

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K J 8 6 2  
♥ K 7 4  
♦ 2  
♣ K 6 5

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

♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♥ Q

♥ 2. Win the ♥ K and play your ♥ 4, ruffing with dummy's ♠ Q. West is out of ♥ s, but can't over-ruff. Now pull trumps and set up one ♣ trick. You lose 2 ♣ s and a ♦, just as expected.

You are North and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

An easy one. You bid 1 ♠. Partner responds 1 NT.

What is your next bid?

You're going to rebid your 6-card ♠ suit, but how high? The usual guideline is to bid 2 ♠ with 13-15 points, but jump to 3 ♠ with 16-18 points. You come in just over the line so you bid 3 ♠. Partner puts it in game.

North plays 4 ♠. East leads the ♥ Q, West playing ♥ 9.

Losers: ♠ 0 : ♥ 1 : ♦ 1 : ♣ 2 : Total = 4

You must eliminate one loser and the easiest one will be the ♥ which you can ruff in dummy. However, West's ♥ 9 looks a little ominous, particularly since East apparently has some length in the suit. Presumably you played the ♥ A on the first trick. Next lead the ♥ 6 from dummy, hoping West can't (or doesn't) ruff. He plays the

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

$$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 14 \quad 13 \\ 12 \end{matrix}$$
**♠ 9 5****♥ 8 4****♦ A K Q J 5 4****♣ Q 10 5****West****North****East****South****1 ♦**

Dbl

Pass

**2 ♦**

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

**2 ♠**

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♣ by East

Lead: ♦ A

You are East and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

When responding to a takeout double use these guidelines: 0-8 points: bid a suit cheaply 9-11 points: bid a suit with a jump 12 or more points: cue-bid the opponent's suit

With 13 points you cue-bid 2 ♦. Partner says 2 ♥.

You are forced to game, now you must find a suit. Partner suggested ♥s, you suggest ♠s. Partner agrees ♠s and bids the game.

East plays 4 ♠. South leads ♦ A, ♦ K, ♦ Q. North plays ♦ 8 then ♦ 2.

Losers: ♠ 0 : ♥ 0 : ♦ 3 : ♣ 1 : Total = 4

If you could ruff that ♦ then one of your ♦ losers would be eliminated - if North didn't over-ruff. But you know that North is going to over-ruff. So don't ruff it, discard dummy's ♣ 6 instead. Later you can ruff your ♣ loser in dummy.

**Deal 3**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**12**  
**4**   **11**  
**13**

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3 NT by South		
Lead: ♥ 2			

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


Winner count: ♠ 2 : ♥ 2 : ♦ 2 : ♣ 2 : Total = 8

You are glad the defense started with ♥s, that was a suit you would have had to play yourself. You need one more winner and your first thought may be that the ♠s are going to have to split 3-3. However, that happens only about 40% of the time so you keep looking. There is one more card that might be valuable, the ♣J. If East holds the ♣Q then you can make a trick out of the ♣J.

You are already in dummy with the ♥J so you lead a small ♣. If East plays low you will play the ♣J which will hold the trick and become your 9th winner. If East plays his ♣Q you will have the ♣J for your 9th winner later.

And if East doesn't have the ♣Q at all? then you STILL have the possibility of a 3-3 ♠ split.

You are South and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

You have 13 points so you will definitely open the bidding. You don't open with a 4-card Major and you don't open with a 2-card ♣ suit. So this is the one distribution where you open a 3-card ♦ suit. Partner responds 2 ♣ and it is your bid.

Be very careful! You are tempted to now bid 2 ♥ or 2 ♠. Don't give in to the temptation. That would be a REVERSE - bidding a second, higher-ranking suit at the 2-level. You should have at least 16 points to reverse. Besides, if you trust partner you don't need to bid either of those suits anyway. If he had a 4-card Major he probably would have shown it on his first bid. No, your next bid is clearly 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

South plays 3 NT. West leads the ♥2, East wins the ♥A and returns the ♥5. West takes the ♥K and plays the ♥7.

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**Deal 4**

♠ —

North Deals ♥ A K Q 10 3

None Vul ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K



♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass

1♠      2♥      4♠

Pass      Pass

4♠ by West

Lead: ♥ A

You are West and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

You open 1♠. North overcalls 2♥ and partner bids 4♠.

West plays 4♠. North leads ♥ A, ♥ K, ♥ Q.

Losers: ♠ 1 : ♥ 2 : ♦ 1 : ♣ 0 : Total = 4

You have already lost the 2 ♥s and you will definitely lose the ♦. So you cannot lose a ♠ as well. When you have 11 cards in a suit missing the King, the recommended play is to play for the drop. But the recommended play shouldn't be used on this hand because you know that South has the ♠K. How do you know this? Because North has turned up with 10 points in ♥s, (the A K Q and a fifth one). If he held the ♠K as well he would have had 13 points and a good suit and would have opened he bidding. But he didn't open, so he doesn't have the ♠K.

Ruff the ♥. Play the ♦ 8 to dummy's ♦T. If South takes the ♦A win his return and enter dummy with the ♦Q. When in dummy lead the ♠Q and finesse South out of his ♠K.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5  
♥ Q J 10 8 5 3  
♦ K J 7  
♣ 10 9**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 6**

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

N	W	E	S

1	9 5
14	8 4
12	♦ A K Q J 5 4
♣ Q 10 5	

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



**Deal 8**      ♠ —

West Deals    ♥ A K Q 10 3

None Vul    ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W   E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15 7  
9

**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ Q J 10 8 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 10 9

**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 4 3  
♥ A K 6 3  
♦ 7 3  
♣ A K 6

<sup>1</sup>  
**14    13**  
**12**

♠ 10 6 2  
♥ J 10 9 5  
♦ 8 2  
♣ 9 8 3 2

N  
W   E  
S

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

♠ 9 5  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A K Q J 5 4  
♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 11**

South Deals	♠ A 6 2
None Vul	♥ J 10 3
	♦ 8 5 4
	♣ A K 8 5
♠ 10 4	♠ Q J 9 8
♥ K 9 7 2	♥ A 5
♦ J 9 3	♦ Q 10 6 2
♣ 10 9 7 6	♣ Q 4 3
<b>12</b> <b>4 11</b> <b>13</b>	♠ K 7 5 3 ♥ Q 8 6 4 ♦ A K 7 ♣ J 2



**Deal 12**      ♠ —

West Deals    ♥ A K Q 10 3

N-S Vul      ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W   E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15   7  
9

**Deal 13**North Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ Q J 10 8 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 10 9

**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4 3

♥ A K 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ A K 6

♠ 10 6 2

♥ J 10 9 5

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 8 3 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A K Q J

♥ Q 7 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ J 7 4

<sup>1</sup>  
**14** **13**  
**12**

♠ 9 5

♥ 8 4

♦ A K Q J 5 4

♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 15**South Deals  
N-S Vul

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

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

**12**  
**4**    **11**  
**13**

N  
W   E  
S

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

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

**Deal 16**      ♠ —

West Deals    ♥ A K Q 10 3

E-W Vul      ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W   E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15 7  
9

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ Q J 10 8 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 10 9

**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7 4 3  
♥ A K 6 3  
♦ 7 3  
♣ A K 6

<sup>1</sup>  
**14    13**  
**12**

♠ 10 6 2  
♥ J 10 9 5  
♦ 8 2  
♣ 9 8 3 2

N  
W   E  
S

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

♠ 9 5  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A K Q J 5 4  
♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 19**South Deals  
E-W Vul♠ A 6 2  
♥ J 10 3  
♦ 8 5 4  
♣ A K 8 5♠ 10 4  
♥ K 9 7 2  
♦ J 9 3  
♣ 10 9 7 6**12**  
**4 11**  
**13**N  
W E  
S♠ Q J 9 8  
♥ A 5  
♦ Q 10 6 2  
♣ Q 4 3♠ K 7 5 3  
♥ Q 8 6 4  
♦ A K 7  
♣ J 2

**Deal 20**      ♠ —

West Deals    ♥ A K Q 10 3

Both Vul      ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W   E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15 7  
9

**Deal 21**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ Q J 10 8 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 10 9

**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 6 2

♥ J 10 9 5

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 8 3 2

♠ 8 7 4 3

♥ A K 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ A K 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ A K Q J

♥ Q 7 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ J 7 4

1  
14 13  
12♠ 9 5  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A K Q J 5 4  
♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

12  
4 11  
13

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

**Deal 24**

♠ —

West Deals ♥ A K Q 10 3

None Vul ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15 7  
9

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ Q J 10 8 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 10 9

**14**  
**11**  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 6 2  
♥ J 10 9 5  
♦ 8 2  
♣ 9 8 3 2

♠ 8 7 4 3  
♥ A K 6 3  
♦ 7 3  
♣ A K 6

<sup>1</sup>  
**14    13**  
**12**

N  
W   E  
S

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

♠ 9 5  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A K Q J 5 4  
♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

12  
4 11  
13

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

**Deal 28**

♠ —

West Deals ♥ A K Q 10 3

N-S Vul ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15 7  
9

**Deal 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ Q J 10 8 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 10 9

**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 2

♥ J 10 9 5

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 8 3 2

♠ 8 7 4 3

♥ A K 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ A K 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ A K Q J

♥ Q 7 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ J 7 4

<sup>1</sup>  
**14**    **13**  
**12**

♠ 9 5

♥ 8 4

♦ A K Q J 5 4

♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 31**South Deals  
N-S Vul

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

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

**12**  
**4**    **11**  
**13**

N  
W   E  
S

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

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

**Deal 32**      ♠ —

West Deals    ♥ A K Q 10 3

E-W Vul      ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W   E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15 7  
9

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ A J 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5

♥ Q J 10 8 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 10 9

**14**  
**11** 7  
**8**♠ Q 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 8 6 5 3  
♣ Q 8 4 2

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7 4 3  
♥ A K 6 3  
♦ 7 3  
♣ A K 6

<sup>1</sup>  
**14    13**  
**12**

♠ 10 6 2  
♥ J 10 9 5  
♦ 8 2  
♣ 9 8 3 2

N  
W   E  
S

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

♠ 9 5  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A K Q J 5 4  
♣ Q 10 5

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

**12**  
**4 11**  
**13**

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 36**      ♠ —

West Deals    ♥ A K Q 10 3

Both Vul      ♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 8

♣ A K

N  
W   E  
S

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K 7

♥ J 7 4

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ J 9 8 5

9  
15 7  
9