

<b>Deal 1</b>	♠ Q 7 4		
North Deals	♥ A K 4		
None Vul	♦ J 6		
	♣ A K Q 10 4		
♠ A 10 5 2	♠ K 9 6 3		
♥ 8 5 3	♥ Q J 10 7		
♦ A 7 3	♦ 8 5 2		
♣ J 6 2	♣ 8 3		
	♠ J 8		
19 9 6 6	♥ 9 6 2		
	♦ K Q 10 9 4		
	♣ 9 7 5		
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			
Lead: ♥ Q			

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ Q, you played low and North won the ♥ A.

North now plays the ♦ J on which East plays the ♦ 2. What do you play now, and what is your plan.

When you have made your choice

South hoped his ♦ suit would provide enough tricks to make the game. You can see that there is no entry to the South hand EXCEPT in ♦s, so you want to win your ♦ A on the trick that North plays his last ♦. How can you tell which trick that is?

Only by watching what East plays. On the ♦ J East played the ♦ 2, a low card signaling that he held an ODD number of ♦s. ODD must be either one or three so when he followed to the next ♦ you know he started with three. A little bit of counting tells you that North started with the doubleton Jack, so you want to win the second ♦ trick.

This defense holds North to one ♦ tricks, if you had let him win the second one he would have had 9 tricks.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

5  
 7 19  
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West  
 1 ♠  
 3 NT  
 3 NT by East  
 Lead: ♥ 4

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

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

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**Deal 3**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 4  
♥ A 8 7 5 2  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 6 4 2

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4 8  
15

West      North      East      South  
Pass      3 NT      Pass      Pass  
Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♥ 5

♠ K J 6  
♥ J 10 6 3  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ Q 10 5

N  
W E  
S

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

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

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ 5, dummy played the ♥ T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You really want West to lead a ♣ if he gets into the lead. If you discard the ♣ 9 West will surely get the message and will lead a ♣. BUT - you will only win 3 ♣ tricks. The ♣ 9 would have been the fourth winner.

So instead, play a low card in one of the other suits, say the ♦ 3.

South is one trick short and he sees he can easily get that trick in ♥s. So he plays a second ♥ from dummy and you now discard the ♠ 2. West takes the ♥ A and he can see that you don't want him to lead a ♠ or a ♦. He deduces that you might like a ♣ so he plays his ♣ 2 and you win 4 tricks.

**Deal 4**

South Deals	♠ 6 5 3		
None Vul	♥ 4		
	♦ J 8 6 4 2		
	♣ J 9 4 3		
♠ A Q 10 9 4 2	♠ K J 7		
♥ K 8 5	♥ Q J 2		
♦ A K	♦ Q 10 3		
♣ Q 8	♣ K 10 7 5		
	♠ 8		
18 2 12 8	♥ A 10 9 7 6 3		
	♦ 9 7 5		
	♣ A 6 2		
West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by West			
Lead: ♥ 4			

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, South takes the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 3. You ruff and then play what???

When you have made your choice

Partner played the ♥ 3, a low card, for you to ruff. That means his re-entry, if he has one, is in the lower-ranking suit.

Partner takes the ♣ A and gives you a second ♥ ruff.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

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9 8  
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W		E
	S	

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

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

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      1 ♥      Pass      1 ♠  
Pass      2 ♥      Pass      Pass

2 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

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

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

**Deal 6**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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 10 13  
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West

3 ♠  
 Pass

4 ♠ by East  
 Lead: ♥ A

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

♠ 9 6 4  
 ♥ A K 7 2  
 ♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 9 5

North  
 1 ♠

Pass  
 Pass

East  
 4 ♠

Pass

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

When you have made your choice

North'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 North 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 North with the ♥ J.

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

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 8

**19**  
9 6  
6

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J 9 5 2

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

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7 19  
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**Deal 9**      ♠ K J 6  
North Deals    ♥ J 10 6 3  
E-W Vul        ♦ A Q 6  
                  ♣ Q 10 5

♠ 8 4  
♥ A 8 7 5 2  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 6 4 2

N  
W     E  
S

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

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

**Deal 10**      ♠ 6 5 3  
East Deals      ♥ 4  
Both Vul      ♦ J 8 6 4 2  
                  ♣ J 9 4 3  
♠ A Q 10 9 4 2      ♠ K J 7  
♥ K 8 5      N      ♥ Q J 2  
♦ A K      W      E      ♦ Q 10 3  
♣ Q 8      S      ♣ K 10 7 5

      ♠ 8  
**18    2**      ♥ A 10 9 7 6 3  
**8    12**      ♦ 9 7 5  
      ♣ A 6 2

**Deal 11**

	♠ A
South Deals	♥ A K J 8 7 2
None Vul	♦ J 10 5
	♣ 10 5 3
♠ 10 9 4	♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 9 5 3	♥ 10 6
♦ Q 7 2	♦ A K 8 4
♣ A Q J 4	♣ 8 7 2
	♠ K Q 7 5 2
13 9 8 10	♥ Q 4
	♦ 9 6 3
	♣ K 9 6

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 12**

West Deals  
N-S Vul

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

6  
**10    13**  
11

N  
W   E  
S

♠ 8

♥ Q J 8 4 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ 8 7 6

♠ K Q J 7 5 2

♥ 9 5

♦ K 5

♣ A 10 4

♠ 9 6 4

♥ A K 7 2

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 9 5

**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

♦ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

**19**  
**9 6**  
**6**

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J 9 5 2

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

♠ A 6 5

5  
7 19  
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♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

**Deal 15**      ♠ K J 6  
South Deals      ♥ J 10 6 3  
N-S Vul      ♦ A Q 6  
                  ♣ Q 10 5

♠ 8 4  
♥ A 8 7 5 2  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 6 4 2

N  
W E  
S

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

13  
4 8  
15

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

**Deal 16**      ♠ 6 5 3  
West Deals      ♥ 4  
E-W Vul      ♦ J 8 6 4 2  
                  ♣ J 9 4 3

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

      ♠ 8  
**18    2**      ♥ A 10 9 7 6 3  
**8    12**      ♦ 9 7 5  
      ♣ A 6 2

**Deal 17**

North Deals    ♠ A  
None Vul      ♥ A K J 8 7 2  
                  ♦ J 10 5  
                  ♣ 10 5 3  
♠ 10 9 4  
♥ 9 5 3  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ A Q J 4

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

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8

♥ Q J 8 4 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ 8 7 6

♠ A 10 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K Q J 3 2

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W E  
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♠ K Q J 7 5 2

♥ 9 5

♦ K 5

♣ A 10 4

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11♠ 9 6 4  
♥ A K 7 2  
♦ A 8 6 3  
♣ 9 5

**Deal 19**      ♠ Q 7 4  
South Deals    ♥ A K 4  
E-W Vul        ♦ J 6  
                  ♣ A K Q 10 4

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

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

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**9 6**  
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**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

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

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W E  
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♠ J 10 4  
♥ A K  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ A K Q J

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7 19  
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♠ A 6 5  
♥ Q 10 6 4  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ 10 5 2

**Deal 21**      ♠ K J 6  
North Deals    ♥ J 10 6 3  
N-S Vul        ♦ A Q 6  
                  ♣ Q 10 5

♠ 8 4  
♥ A 8 7 5 2  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 6 4 2

N  
W     E  
S

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

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

**Deal 22**      ♠ 6 5 3  
East Deals      ♥ 4  
E-W Vul      ♦ J 8 6 4 2  
                  ♣ J 9 4 3  
♠ A Q 10 9 4 2      ♠ K J 7  
♥ K 8 5      N      ♥ Q J 2  
♦ A K      W      E      ♦ Q 10 3  
♣ Q 8      S      ♣ K 10 7 5

      ♠ 8  
**18**      **2**      ♥ A 10 9 7 6 3  
      **8**      **12**      ♦ 9 7 5  
                  ♣ A 6 2

**Deal 23**

South Deals  
Both Vul

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

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

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N  
W   E  
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♠ J 8 6 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ A K 8 4  
♣ 8 7 2

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

**Deal 24**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

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W    E  
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♠ 8  
♥ Q J 8 4 3  
♦ Q J 10 4  
♣ 8 7 6

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

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

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

**19**  
**9 6**  
**6**

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

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

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W		E
	S	

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

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

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7 19  
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**Deal 27**      ♠ K J 6  
South Deals      ♥ J 10 6 3  
None Vul      ♦ A Q 6  
                    ♣ Q 10 5

♠ 8 4  
♥ A 8 7 5 2  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 6 4 2

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 28**      ♠ 6 5 3  
West Deals      ♥ 4  
N-S Vul      ♦ J 8 6 4 2  
                  ♣ J 9 4 3

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

      ♠ 8  
**18    2**      ♥ A 10 9 7 6 3  
**8    12**      ♦ 9 7 5  
      ♣ A 6 2

**Deal 29**

North Deals	♠ A
Both Vul	♥ A K J 8 7 2
	♦ J 10 5
	♣ 10 5 3
♠ 10 9 4	♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 9 5 3	♥ 10 6
♦ Q 7 2	♦ A K 8 4
♣ A Q J 4	♣ 8 7 2
<b>13</b> 9 8 <b>10</b>	♠ K Q 7 5 2
	♥ Q 4
	♦ 9 6 3
	♣ K 9 6

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8

♥ Q J 8 4 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ 8 7 6

♠ A 10 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K Q J 3 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q J 7 5 2

♥ 9 5

♦ K 5

♣ A 10 4

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10 13  
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♠ 9 6 4  
♥ A K 7 2  
♦ A 8 6 3  
♣ 9 5

**Deal 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 8

**19**  
**9 6**  
**6**

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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7 19  
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♠ A 6 5  
♥ Q 10 6 4  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ 10 5 2

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6

♥ J 10 6 3

♦ A Q 6

♣ Q 10 5

♠ 8 4

♥ A 8 7 5 2

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 6 4 2

W N E S

♠ 9 7 3 2

♥ —

♦ 10 9 8 4 3

♣ A K J 9

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

**Deal 34**      ♠ 6 5 3  
East Deals      ♥ 4  
N-S Vul      ♦ J 8 6 4 2  
                  ♣ J 9 4 3  
♠ A Q 10 9 4 2      ♠ K J 7  
♥ K 8 5      N      ♥ Q J 2  
♦ A K      W      E      ♦ Q 10 3  
♣ Q 8      S      ♣ K 10 7 5

      ♠ 8  
**18    2**      ♥ A 10 9 7 6 3  
**8    12**      ♦ 9 7 5  
      ♣ A 6 2

**Deal 35**

South Deals  
E-W Vul

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

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

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9    8  
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N  
W    E  
S

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

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

**Deal 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8

♥ Q J 8 4 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ 8 7 6

♠ 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



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**10 13**  
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♠ 9 6 4  
♥ A K 7 2  
♦ A 8 6 3  
♣ 9 5