

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

West

Pass

3 NT by North

Lead: ♥ 4

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 NT

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥ 4, won by North's ♥ 8.

North enters dummy with the ♠ K and leads the ♦ T. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

You don't have much in your hand, but you do have the ♦ A, and you also have the responsibility to help East set up his suit.

So even though you don't know for sure how good that suit is, your plan of action should be to take the ♦ A and return a ♥.

As you see, this will defeat the contract.

Had you played a low ♦ North would have pocketed that trick and added 4 ♣ s and 3 ♠ s to go with the ♥ he had already won.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 6

♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2

7
12 13
8

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ Q J 8 7 4

♣ A 7 4



♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ 10 2

♣ K J

♠ A Q J

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 6 3

West

1 ♣

2 ♣

Pass

3 NT by East

Lead: ♠ 7

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♠ 7; ♠ 3, ♠ 2 and won by East with ♠ Q.

East then plays the ♣ 6 from his hand. Which ♣ should you play?

When you have made your choice

You should not allow yourself to be misled by East winning the first trick with the ♠ Q. North does not hold either the ♠ A or the ♠ J or he would have played it. East is just trying to be deceptive.

That means you need the next ♠ play to come from North, so you play your ♣ J and let North win his ♣ A. You can be

sure North has the ♣ A because East would have played the suit differently if he held the Ace.

North will win the ♣ A and return his ♠ through East's ♠ A Q. This allows you to set up your ♠ suit while you still have the ♣ K for an entry.

Deal 3

South Deals ♠ K 6
 None Vul ♥ 8 5 2
 ♠ Q 7 3
 ♣ 9 4

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

5
 5 4
 26

♠ A J 9 4
 ♥ A K Q J 10
 ♦ A
 ♣ A K 5

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

6 ♥ by South
 Lead: ♦ Q

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ Q, you signaled with the ♦ 8 and South won the ♦ A.

South then played low to dummy's ♠ K, and led dummy's ♠ 6. Your decision is not whether to play high or low, but whether to ruff or not, which amounts to the same thing.

When you have made your choice

Even though South holds the ♠ A, if you ruff now he will just put on a small ♠ and you will be ruffing a loser. Instead discard a ♦.

South will win the ♠ A, but will not be able to ruff any ♠ losers in dummy because your trumps can overruff any of North's trumps.

Suppose you had ruffed the ♠. South would have played his ♠ 9, leaving himself with ♠ A J. He would then get the lead and pull your two remaining trumps. That would leave one trump in dummy to ruff his ♠ J, his only remaining loser.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT by West			
Lead: ♣ K			

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4

You are North. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♣ K and continue with the ♣ J then ♣ Q, taken by West's ♣ A. To trick 4 West plays the ♥ 4. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

To see why you should play the ♥ Q, just visualize the result if you play low. West will finesse with dummy's ♥ 8. If South wins his ♥ J on this trick there will be 4 good ♥ tricks in dummy. If South withholds his ♥ J then Declarer will have 3 ♥ winners.

Now visualize the result of playing the ♥ Q. Whether West takes this trick or not

he cannot win more than 2 ♥s.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ Q J 8 7 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ 9 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 6

♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2



♠ A Q J

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 6 3

♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ 10 2

♣ K J

7
12 13
8

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

5
5 4
26

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A 7 6 2

13

14 8

5

♠ Q 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3

♥ A K 10 9 8

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 4

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 6

♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2

7
12 13
8

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ Q J 8 7 4

♣ A 7 4



♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ 10 2

♣ K J

♠ A Q J

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 6 3

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

5
5 4
26

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 6

♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2

7
12 13
8

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ Q J 8 7 4

♣ A 7 4



♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ 10 2

♣ K J

♠ A Q J

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 6 3

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

5
5 4
26

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 6

♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2

7
12 13
8

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ Q J 8 7 4

♣ A 7 4



♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ 10 2

♣ K J

♠ A Q J

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 6 3

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

5
5 4
26

Deal 20
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ Q J 8 7 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ 9 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 6

♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2



♠ A Q J

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 6 3

♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ 10 2

♣ K J

7
12 13
8

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4

5
5 4
26



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9 4

♦ Q J 8 7 4

♣ A 7 4

♠ 9 5 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 6

♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2



♠ A Q J

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ 6 3

♠ K 10 8 7 4

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ 10 2

♣ K J

7
12 13
8

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4

5
5 4
26



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

Deal 28
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ 10 9 4
♦ Q J 8 7 4
♣ A 7 4

♠ 9 5 3
♥ A Q
♦ A 6
♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2

7
12 13
8



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

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

5
5 4
26

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 7 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 7 4

17
5 6
12

♠ Q 10 6

♥ K J 8

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A J 2



♠ A K

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ K Q 8 5

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ 10 6 3

Deal 34
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 5 3
♥ A Q
♦ A 6
♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2

7
12 13
8

♠ 6 2
♥ 10 9 4
♦ Q J 8 7 4
♣ A 7 4



♠ K 10 8 7 4
♥ J 8 7 2
♦ 10 2
♣ K J

♠ A Q J
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 6 3

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4



♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

5
5 4
26

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 2

13
14 8
5

♠ Q 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 4