

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K Q 10 7 5
♦ 10 8 4
♣ J 9 5 2

♠ A 5 2
♥ J 6
♦ A K J 7 5 3
♣ K 7



♠ 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 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ 10 6

7
4 3
26

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3

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♠ 6

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

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

7 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

Lead: ♠ Q

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

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

West discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

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

Play the ♠ A. East discards a ♥.

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

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

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

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

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now West 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.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 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

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ J 4

♠ 5
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ K 8 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ A

South is to play 6 ♥. West 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 West holds 3 ♣ s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣ s and ♠ s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze West in the black suits right now is that East 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 West can guard dummy's ♠ T, and only West can guard dummy's ♣ 9.

So you play your ♥ A and West 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.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K 9 3 2
 ♥ 10 4 2
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ J 6 4

11
9 5
15

♠ Q 10
 ♥ K Q 5 3
 ♦ A 8 6 3
 ♣ 8 5 2

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

♠ J 7 4
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K 7 5 2
 ♣ A K 7 3

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by South
 Lead: ♠ 3

N
W E
S

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

You have 8 winners, and if East holds 4+ ♥s AND 3+ ♦s then only he can guard the two suits.

But how can you squeeze him?

But maybe you can make his partner do the job for you.

At trick 2 you play a ♠.

And he will no doubt continue with the ♠ A and ♠ 9.

You discard 2 ♦s from dummy and a ♣ from your hand.

East cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he also throws a ♣.

West will almost surely cash his ♠ 2.

You and dummy both discard a ♣ and East also must discard a ♣.

It doesn't matter what West plays next, lets say it is a ♣.

East is truly squeezed. If he discards a ♥, dummy's ♥ 5 will become a winner. but if he discards a ♦ then you will get a third ♦ trick and the contract.

Since it was West who started the squeeze by cashing his last ♠, this is called a Suicide Squeeze. BUT, what if West had not cashed that ♠?

Suppose West is a really expert defender and avoids the Suicide Squeeze by just refusing to cash his winning ♠. It doesn't matter what else he plays instead, so let us assume it is a ♣.

You win in your hand and establish a ♦ winner by playing ♦ A, ♦ K, and a small ♦. East wins but cannot reach his partner's hand for that good ♠.

So you establish a ♦ winner and make your contract.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 3
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ 9
♣ 10 6 2

9
7 3
21

♠ J 8
♥ K 7 4
♦ A J 8 7 6 2
♣ 5 3



♠ 10 7 5 4 2
♥ J 10 2
♦ Q 10 4 3
♣ 4

♠ A
♥ A 6 3
♦ K 5
♣ A K Q J 9 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 ♣ by South
Lead: ♣ K

South is to play 7 ♣. West leads the ♣ K.

So you take the ♠ A, pull three rounds of trumps and play ♦ K.

But when you lead to the ♦ A West discards a small ♠.

Think squeeze instead. Ruff a ♦. This turns the ♦ J into a Threat card against East's ♦ Q.

But, the ♠ J is already a Threat card against West's ♠ Q.

West can afford to discard the ♠ 9 and the ♦ 5.

East can spare his two ♠s.

West cannot throw the ♠ Q, so he gives up the ♦ 8. Dummy's ♠ J is of no further value so you dump it.

East cannot throw the ♦ Q, so he gives up the ♦ 2.

And you take the last three tricks with the ♦ suit. There were only two defenders; one of them had to guard ♠s and the other had to guard ♦s. There was nobody left to guard ♦s.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

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

6	—
8 4	♦ A K Q 10 5
22	♦ A 8 6 3
	♣ A K Q 4

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

N	W	E	S
♦ Q 4	♥ J 9 7 3	♦ K 7 5	♣ 8 6 5 2
♦ 10	—	♦ 4	♣ 10 9 7
♣ 7	♦ Q J 9 4 2	♦ J 10 9 3	

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♠ A.

So you ruff the ♠, pull trumps in three rounds, then play ♣ A K and get the bad news when West discards a ♠.

And since West had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that East guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze East in ♣s and ♦s, but first you must lose a trick to rectify the count.

So you play a low ♦ from each hand.

He will then play the ♠ K, which you must ruff in your hand.

Play dummy's ♥ J.

East gets to choose his own fate - discarding a protector in one of the two suits. Of course, whichever suit he

discards you will throw the opposite one.

Yet another slam, courtesy of the Squeeze Play!