

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ 9 5 3
 ♦ Q 7 2
 ♣ A Q J 4

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 9 8
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	S	

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

♠ J 8 6 3
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ A K 8 4
 ♣ 8 7 2

♠ K Q 7 5 2
 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ K 9 6

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

Pass

2 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You know partner also has the ♦ K, and normally you would give an encouraging signal when you hold the Queen. But with this hand you want partner to switch to ♣s as soon as possible. So you play a low ♦.

East looks at your signal, then looks at dummy, then looks at your signal. He knows you want a switch and it looks like a switch to ♣s might work the best. North plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by East with his ♦ K. East leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

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

6
 10 13
 11

West

3 ♠
 Pass

4 ♠ by East
 Lead: ♥ A

♠ 8
 ♥ Q J 8 4 3
 ♦ Q J 10 4
 ♣ 8 7 6

N
 W E
 S

♠ K Q J 7 5 2
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ A 10 4

♠ 9 6 4
 ♥ A K 7 2
 ♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 9 5

North

Pass
 Pass

1 ♠
 4 ♠

South

Pass

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ A, North puts on the ♥ Q. It's your play.

When you have made your choice

North's ♥ Q is either a singleton, (practically impossible), or a signal showing that he also holds the ♥ J. In either case you can reach the North hand on the second trick by playing a low ♥. Since you don't particularly want to start playing ♦s from your side, you go ahead and play a small ♥, won by North with the ♥ J.

North next plays the ♦ Q and however East tries it your side will take the next two ♦ tricks and set the contract.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 7 4
♥ 6 3
♦ A K 9 6
♣ 9 5 3

10 9
15 6
15

N
W E
S

♠ J 5
♥ A Q 9 8 7 5
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 10 4

♠ 10 9 6 3 2
♥ K 2
♦ Q J 8
♣ 8 7 6

♠ A Q
♥ J 10 4
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ A K J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♥ by South
Lead: ♦ A

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. West led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

As soon as dummy appears you can see 3 tricks for your side. Partner surely has the ♦ K to go with his Ace and you have a certain trump trick. However, that's all you can see.

Your best hope is that West may be able to win a ♠ trick, and it may be important for the first ♠ lead to come from your side of the table.

Your ♦ Q play informs partner that you also have the ♦ J, giving him the option of underleading his ♦ K to get to your hand.

West next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦ J. You return the ♠ T. This establishes West's ♠ K before South can pull trumps and discard one of dummy's ♠ s on his fourth ♣.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

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

17 7
 8 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♠ 5			

♠ J 9 6 5 2
 ♥ A Q 10 6
 ♦ 9 5 4 2
 ♣ —

N
 W E
 S

♠ 7
 ♥ 5 3 2
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ A K J 9 6 4 2

♠ 10 8 4
 ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ K Q 8 6
 ♣ Q 7 3

a small red card?

Hopefully South will come to the conclusion that this is Suit Preference for a ♥ return and will play his ♥ J. Hopefully.

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ 5, South plays the ♠ T and West wins the ♠ K. To the second trick West plays the ♣ T and you must discard something.

When you have made your choice

You know that South has no high ♠ honor or he would have played it to the first trick. So West has the ♠ A Q left, plus all those ♣ tricks. You need to have North switch to a ♥ if possible.

South must be expecting to lead a ♠ back when he wins the ♣ Q which you hope he holds. Your ♠ J discard may make him rethink. If your ♠s were any good why would you be discarding a winner when all you had to do was toss

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ 9
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ A 9 8 6 5 3

♠ J 8 5
♥ A Q J 8 7 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K

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W				S
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5 9				
8				

♠ A K Q 7 3
♥ 4
♦ 10 6 5 3
♣ 10 7 2

♠ 9 6 2
♥ K 10 6 3
♦ Q 9 4
♣ Q J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

Lead: ♠ A

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠ A, dummy played the ♠ 2 and you signal with your ♠ T. East next plays the ♠ Q and you drop the ♠ 4, completing your doubleton signal. East then plays the ♠ K and it turns out you don't have to ruff after all. So what are you going to play?

When you have made your choice

This should be a clear enough signal for East to play a ♣ to your ♣ A next.

An alternate play, just as good, would be for you to ruff the good ♠ Q and play the ♣ A yourself.

If you don't get your ♣ trick at trick 4 you will never get it. North will discard his ♣ K on South's extra ♦ winner.