

Deal 1

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

South is to play 6 NT. West leads the ♠T.

Winners: ♠ = 2 ♥ = 5 ♦ = 2 ♣ = 1
Total = T

You need two more winners and the best bet is to try to pick up three ♣ tricks. You will need the ♣K and ♣Q to lie in different hands, or both of them to be with East. That is about a 75% chance.

But you may need to make 3 finesses, so that means 3 entries to dummy, all of which must be in the ♥ suit. Can it be done?

Of course it can. Win the ♠ lead in your hand and play the ♥K, overtaking with dummy's ♥A. Now play a ♣ to your ♣9, which loses to West's ♣K. West plays another ♠.

Now play the ♥T, and when West follows you are safe to overtake with dummy's ♥J since you can tell that East did not start with 4 ♥s. In fact, East shows out so it is West who started with 4 ♥s but that won't be a problem for you. Play another ♣ from dummy, finessing the ♣T which wins.

Now play your ♥3 toward dummy, finessing the ♥8 when West follows with a low card. Play dummy's two ♥ winners, discarding ♦s, then the low ♣ to your ♣J. Wow.

And as you have figured by now, assessing how many entries you are going to need is big part of that plan. Like here, if you had won a single ♥ trick in your hand then you wouldn't have had the three entries to dummy.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ J 9 2
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ 10 8 6 2

9
4 5
22

♠ 8
♥ A K 8 6 5 4 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ Q 3

♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ Q 10 7
♦ 9 7
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ A K Q J 9 7

♥ —
♦ A K 6 2
♣ A J 5

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South
Lead: ♦ Q

Pretty bold bidding by South, but partner DID make a positive response. South is to play 6 ♠. West leads the ♦ Q.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=0 ♦=2 ♣=1 Total = 3

OK, the plan is to get over to dummy for those two ♥ winners.

If you just play a small ♣ toward the ♣ Q that will work whenever West holds the ♣ K.

How about playing ♣ A and a small ♣, planning on ruffing your third ♣ to get to dummy? Naaah. They will win the second ♣ and play a trump.

There is actually a play that is 100% certain, no matter who holds the ♣ K.

Win the opening lead and lay down your ♣ J. The defense is helpless. If they take the ♣ J with the ♣ K, then you have a dummy entry in the form of the ♣ Q. If they refuse to take the trick you will counter by next laying down the ♣ A, then ruffing a third ♣ to get to dummy and the two golden eggs.

My dream is that someday I will get a chance to use it at the table. If you ever do be sure and email me.