only gives you a 50% chance of being an entry. But more importantly, you already have your two sure entries in ♠ s. As long as you take the first trick with dummy's ♠ A

**Deal 3**

North Deals	♠ 10 7
None Vul	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ J 9 4 2

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

6	♠ A 6 4 3
7 6	♥ A J 4
21	♦ A J
	♣ A K 8 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by South			
Lead: ♣ 5			

South is to play 3 NT. West leads the ♣ 5. You play low from dummy and East plays the ♣ 6.

Winners: ♠ = 1    ♥ = 1    ♦ = 4?    ♣ = 3  
Total = 9

Although you have 4 ♦ winners, getting to the last couple might not be so easy. You can make 3 ♦ tricks simply by winning your ♦ A, then overtaking your ♦ J with dummy's ♦ Q. But you need that fourth ♦ winner. Can you get it?

Sure you can, by creating an entry in ♣s. It is likely from the opening lead, (and East's play of a small card), that West has led from ♣ Q T 7 5. If you win the first trick cheaply then you will still make your ♣ A K for three ♣ tricks in all.

So don't win cheaply, win the first trick with the ♣ A. Then unblock your ♦ A J. Next play ♣ K. (on which East discards), and a small ♣ toward dummy's ♣ J 9. You are sure to have a ♣ entry to dummy's ♦s, and you will still get three ♣ tricks, just a different three.

You probably would have played the hand the same way you just did, unblock ♦s, then play ♣ A K and a low ♣ toward the ♣ J 9 trying to get a ♣ entry to dummy.

It is only because the ♣ opening lead gives you the chance for a Cheap-Trick that you are tempted to go wrong.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

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

20 7  
20 5  
8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♠ Q			

♠ Q J 10 9 5  
♥ A 9 3  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ 10 8

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

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

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

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

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

West is to play 3 NT. North leads the ♠ Q. South plays the ♠ K, then the ♠ 2 when you hold up.

Winners: ♠=1 ♥=0 ♦=4 ♣=1 Total = 6

You are going to have to be pretty lucky to make this contract. You cannot touch the ♥ suit because a defender would take the ♥ A and it would start raining ♠s.

So you will have to get 3 extra ♣ winners, which means the ♣ finesse absolutely MUST work.

In addition to lucky, you are going to have to be pretty good, too. You will surely have to finesse the ♣s at least twice; that means you need two dummy entries. Can you find them?

Maybe in ♦s. Play the ♦ K, then ♦ Q, watching the defender's cards carefully. When both follow twice you know there is only a single ♦ left out, so you play the ♦ J to dummy's ♦ A. Now take the ♣ finesse. It works! Next play your ♦ 5 to dummy's ♦ 6 and take another ♣ finesse. Both defenders follow so your ♣s are good.

Then your chance of success goes way down. You would have to find South with the doubleton ♣ K.

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

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7 7  
**19**  
♠ A 6  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A Q 7 3  
♣ Q 8 7 5

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ J 10 9 8 2

♦ Q 10 2

♣ 9 7 4

♠ A Q 9

♥ A 7 5 3

♦ A J 6 4

♣ A K

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W E  
S

♠ K J 4

♥ Q 6

♦ 8 5 3

♣ J 10 6 3 2

♠ 10 8 7 5 2

♥ K 4

♦ K 9 7

♣ Q 8 5

3  
**22** 7  
8

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 7

♥ 8 6 5

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ J 9 4 2

♠ Q 8 5

♥ K 7 2

♦ 8 6 4

♣ Q 10 7 5



♠ K J 9 2

♥ Q 10 9 3

♦ 10 9 5 2

♣ 6

♠ A 6 4 3

6  
7 6  
21

♥ A J 4

♦ A J

♣ A K 8 3

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

7  
**20** 5  
8♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2

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

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W   E  
S

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7 7  
**19**  
♠ A 6  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A Q 7 3  
♣ Q 8 7 5

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ J 10 9 8 2

♦ Q 10 2

♣ 9 7 4

♠ A Q 9

♥ A 7 5 3

♦ A J 6 4

♣ A K

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 4

♥ Q 6

♦ 8 5 3

♣ J 10 6 3 2

♠ 10 8 7 5 2

♥ K 4

♦ K 9 7

♣ Q 8 5

3

22 7

8

**Deal 11**

South Deals	♠ 10 7
None Vul	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ J 9 4 2
♠ Q 8 5	♠ K J 9 2
♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ 8 6 4	♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ Q 10 7 5	♣ 6
	♠ A 6 4 3
6 7 6 <b>21</b>	♥ A J 4
	♦ A J
	♣ A K 8 3



**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

W N E S

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

20 7  
8 5♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2

**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A 6  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A Q 7 3  
♣ Q 8 7 5

7  
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**19**

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ J 10 9 8 2

♦ Q 10 2

♣ 9 7 4

♠ A Q 9

♥ A 7 5 3

♦ A J 6 4

♣ A K

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 4

♥ Q 6

♦ 8 5 3

♣ J 10 6 3 2

♠ 10 8 7 5 2

♥ K 4

♦ K 9 7

♣ Q 8 5

3

22 7

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**Deal 15**

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



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    7 6  
  21  
♠ A 6 4 3  
♥ A J 4  
♦ A J  
♣ A K 8 3

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

7  
**20** 5  
8♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

7  
7 7  
**19**  
♠ A 6  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A Q 7 3  
♣ Q 8 7 5

**Deal 18**

East Deals  
N-S Vul  
**♠ A Q 9**  
**♥ A 7 5 3**  
**♦ A J 6 4**  
**♣ A K**

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W E  
S

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

**3**  
**22 7**  
**8**

**Deal 19**

South Deals	♠ 10 7
E-W Vul	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ J 9 4 2
♠ Q 8 5	♠ K J 9 2
♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ 8 6 4	♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ Q 10 7 5	♣ 6
	♠ A 6 4 3
6 7 6 <b>21</b>	♥ A J 4
	♦ A J
	♣ A K 8 3



**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

W N E S

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

20 7  
8 5♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2

**Deal 21**North Deals  
N-S Vul♠ 7 4 3  
♥ 9 7 6  
♦ 8 5  
♣ A K 6 4 2♠ Q 10 8  
♥ J 10 5 3  
♦ K 9 2  
♣ J 10 3N  
W E  
S♠ K J 9 5 2  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ J 10 6 4  
♣ 97  
7 7  
**19**  
♠ A 6  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A Q 7 3  
♣ Q 8 7 5

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ J 10 9 8 2

♦ Q 10 2

♣ 9 7 4

♠ A Q 9

♥ A 7 5 3

♦ A J 6 4

♣ A K

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W E  
S

♠ K J 4

♥ Q 6

♦ 8 5 3

♣ J 10 6 3 2

♠ 10 8 7 5 2

♥ K 4

♦ K 9 7

♣ Q 8 5

3  
22 7  
8

**Deal 23**

South Deals	♠ 10 7
Both Vul	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ J 9 4 2
♠ Q 8 5	♠ K J 9 2
♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ 8 6 4	♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ Q 10 7 5	♣ 6
	♠ A 6 4 3
6 7 6 <b>21</b>	♥ A J 4
	♦ A J
	♣ A K 8 3



**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

N  
W S E

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

7  
**20** 5  
8♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 4 3

♥ 9 7 6

♦ 8 5

♣ A K 6 4 2

♠ Q 10 8

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ K 9 2

♣ J 10 3

N  
W S E

♠ K J 9 5 2

♥ Q 8 4

♦ J 10 6 4

♣ 9

♠ A 6

♥ A K 2

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ Q 8 7 5

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7  
**19**

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

3  
~~22~~ 7  
8

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

**Deal 27**

South Deals	♠ 10 7
None Vul	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ J 9 4 2
♠ Q 8 5	♠ K J 9 2
♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ 8 6 4	♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ Q 10 7 5	♣ 6
	♠ A 6 4 3
6 7 6 <b>21</b>	♥ A J 4
	♦ A J
	♣ A K 8 3



**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

W N E S

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

20 7  
8 5♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2

**Deal 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 4 3

♥ 9 7 6

♦ 8 5

♣ A K 6 4 2

♠ Q 10 8

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ K 9 2

♣ J 10 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K J 9 5 2

♥ Q 8 4

♦ J 10 6 4

♣ 9

♠ A 6

♥ A K 2

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ Q 8 7 5

7  
7  
**19**

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

3  
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8

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

**Deal 31**

South Deals	♠ 10 7
N-S Vul	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ J 9 4 2
♠ Q 8 5	♠ K J 9 2
♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ 8 6 4	♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ Q 10 7 5	♣ 6
	♠ A 6 4 3
6 7 6 21	♥ A J 4
	♦ A J
	♣ A K 8 3



**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

W N E  
S

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

20 7  
8 5♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

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7  
**19**

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A 6  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A Q 7 3  
♣ Q 8 7 5

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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8

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

**Deal 35**

South Deals	♠ 10 7
E-W Vul	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K Q 7 3
	♣ J 9 4 2
♠ Q 8 5	♠ K J 9 2
♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ 8 6 4	♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ Q 10 7 5	♣ 6
	♠ A 6 4 3
6 7 6 <b>21</b>	♥ A J 4
	♦ A J
	♣ A K 8 3



**Deal 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 5

♥ A 9 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 8

♠ A 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A Q J 4

W N E S

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 3

20 7  
8 5♠ K 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ K 9 2