

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

West

Pass

3 NT by North

Lead: ♠ Q

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



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

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

South

3 NT

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 3 NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

The top of a solid 3-card honor sequence is best, but as you can see, a broken 3-card sequence may work out just as good.

North will likely try the ♣ finesse, and when West wins the ♣ K he will return a ♠ through North's ♠T.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

West

1 ♥

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

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



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

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4 ♠ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

You have ♦ winners, but dummy will surely be short since he has at least 8 cards in the Major suits.

Partner has whatever ♥ strength your side possesses.

It is very likely that declarer will want to do some cross-trumping. To try to cut that down your best lead is a trump.

Just imagine that declarer wins the first ♠ in his hand and plays a ♥ to dummy's honors. North will win and play another trump. Whenever you win your first ♦

you will play your last trump.

As you can imagine, declarer will be in a whole lot of trouble.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
4 2  
21

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

Lead: ♥ 6

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



♠ A Q 6  
♥ A Q 9  
♦ A 10 7  
♣ K Q 7 3

North

6 NT

East

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6 NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

You held this identical hand in Deal 3. The declarer was playing 3 NT and the best lead was the ♠ 4, fourth down.

It's different when the contract is 6 NT. Against 6 NT you should make a passive lead, which means don't underlead any honors. Against 6 NT you have little chance of establishing a suit to win four or five tricks. Instead, you just want to try to not give declarer an undeserved trick.

So any passive lead would be OK, you pick the ♥ just because they are less likely to have an unbid 4-card Major in either hand.

Declarer has 11 winners sitting there; if you had led a low ♠ you would have handed him his 12 trick on a platter.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 8 5 4  
♥ 8 6 5 2  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ 10 2

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



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

6  
15 17  
2

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

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

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6 ♦ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Against a notrump slam it is best to make a passive lead so you don't give declarer an undeserved winner.

Against a suit slam the situation is very different. Against strong dummy bidding like this you are pretty sure that if you don't establish a winner early declarer will find something in dummy to discard losers on. In this hand it is dummy's ♣ suit.

Your most promising suit is ♠s. Obviously partner has a very weak hand, but if he has the ♠Q you can set up your ♠K before your King of trumps is dislodged.

Without a ♠ lead declarer will have smooth sailing.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13  
4 2  
21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5 4

♥ 8 6 5 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ 10 2

♠ J 10

♥ K Q J

♦ A Q J 9 8 7

♣ J 5



♠ A 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ 10 5 3

♣ A K Q 7 6

♠ Q 9 7 6 3

♥ 10 4 3

♦ 4

♣ 9 8 4 3

6  
15 17  
2



**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13

4 2

21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

6  
15 17  
2

♠ K 8 5 4  
♥ 8 6 5 2  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ 10 2



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

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

**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13  
4 2

21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 5 4

♥ 8 6 5 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ 10 2

♠ J 10

♥ K Q J

♦ A Q J 9 8 7

♣ J 5



♠ A 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ 10 5 3

♣ A K Q 7 6

♠ Q 9 7 6 3

♥ 10 4 3

♦ 4

♣ 9 8 4 3

6

15 17

2



**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 19**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13

4 2

21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 20**  
 West Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ K 8 5 4  
 ♥ 8 6 5 2  
 ♦ K 6 2  
 ♣ 10 2

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



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

6  
 15 17  
 2

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

**Deal 21**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13  
4 2  
21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5 4

♥ 8 6 5 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ 10 2

♠ J 10

♥ K Q J

♦ A Q J 9 8 7

♣ J 5



♠ A 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ 10 5 3

♣ A K Q 7 6

♠ Q 9 7 6 3

♥ 10 4 3

♦ 4

♣ 9 8 4 3

6  
15 17  
2



**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13

4 2

21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8 5 4

♥ 8 6 5 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ 10 2

♠ J 10

♥ K Q J

♦ A Q J 9 8 7

♣ J 5



♠ A 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ 10 5 3

♣ A K Q 7 6

♠ Q 9 7 6 3

♥ 10 4 3

♦ 4

♣ 9 8 4 3

6

15 17

2

**Deal 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 30**  
East Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13  
4 2  
21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

6  
15 17  
2

♠ K 8 5 4  
♥ 8 6 5 2  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ 10 2



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

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



**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
7 7  
11

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



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

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

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



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

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

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 6 2

13  
4 2  
21

♠ 8 7 2

♥ K 8 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A Q 6

♥ A Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 5

♥ J 10 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ J 9

**Deal 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 5 4

♥ 8 6 5 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ 10 2

♠ J 10

♥ K Q J

♦ A Q J 9 8 7

♣ J 5



♠ A 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ 10 5 3

♣ A K Q 7 6

♠ Q 9 7 6 3

♥ 10 4 3

♦ 4

♣ 9 8 4 3

6  
15 17  
2