

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5
♥ J 10 5 2
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 6 3

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7 7
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West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			
Lead: ♠ Q			



♠ K 10 4
♥ K Q 9
♦ A 10 7
♣ Q J 9 7

♠ Q J 9 6 3
♥ A 6 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 2

♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ A 10 5 4

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 3 NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

The top of a solid 3-card honor sequence is best, but as you can see, a broken 3-card sequence may work out just as good.

North will likely try the ♣ finesse, and when West wins the ♣ K he will return a ♣ through North's ♣ T.

Deal 2

East Deals	♠ 8 5
None Vul	♥ A Q 8 5
	♦ 5 4 3
	♣ Q J 10 2
♠ K J 7 2	♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K J 10 3 2	♥ 7
♦ 7	♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ A 7 4	♣ K 6 5

9	♠ 9 4 3
12 13	♥ 9 6 4
6	♦ A Q 10 8
	♣ 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
4 ♣ by East			



The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4 ♠ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

You have ♦ winners, but dummy will surely be short since he has at least 8 cards in the Major suits.

Partner has whatever ♥ strength your side possesses.

It is very likely that declarer will want to do some cross-trumping. To try to cut that down your best lead is a trump.

Just imagine that declarer wins the first ♠ in his hand and plays a ♥ to dummy's honors. North will win and play another trump. Whenever you win your first ♦

you will play your last trump.

As you can imagine, declarer will be in a whole lot of trouble.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ K J 9 4 3
 ♥ 6 5 3
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ 10 6 2

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 4 2
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♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ K 8 7
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ A 8 5 4

♠ 10 5
 ♥ J 10 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 5 4 3
 ♣ J 9

West North East South

Pass 6 NT Pass 2 NT

Pass 6 NT by South

Lead: ♥ 6

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6 NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

You held this identical hand in Deal 3. The declarer was playing 3 NT and the best lead was the ♠ 4, fourth down.

It's different when the contract is 6 NT. Against 6 NT you should make a passive lead, which means don't underlead any honors. Against 6 NT you have little chance of establishing a suit to win four or five tricks. Instead, you just want to try to not give declarer an undeserved trick.

So any passive lead would be OK, you pick the ♥ just because they are less likely to have an unbid 4-card Major in either hand.

Declarer has 11 winners sitting there; if you had led a low ♠ you would have handed him his 12 trick on a platter.

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ J 10 ♥ K Q J ♦ A Q J 9 8 7 ♣ J 5	♠ K 8 5 4 ♥ 8 6 5 2 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ 10 2	♠ A 2 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ 10 5 3 ♣ A K Q 7 6
	6 15 17 2	♠ Q 9 7 6 3 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 8 4 3

<i>West</i> 1♦ 3♦ 5♦ Pass	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2♣ 4 NT 6♦	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass
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6♦ by West
 Lead: ♠ 4

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6♦ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Against a notrump slam it is best to make a passive lead so you don't give declarer an undeserved winner.

Against a suit slam the situation is very different. Against strong dummy bidding like this you are pretty sure that if you don't establish a winner early declarer will find something in dummy to discard losers on. In this hand it is dummy's ♣ suit.

Your most promising suit is ♠s. Obviously partner has a very weak hand, but if he has the ♠Q you can set up your ♠K before your King of trumps is dislodged.

Without a ♠ lead declarer will have smooth sailing.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 4

♥ K Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ Q J 9 7

♠ 7 5

♥ J 10 5 2

♦ Q J 5 4

♣ K 6 3

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♠ Q J 9 6 3

♥ A 6 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 8 2

♠ A 8 2

♥ 8 7 3

♦ K 9 2

♣ A 10 5 4

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Deal 6

East Deals ♠ 8 5
E-W Vul ♥ A Q 8 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 2
♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 7 4

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12 13
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♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 7
♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 9 8 3

Deal 7

South Deals	♠ 8 7 2
Both Vul	♥ K 8 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A 8 5 4
♠ K J 9 4 3	♠ 10 5
♥ 6 5 3	♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 8 2	♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ J 9
13 4 2 21	♠ A Q 6
	♥ A Q 9
	♦ A 10 7
	♣ K Q 7 3



Deal 8 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
None Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 8 4 3

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Deal 9

North Deals ♠ K 10 4
E-W Vul ♥ K Q 9
♦ A 10 7
♣ Q J 9 7

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



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♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ A 10 5 4

Deal 10

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

9	♠ 9 4 3
12 13	♥ 9 6 4
6	♦ A Q 10 8
	♣ 9 8 3



Deal 11

South Deals	♠ 8 7 2
None Vul	♥ K 8 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A 8 5 4
♠ K J 9 4 3	♠ 10 5
♥ 6 5 3	♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 8 2	♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ J 9
13 4 2 21	♠ A Q 6 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ K Q 7 3



Deal 12 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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 ♠ Q 9 7 6 3
 ♥ 10 4 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 9 8 4 3

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Deal 13

North Deals ♠ K 10 4
Both Vul ♥ K Q 9
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ Q J 9 7

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

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♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ A 10 5 4

Deal 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 7 4



♠ 8 5
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 2

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 7
♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 9 8 3

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Deal 15South Deals
N-S Vul♠ 8 7 2
♥ K 8 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A 8 5 4♠ K J 9 4 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 6 2♠ 10 5
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ J 9

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

Deal 16 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 8 4 3

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Deal 17

North Deals ♠ K 10 4
None Vul ♥ K Q 9
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ Q J 9 7

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



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♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ A 10 5 4

Deal 18

East Deals	♠ 8 5
N-S Vul	♥ A Q 8 5
	♦ 5 4 3
	♣ Q J 10 2
♠ K J 7 2	♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K J 10 3 2	♥ 7
♦ 7	♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ A 7 4	♣ K 6 5
9 12 13 6	♠ 9 4 3 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ A Q 10 8 ♣ 9 8 3

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W E
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Deal 19

South Deals	♠ 8 7 2
E-W Vul	♥ K 8 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A 8 5 4
♠ K J 9 4 3	♠ 10 5
♥ 6 5 3	♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 8 2	♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ J 9
13 4 2 21	♠ A Q 6
	♥ A Q 9
	♦ A 10 7
	♣ K Q 7 3



Deal 20 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
Both Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 8 4 3

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Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 4

♥ K Q 9

♦ A 10 7

♣ Q J 9 7

♠ 7 5

♥ J 10 5 2

♦ Q J 5 4

♣ K 6 3

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♠ Q J 9 6 3

♥ A 6 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 8 2

♠ A 8 2

♥ 8 7 3

♦ K 9 2

♣ A 10 5 4

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Deal 22

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 7 4



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♠ 8 5
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 2

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 7
♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 9 8 3

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ K 8 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A 8 5 4

♠ K J 9 4 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

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♠ 10 5
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ J 9

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

Deal 24 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
None Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 8 4 3

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Deal 25

North Deals ♠ K 10 4
E-W Vul ♥ K Q 9
♦ A 10 7
♣ Q J 9 7
♠ 7 5
♥ J 10 5 2
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 6 3



♠ Q J 9 6 3
♥ A 6 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 2

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♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ A 10 5 4

Deal 26

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 7 4



♠ 8 5
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 2

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 7
♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 9 8 3

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12 13
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Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ K 8 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A 8 5 4

♠ K J 9 4 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

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♠ 10 5
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ J 9

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

Deal 28 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 8 4 3

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Deal 29

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 10 4
♥ K Q 9
♦ A 10 7
♣ Q J 9 7

♠ 7 5
♥ J 10 5 2
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 6 3

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W E
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♠ Q J 9 6 3
♥ A 6 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 2

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

Deal 30

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 7 4



♠ 8 5
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 2

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 7
♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 9 8 3

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12 13
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Deal 31

South Deals
N-S Vul
♠ K J 9 4 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 6 2



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

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

Deal 32 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 8 4 3

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Deal 33North Deals
None Vul♠ K 10 4
♥ K Q 9
♦ A 10 7
♣ Q J 9 7♠ 7 5
♥ J 10 5 2
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 6 3N
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♥ A 6 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 215
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♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ A 10 5 4

Deal 34

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 7 4



♠ 8 5
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 2

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 7
♦ K J 9 6 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 9 8 3

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Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ K 8 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A 8 5 4

♠ K J 9 4 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 6 2

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♠ 10 5
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ J 9

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

Deal 36 ♠ K 8 5 4
West Deals ♥ 8 6 5 2
Both Vul ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 10 2

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

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W E
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♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 8 4 3

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