

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ Q 10 4
♣ Q 10 9

15
5 9
11

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

Lead: ♠ 3

♠ J 7 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 7 5 2

♣ A K 7 3



♠ Q 10

♥ K Q 5 3

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 8 5 2

North

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

♠ A K 9 3 2

♥ 10 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ J 6 4

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

You have 8 winners, and if West 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.

West cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he

also throws a ♣.

East will almost surely cash his ♠ 2.

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

It doesn't matter what East plays next, let's say it is a ♣.

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

Suppose East 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 ♦. West wins but cannot reach his partner's hand for that good ♠.

So you establish a ♦ winner and make your contract.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ Q 9 8 5

♦ 9

♣ 10 6 2

$$\begin{array}{c} 9 \\ 7 \quad 3 \\ 21 \end{array}$$

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 ♣ by South

Lead: ♠ K

♠ J 8

♥ K 7 4

♦ A J 8 7 6 2

♣ 5 3



♠ A

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 9 8 7

North

3 ♦

5 ♦

6 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 NT

5 NT

7 ♣

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 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7
♥ 4
♦ Q J 9 4 2
♣ J 10 9 3

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4 8
6

West

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

Lead: ♠ A

♠ —

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ A K Q 4



♠ Q 4

♥ J 9 7 3

♦ K 7 5

♣ 8 6 5 2

North

2 ♣

5 ♥

Pass

East

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

6 ♥

♠ A K J 8 6 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 10

♣ 7

North is to play 6 ♥. East leads the ♠ A.

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

And since East had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that West guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze West 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.

West 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!

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 4
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ Q 5 3

♠ A Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 3
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ 9 7

♠ J 8 5 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

9
11 1
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♠ —
♥ A K Q J 9 5
♦ J 6 3
♣ A K J 6

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2 ♦	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			
Lead: ♦ K			

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♦ K. Perhaps you wouldn't have bid slam with North's cards, but he has been watching you pull off some fantastic squeeze plays and he has every confidence you will do it again.

And you are 99.9% sure he also has the ♠ A, so dummy's ♠ K will also be a Threat card against him.

You should be able to squeeze him in the two suits. What is your first act?

But not this defender, not this time.

He exits with the ♥ 3 which you take with your ♥ Q.

You throw a ♠ from dummy and West discards ♠s and ♦s.

Discard the ♠T and ♦ 7 from dummy.

West discards the ♠ Q and ♠ 9.

He obviously is not going to throw his ♠ A and make dummy high, so he will instead bare his ♦ Q.

So you dump dummy's ♠ K and win the last two tricks with the ♦ A and then the ♦ J.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10

♦ J 3

♣ Q

♠ A 3

♥ K 9 8 4 2

♦ K 9 8

♣ K 10 6



♠ 6

♥ A 6 3

♦ 6 5 4

♣ 9 8 7 5 3 2

♠ 10 9 5

♥ 7 5

♦ A Q 10 7 2

♣ A J 4

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13 4
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West	North	East	South
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1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
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Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
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Pass

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♥ A

South's 2 ♥ cue-bid shows ♠ support and at least a limit-raise or better. North is to play 4 ♠. East leads the ♥ A, then a ♥ to West's ♥ K. West plays a third round of ♥s.

The reason you are seeing it like this is that you must do some deducing first.

You saw the bidding and you know that East started with the ♥ A and West started with the ♥ K.

Before you can make a good Plan you need to figure out where the ♠ A, ♦ K and ♣ K are located.

Now on with the plan. West/East took the first two ♥ tricks and then played a third ♥ which you won, discarding the ♦ 2 from dummy.

This pulls all the trumps and also serves to rectify the count for your upcoming squeeze.

****By the way, notice that if West had played any other way he would have handed you the contract.**

So dummy's ♦ Q cannot be one of the Threat cards. Instead you must make the ♦ J in YOUR hand a Threat. You do that by playing the ♦ A immediately, a Vienna Coup.

Overtake dummy's ♠ T and run three more ♠s.

Discard all three ♦s from dummy.

West will discard his 2 ♥s, the ♦ 9 and the ♣ 6.

Play your ♠ 2 and discard dummy's ♣ 4.

Poor West will squirm and try to figure out which discard is best because he doesn't actually KNOW what two cards you have left.

But you aren't squirming because you know that whichever card he throws it will give you your contract.