

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
7 9  
18

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass		Pass	1 ♥
3 NT by North			
Lead: ♠ J			

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

Winners: ♠=3 ♥=1 ♦=0 ♣=1 Total = 5

You need 4 more winners, and they will come from the ♦ suit once you have knocked out the ♦ A. But there is one danger to avoid - if the defenders don't take the ♦ A on the first round dummy won't have a ♦ to lead back to your hand. So to make sure you have an entry back you win the first trick with dummy's ♠ K, saving your ♠ Q.

Next start playing ♦s, first ♦ Q, then ♦ K. Assume the defenders take their ♦ A on the second round.

Win whatever they now play and come to your hand with the ♠ Q to enjoy your three established ♦s for 9 tricks total.

Just don't foul up on your ♠ entry.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**12**  
**5 16**  
**7**

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ A K J 9 5 3**  
**♥ 4 2**  
**♦ A 5**  
**♣ A 9 2**

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		<b>1 ♠</b>	Pass
<b>2 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>4 ♠</b>	Pass
Pass	Pass		
<b>4 ♠ by East</b>			
<b>Lead: ♠ 6</b>			

You were counting on West to have a little better hand than that East is to play 4 ♠. South leads the ♠ 6, North plays ♠ 4.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=2 ♦=0 ♣=2 Total = 4

You must find a place for one of those losers and that will mean establishing the ♦ suit. If ♦s split 3-3 that will be pretty easy so you should plan to deal with a 4-2 split. Dummy entries are limited so win the first trick in your hand with the ♠ A.

Before you pull any trumps you start on the ♦s by playing ♦ A, ♦ K and then ruffing a ♦ with the ♠ K. South follows to the first two, then discards a ♥.

Play a small trump to dummy's ♠ T (North shows out) and ruff another ♦ with the ♠ J.

Dummy's last ♦ is now good. Play a ♠ to the ♠ Q, (pulling South's last trump), and discard a ♥ or ♣ loser on the ♦ 8.

And once again you had to pay close attention to entries.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

**♠ A K Q 4 3**

**♠ J 4**  
**♥ K 10 5 4**  
**♦ J 10 9 5 3**  
**♣ 10 5**

**10**  
**5 8**  
**17**

N  
W E  
S

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

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

*West      North      East      South*

**1 NT**

Pass      **2 ♣**  
Pass      **3 NT**

**2 ♣**  
ALL

3 NT by South

Lead: **♦ J**

your winners, including 4 tricks in ♣s!

North's ♣ bid was Stayman, but he didn't match ♠s. South is to play 3 NT. West leads the ♦ J, East plays ♦ K.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=1 ♦=2 ♣=3 Total = 8

With the ♦ K onside you have 8 tricks, and only need one more. If ♣s split 3-3 you can get 2 extras and make an overtrick. But when you are missing 6 cards they are more likely to be 4-2 than 3-3. Since you only need 4 ♣ tricks you should establish the suit with a duck.

Win the ♦ A and play a small ♣ from each hand.

The defense gets a cheap trick in ♣s but you don't mind because you still have a small ♣ for an entry to dummy. You win whatever they return and take the rest of

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
 15 8

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

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

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

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

Pass  
 3 NT by West  
 Lead: ♥ 5

West is to play 3 NT. North leads the ♥ 5, South plays the ♥ 2.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 7

You are very lucky. Apparently North led from ♥ K Q so you won an undeserved ♥ trick. Now, if ♣s split 2-2 you can make 12 tricks! But hold it a minute. If you play dummy's two top ♣s and they DON'T split 2-2 you will only win two ♣ tricks and the contract will fail. Instead you should play a small ♣ from dummy right now. The defenders will win the trick easily, but you will win their return and you will still have a ♣ to get to dummy's 6 ♣ winners!

**Deal 5**

North Deals	♠ A K 5		
None Vul	♥ A K 6		
	♦ 7 6 3		
	♣ A K 4 2		
	♠ J 8 3		
	♥ J 10 8 5		
	♦ K J		
	♣ Q 9 8 3		
	21		
	8 7		
	4		
	♠ 9 6 4		
	♥ 7 3 2		
	♦ A 8 5 4 2		
	♣ 6 5		
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 NT by North  
Lead: ♠ 2



North is to play 3 NT. East leads the ♠ 2, West plays the ♠ J.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 7

You need two more winners and dummy's ♦ suit is your only hope. IF ♦s split 3-2 and IF the defenders don't take too many winners in their suit(s) you can establish ♦s by ducking twice.

Win the first ♠. If you hold up they might pocket the ♠ trick and switch to another suit where you only have two stoppers.

Next play a small ♦ from each hand. Win the return (probably a ♠) and duck a second ♦.

If the defenders can only take 2 ♠ tricks now you are home-free since dummy's 3 ♦s are now established.

But in fact you were pretty sure they were going to do so. Since East's ♠ 2 was probably his fourth-down then he couldn't have a fifth-down.

**Deal 6**

East Deals

None Vul

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

**10**  
**10** **17**  
**3**

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

W N  
S E

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

♠ Q 10 5 2  
♥ 7 4 2  
♦ 8 7  
♣ J 8 7 2

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

West's 3 ♦ bid was a transfer to ♥s. East is to play 3 NT. South leads the ♠ 2.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=0 ♦=2 ♣=1 Total = 5

Obviously you need to establish 4 ♥ winners and by driving out the ♥ A you can manage that handily. The problem is that dummy has only one sure entry, (the ♠ A), and the defenders may be good enough to hold up their ♥ A twice.

To assure the contract you should win the first trick in your hand with the ♠ K. Then play ♥ Q, ♥ J overtaking with dummy's ♥ K so you can continue establishing the suit while you still have that ♠ entry.