

**Deal 1**

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

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



West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by North

Lead: ♥ 5

♠ or a ♦. He deduces that you might like a ♣ so he plays his ♣ 2 and you win 4 tricks.

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ 5, dummy played the ♥ T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You really want East to lead a ♣ if he gets into the lead. If you discard the ♣ 9 East will surely get the message and will lead a ♣. BUT - you will only win 3 ♣ tricks. The ♣ 9 would have been the fourth winner.

So instead, play a low card in one of the other suits, say the ♦ 3.

North is one trick short and he sees he can easily get that trick in ♥s. So he plays a second ♥ from dummy and you now discard the ♣ 2. East takes the ♥ A and he can see that you don't want him to lead a ♣ or a ♦. He deduces that you might like a ♣ so he plays his ♣ 2 and you win 4 tricks.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>12</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> 8  
<sup>18</sup>

West

♠ K J 7  
 ♥ Q J 2  
 ♦ Q 10 3  
 ♣ K 10 7 5



♠ 8  
 ♥ A 10 9 7 6 3  
 ♦ 9 7 5  
 ♣ A 6 2

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

North

East

2 ♥

South

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ 4

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, East takes the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 3. You ruff and then play what???

When you have made your choice

Partner played the ♥ 3, a low card, for you to ruff. That means his re-entry, if he has one, is in the lower-ranking suit.

Partner takes the ♣ A and gives you a second ♥ ruff.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
9 8  
<sub>10</sub>

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♠ A  
♥ A K J 8 7 2  
♦ J 10 5  
♣ 10 5 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You know partner also has the ♦ K, and normally you would give an encouraging signal when you hold the Queen. But with this hand you want partner to switch to ♣s as soon as possible. So you play a low ♦.

East looks at your signal, then looks at dummy, then looks at your signal. He knows you want a switch and it looks like a switch to ♣s might work the best. North plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by East with his ♦ K. East leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another ♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

**10**  
**11** 6  
**13**

W	N	E	S

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

♠ K Q J 7 5 2

♥ 9 5  
 ♦ K 5

♣ A 10 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ A

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ A, East puts on the ♥ Q. It's your play.

When you have made your choice

East's ♥ Q is either a singleton, (practically impossible), or a signal showing that he also holds the ♥ J. In either case you can reach the East hand on the second trick by playing a low ♥. Since you don't particularly want to start playing ♦s from your side, you go ahead and play a small ♥, won by East with the ♥ J.

East next plays the ♦ Q and however South tries it your side will take the next two ♦ tricks and set the contract.