

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 3
13

West

Pass

3 NT by North

Lead: ♠ J

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4

♥ K 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ J 6 3 2

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 NT

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠ J, won by dummy's ♠ Q. The ♦ 5 is now played from dummy. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Considering that North opened 1 NT, he must have the ♦ Q for this play to make sense.

So if you put on your ♦ A, North will have TWO ♦ winners established. If instead you play low, then North cannot get a second ♦ trick and will have to look elsewhere for his ninth trick. As you can see, he is not going to be able to find it.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ A Q J 7 4
 ♣ K Q 7

5
 19 14
 2

West

North

East

South

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

ALL

Pass

6 ♥ by East

Lead: ♣ J

♠ 9 7 5 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K 10 5 2
 ♣ 8 6 5 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ K Q J 8 2
 ♥ A 8 7 6 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A 2

♠ 10 4
 ♥ J 10 5 4
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ J 10 9 3

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

Your lead of the ♣ J was won by East with the ♣ A. East then played the ♥ 2 and you must decide whether to split your honors.

When you have made your choice

East's bidding showed at least 5 ♥s, so assuming he holds both the ♥ A Q, it would be silly for him to finesse the ♥ 9 on the first trump play.

As it turns out, when you play low East calls for dummy's ♥ K, North's ♥ Q falls and you now have 2 trump tricks. If you had played the ♥ T you would have tossed away the setting trick.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

7
9 8
16

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			
Lead: ♣ K			

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♣ K, and you played the ♣ 9 to encourage him. He continued with the ♣ Q, then a small card to your ♣ A. You then exit with the ♦ T, taken by dummy's ♦ K.

Declarer then calls for the ♥ J. Do you cover with your ♥ Q or not?

When you have made your choice

North has 5 ♥s and South must have at least 5. The reason you cover an Honor is that you hope to establish a lower card in either your hand or partner's hand. But your partner has one ♥ at the most so there is no hope of establishment.

Now that you have looked at the hands aren't you glad you didn't cover?

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K

5
19 7
9

West

1 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

Lead: ♥ J

♠ K J 3
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ 10 6
♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ 8 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

You are North. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♥ J, covered by dummy's ♥ Q and won by South's ♥ K. South wins the ♥ A at the second trick and continues with a small ♥ ruffed by West.

West then plays the ♠ 4 from his hand. Do you play low? or play the ♠ J to force dummy's ♠ A?

When you have made your choice

If West decides to finesse the ♠ T then you will still win the one ♠ trick which you are entitled to win.

However, with West holding the ♠ Q it would be very logical for him to go up with the ♠ A then lead back toward his ♠ Q, playing South for the ♠ K. If he plays this way you will get two tricks and defeat the contract.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 6 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ 5 4 3

20
3 3
14

West

Pass

6 NT by North

Lead: ♥ 9

♠ A 10 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K 10
♣ A 9 8 2



♠ K 7 4
♥ A J 10
♦ Q J 4
♣ Q J 10 7

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

6 NT

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥ 9, taken by dummy's ♥T. The ♠ 4 is then played from dummy. Do you play low? or split your honors?

When you have made your choice

You should always make a point count check as soon as you see dummy. North's 2 NT promises 20 or 21 points, South has 14 and you have 3; total = 37 or 38. Therefore East must have either 2 or 3 points. He cannot have two Jacks because you can see all four of them. Likewise he cannot have a Queen because you can see three of them and his ♥ lead (top of nothing) denied that Queen.

It follows that East MUST have a King, and it must be ♣s or ♦s since he has denied any ♥ Honor.

Since East will definitely win his King, you need to take one trick yourself, and the best way to do that is to split your Honors to establish one ♠ winner.

North has no defense to this, but if you had played low he would have played the ♠T and made the slam.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 3
13

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 7 5

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

5
19 14
2

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A 2

♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

7
9 8
16

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ 10 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 10 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

5
19 7
9

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ 5 4 3

20

3 3

14

♠ A 10 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K 10

♣ A 9 8 2



♠ K 7 4

♥ A J 10

♦ Q J 4

♣ Q J 10 7

♠ 9 5 3

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 3

♣ K 6

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 3
13

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 7 5

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

5
19 14
2

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A 2

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

7
9 8
16

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ 10 4 2



♠ A 5

♥ A 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 10 9 8

♣ A 9 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

5
19 7
9

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ 5 4 3

20

3 3

14

♠ A 10 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K 10

♣ A 9 8 2



♠ K 7 4

♥ A J 10

♦ Q J 4

♣ Q J 10 7

♠ 9 5 3

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 3

♣ K 6

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 3
13

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 7 5

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

5
19 14
2

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

7
9 8
16

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ 10 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 10 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

5
19 7
9

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

Deal 20
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q J 6 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ 5 4 3

20
3 3
14

♠ A 10 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K 10
♣ A 9 8 2



♠ K 7 4
♥ A J 10
♦ Q J 4
♣ Q J 10 7

♠ 9 5 3
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ 8 6 5 3
♣ K 6

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 3
13

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 7 5

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

5
19 14
2

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A 2

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

7
9 8
16

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ 10 4 2



♠ A 5

♥ A 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 10 9 8

♣ A 9 3

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

5
19 7
9

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ 5 4 3

20

3 3

14

♠ A 10 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K 10

♣ A 9 8 2



♠ K 7 4

♥ A J 10

♦ Q J 4

♣ Q J 10 7

♠ 9 5 3

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 3

♣ K 6

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 3
13

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 7 5

Deal 27
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

5
19 14
2

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A 2

Deal 28
 West Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ J 10 6 4
 ♥ K
 ♦ 7 6 4 2
 ♣ K Q 7 5

7
 9 8
 16

♠ K 7
 ♥ J 8 6 3 2
 ♦ K 5 3
 ♣ 10 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2
 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ 10 9 8
 ♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
 ♥ A 10 9 7 5
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ J 8 6

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

5
19 7
9

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 6 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ 5 4 3

20
3 3
14

♠ A 10 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K 10
♣ A 9 8 2



♠ K 7 4
♥ A J 10
♦ Q J 4
♣ Q J 10 7

♠ 9 5 3
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ 8 6 5 3
♣ K 6

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 3
13

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 7 5

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

5
19 14
2

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

7
9 8
16

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ 10 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 10 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

5
19 7
9

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ 5 4 3

20

3 3

14

♠ A 10 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K 10

♣ A 9 8 2



♠ K 7 4

♥ A J 10

♦ Q J 4

♣ Q J 10 7

♠ 9 5 3

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 3

♣ K 6