

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K 9 4 2

8 ¹⁷
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♠ 9 3
♥ K Q
♦ A K Q J 9 3
♣ Q 8 3

W N E S
♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 6

♠ A K Q 5
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 7 2
♣ A 10 7 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	6 NT by North		
Lead: ♥ J			

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
South Deals
None Vul

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



♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ J 10 9 3

16
3 10
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♣ 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass

6 ♥ by South
Lead: ♠ Q

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♠ Q. East 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.

East has no answer.

Deal 3

West Deals	♠ K Q 7 3
None Vul	♥ A 4
	♦ Q 9 6 2
	♣ A 8 4

♠ J 10 9 6 4	♦ —
♥ 9 8 3 2	♣ Q 10 6 3

15	♠ A 5 2
3 6	♥ J 6
16	♦ A K J 7 5 3
	♣ K 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by North
Lead: ♥ K

	♠ 8 ♥ K Q 10 7 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ J 9 5 2
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You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦ 5 West 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.

East has no problem, (yet), he discards the ♥ T.

Play dummy's ♠ 5 to your ♠ K.

East 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.

North is to play 7 NT. East leads the ♥ K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥ J is a Threat against East's ♥ Q, so if it is East 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, West discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

To find out for sure you play ♠ A, then ♠ Q. Sure enough East discards a ♥ on the second round.

But now a completely new possibility shows up. Say to yourself, over and over, "East must guard ♥s, and West must guard ♠s. Nobody can guard ♣s."

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 8 3
♥ J 10 7 2
♦ 6 3
♣ 10 6

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4 3
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♠ 9 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A J 9 7 4
♣ Q 8 4 3

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♠ 6
♥ Q 9 8 4 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 9 7 5

♠ A K 7 4
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ A K 2

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by South			
Lead: ♠ Q			

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now West 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.

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

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

West discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

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

Play the ♠ A. East discards a ♥.

West guards the ♣s. Nobody can guard the ♥s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

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

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

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ J 4

15
4 10
11

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			



♠ 5
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ K 8 6 3

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 7 2
♣ Q 10 2

♠ 10 8 7 3

♥ Q 10

♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 7 5

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.