

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K 9 4 2

17
8 2
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

Lead: ♥ J

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q
♦ A K Q J 9 3
♣ Q 8 3



♠ A K Q 5
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 7 2
♣ A 10 7 5

North

2 ♦

4 NT

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

2 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 6

North is to play 6 NT. East leads the ♥ J. West wins the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 2.

No matter how the ♠s split only one defender will hold the Guard because only one defender can have as many as 4. IF (it's a big IF) that same defender holds the ♣ K then you can squeeze him.

Can you see how the squeeze is going to work?

The solution is the Vienna Coup. Play a ♣ to the ♣ A at trick 3.

Then start running the ♦ suit.

So far neither defender is hurting, but that is about to change.

You play your ♦ 3 and discard dummy's ♣ T.

West is squeezed. He can't throw his ♣ K without letting your ♣ Q become a winner. But if he discards a ♠ dummy's ♠ 5 will win the last trick. This is soooo much fun.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3
 ♥ K 9 8 6 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ A K Q 5

10
 16 11
 3

West

3 ♣

6 ♥

6 ♥ by East

Lead: ♠ Q

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ J 10 9 3



♠ Q J 10 6 4

♥ 10

♦ 10 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ K 7

♥ A Q J 7 5 2

♦ J 5

♣ 7 6 4

East is to play 6 ♥. South leads the ♠ Q.
 North wins the ♠ A and plays the ♦ K.

In this hand dummy's fourth ♣ is an obvious Threat, so you should ask yourself if you can find another Threat for when ♣s don't split 3-3. Another thing you have probably noticed is that although 3-3 splits happen about 40% of the time in real life, they NEVER happen in these pages!

Play 5 ♥ winners and the ♠ K.

Play your ♥ 2 and dump dummy's ♦ 6.

North has no answer.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K Q 10 7 5
♦ 10 8 4
♣ J 9 5 2

16
6 3
15

♠ A 5 2
♥ J 6
♦ A K J 7 5 3
♣ K 7



♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A 4
♦ Q 9 6 2
♣ A 8 4

♠ J 10 9 6 4
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ —
♣ Q 10 6 3

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass | 4 ♦ |
| Pass | 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♥ |
| Pass | 7 NT | 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 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 7 4
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A K 2

4
26 7
3

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2 ♣ | Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♦ | Pass |
| 7 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 7 NT by West | | | |
| Lead: ♠ Q | | | |

♠ Q J 10 8 3
♥ J 10 7 2
♦ 6 3
♣ 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ 6
♥ Q 9 8 4 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 9 7 5

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A J 9 7 4
♣ Q 8 4 3

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

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

North discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

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

Play the ♠ A. South discards a ♥.

North guards the ♠s. Nobody can guard the ♥s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

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

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

he discards a ♥.

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now North 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 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ J 4

15
4 10
11

♠ 5
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ K 8 6 3



♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ Q 10
♦ K Q 6
♣ A 9 7 5

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 7 2
♣ Q 10 2

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

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

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

So you play your ♥ A and East 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.