

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K 9 4 2

8 17
2
13

West North East South
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 4 NT Pass 5 ♥
Pass 6 NT Pass Pass
Pass
6 NT by North
Lead: ♥ J

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q
♦ A K Q J 9 3
♣ Q 8 3

♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 6

♠ A K Q 5

♥ 7 5
♦ 10 7 2

♣ A 10 7 5

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North is to play 6 NT. East leads the ♥ J. West wins the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 2.

No matter how the ♠s split only one defender will hold the Guard because only one defender can have as many as 4. IF (it's a big IF) that same defender holds the ♣ K then you can squeeze him.

Can you see how the squeeze is going to work?

The solution is the Vienna Coup. Play a ♣ to the ♣ A at trick 3.

Then start running the ♦ suit.

So far neither defender is hurting, but that is about to change.

You play your ♦ 3 and discard dummy's ♣ T.

West is squeezed. He can't throw his ♣ K without letting your ♣ Q become a winner. But if he discards a ♠ dummy's ♠ 5 will win the last trick. This is soooo much fun.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ K 9 8 6 3
♦ A 6
♣ A K Q 5

10
16 **11**
 3

West
3 ♣
6 ♥
6 ♥ by East
Lead: ♠ Q

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ J 10 9 3

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♠ K 7
♥ A Q J 7 5 2
♦ J 5
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J 10 6 4
♥ 10
♦ 10 9 7 4 2
♣ 8 2

North East South
Pass 1 ♥ Pass
Pass 3 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass Pass

East is to play 6 ♥. South leads the ♠ Q. North wins the ♠ A and plays the ♦ K.

In this hand dummy's fourth ♣ is an obvious Threat, so you should ask yourself if you can find another Threat for when ♣s don't split 3-3. Another thing you have probably noticed is that although 3-3 splits happen about 40% of the time in real life, they NEVER happen in these pages!

Play 5 ♥ winners and the ♠ K.

Play your ♥ 2 and dump dummy's ♦ 6.

North has no answer.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K Q 10 7 5
♦ 10 8 4
♣ J 9 5 2

16
6 3
15

♠ A 5 2
♥ J 6
♦ A K J 7 5 3
♣ K 7

W N
E
S

♠ J 10 9 6 4
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ —
♣ Q 10 6 3

♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A 4
♦ Q 9 6 2
♣ A 8 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	7 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
7 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ K			

South is to play 7 NT. West leads the ♥ K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥ J is a Threat against West's ♥ Q, so if it is West who holds 4 ♠s you will be able to squeeze him.

Since the contract is 7 NT you take the first trick with the ♥ A.

You continue with the ♦ Q and ♦ K, East discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

To find out for sure you play ♠ A, then ♠ Q. Sure enough West discards a ♥ on the second round.

But now a completely new possibility shows up. Say to yourself, over and over, "West must guard ♥s, and East must guard ♠s. Nobody can guard ♣s."

You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦ 5 East must keep both ♠s to guard against your ♠ 7. So he discards the ♣ 6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

Your ♠ 7 is now worthless so you throw it.

West has no problem, (yet), he discards the ♥ T.

Play dummy's ♠ 5 to your ♠ K.

West MUST keep his ♥ Q so he releases his ♣ 5.

And you win the last three tricks with ♣ K, ♣ A, ♣ 8.

This is called a Double Squeeze.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 4

♥ A K 5

♦ K Q 10

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ 10 6

W	N	E	S
♠ 6	♠ 9 5 2	♥ 6	♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3

♠ 6
 4
 26 7
 3
 ♣ J 9 7 5

West

North

East

South

2 ♣ Pass
 4 NT Pass
 7 NT Pass

7 NT by West

Lead: ♠ Q

he discards a ♥.

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now North is squeezed. He cannot discard the ♠ J or he will set up dummy's ♠ 9, so he discards a ♥.

You win the last three ♥ tricks with another Double Squeeze.

West is to play 7 NT. North leads the ♠ Q.

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

North discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

Before tackling ♦s, see what you can discover about ♣s.

Play the ♠ A. South discards a ♥.

North guards the ♣s. Nobody can guard the ♥s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

You discarded a small ♠. North discarded a ♠ on the third ♦ and a ♥ on the fourth.

Play dummy's ♦ 4. South cannot throw the ♣ J or he will set up dummy's ♣ 8, so

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ J 4

15
4 10
11

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			
Lead: ♠ A			



♠ 5
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ K 8 6 3

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 7 2
♣ Q 10 2

♠ 10 8 7 3

♥ Q 10

♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 7 5

North is to play 6 ♥. East leads the ♠ A, then ♠ K.

Even looking at all four hands here it is still very difficult to come up with a plan.

Here's a hint: If East holds 3 ♣ s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣ s and ♠ s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze East in the black suits right now is that West actually holds a ♠ guard. But you can fix that.

Play dummy's ♥ Q and ♥ T, then ruff a ♠, then pull the last trump.

Then lead dummy's ♣ 7 to your ♣ K.

Only East can guard dummy's ♠ T, and only East can guard dummy's ♣ 9.

So you play your ♥ A and East must give up one of his guards. If he holds on to the ♠ J then you toss dummy's useless ♠ T. If he throws the ♠ J then you toss dummy's ♣ 9.