

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
9 8  
10

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

♠ A

♥ A K J 8 7 2

♦ J 10 5

♣ 10 5 3



♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 9 6

North

1 ♥

2 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

♠ J 8 6 3

♥ 10 6

♦ A K 8 4

♣ 8 7 2

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You know partner also has the ♦ K, and normally you would give an encouraging signal when you hold the Queen. But with this hand you want partner to switch to ♣s as soon as possible. So you play a low ♦.

East looks at your signal, then looks at dummy, then looks at your signal. He knows you want a switch and it looks like a switch to ♣s might work the best. North plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by East with his ♦ K. East leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another

♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

10  
11 6  
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ A

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



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

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ A, East puts on the ♥ Q. It's your play.

When you have made your choice

East's ♥ Q is either a singleton, (practically impossible), or a signal showing that he also holds the ♥ J. In either case you can reach the East hand on the second trick by playing a low ♥. Since you don't particularly want to start playing ♦s from your side, you go ahead and play a small ♥, won by East with the ♥ J.

East next plays the ♦ Q and however South tries it your side will take the next two ♦ tricks and set the contract.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 6 10  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

♠ A Q

♥ J 10 4

♦ 10 7 4 3

♣ A K J 2



♠ J 5

♥ A Q 9 8 7 5

♦ 5 2

♣ Q 10 4

North

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

4 ♥

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. East led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

As soon as dummy appears you can see 3 tricks for your side. Partner surely has the ♦ K to go with his Ace and you have a certain trump trick. However, that's all you can see.

Your best hope is that East may be able to win a ♠ trick, and it may be important for the first ♠ lead to come from your side of the table.

Your ♦ Q play informs partner that you also have the ♦ J, giving him the option of underleading his ♦ K to get to your hand.

East next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦ J. You return the ♠ T. This establishes East's ♠ K before North can pull trumps and discard one of dummy's ♠s on his fourth ♣.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 5 2

♥ A Q 10 6

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ —

8  
7 8  
17

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 5

♠ 7

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A K J 9 6 4 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A K Q 3

♥ K 9 8

♦ A J 10

♣ 10 8 5

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ 5, East plays the ♠ T and South wins the ♠ K. To the second trick South plays the ♣ T and you must discard something.

When you have made your choice

You know that East has no high ♠ honor or he would have played it to the first trick. So South has the ♠ A Q left, plus all those ♣ tricks. You need to have West switch to a ♥ if possible.

East must be expecting to lead a ♠ back when he wins the ♣ Q which you hope he holds. Your ♠ J discard may make him rethink. If your ♠s were any good why would you be discarding a winner when all you had to do was toss a small red card?

Hopefully East will come to the conclusion that this is Suit Preference for a ♥ return and will play his ♥ J. Hopefully.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4

♥ 9

♦ J 8 7 2

♣ A 9 8 6 5 3

18

5 9

8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

Lead: ♠ A

♠ J 8 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ K



♠ 9 6 2

♥ K 10 6 3

♦ Q 9 4

♣ Q J 4

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠A, dummy played the ♠2 and you signal with your ♠T. East next plays the ♠Q and you drop the ♠4, completing your doubleton signal. East then plays the ♠K and it turns out you don't have to ruff after all. So what are you going to play?

When you have made your choice

This should be a clear enough signal for East to play a ♣ to your ♣A next.

An alternate play, just as good, would be for you to ruff the good ♠Q and play the ♣A yourself.

If you don't get your ♣ trick at trick 4 you will never get it. North will discard his ♣K on South's extra ♦ winner.