

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 9 6 4
♦ K 8 6 3
♣ J 10 8 6 2

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

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ 9 4

♠ K 6
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ Q 7 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♥ by North
Lead: ♦ Q

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

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

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

Suppose you had ruffed the ♠. North 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 2
 East Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ J 6 3
 ♥ A K 10 9 8
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ 10 9 4

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 8 14
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West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	1 NT	Pass
1 NT by East			
Lead: ♣ K			

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

♠ Q 9 2
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ Q J 10 6
 ♣ K Q J 8

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♣ K and continue with the ♣ J then ♣ Q, taken by East's ♣ A. To trick 4 East 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. East will finesse with dummy's ♥ 8. If North wins his ♥ J on this trick there will be 4 good ♥ tricks in dummy. If North withholds his ♥ J then Declarer will have 3 ♥ winners.

Now visualize the result of playing the ♥ Q. Whether East takes this trick or not he cannot win more than 2 ♥s.

Deal 3

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



♠ 10 8 6
♣ K 10 8 6

♠ A J 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ 10			

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥T, won by dummy's ♥A. At trick 2 South calls for dummy's ♣3. Which card do you play?

When you have made your choice

You would not have been expecting South to play a small ♣ from dummy's holding. The only way it makes sense is if South holds the ♣Q.

If you play your ♣K you will win the trick, but in so doing you will set up 3 ♣ tricks for South, which is all he needs to make the slam.

Play low instead and South will win his ♣Q. But now your ♣K sits behind dummy's ♣J 4 so he can get only one more trick in the suit, the ♣A.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10 8 5 4

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10 4
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W		E
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♠ 10 8 7 6 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ K 6
♣ J 9 6

♠ 5 4
♥ J 6 2
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ A K Q 2

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

3 NT by North
Lead: ♠ 6

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠ 6. You won the ♠ A and returned the ♠ 9, won by North's ♠ Q.

North next played to dummy's ♣ A and led the ♦ 2. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Count the points. North's 15-17 plus South's 11 plus your T comes to 36-38. So East has room for an Ace or a King, but no more.

East's second ♠ play was the 2, so it looks like he started with 5 ♠s. And the fall of North's ♠s looks like he may have 1 ♠ left, very likely the ♠ K.

All this means that you should take your ♦ A now and return your last ♠ to establish East's suit. Now East's ♦ K will be an entry to the ♠s

If you play low, East will have to take the ♦ K now, and although he can play a ♠ to establish the suit, he will not have an entry to be able to cash them.

Deal 6East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

♠ 7
♥ 9 6 4
♦ K 8 6 3
♣ J 10 8 6 2N
W E
S♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ 9 426
4 5
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♣ Q 7 3♠ K 6
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ Q 7 3

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 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



♠ K 8 5

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ Q 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ K Q J 8

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8 14
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Deal 8West Deals
None Vul♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A J 4 3♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 9 5N
W E
S♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6**18**
1 4
17♠ A J 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 9 ♠ J 10 9 6

North Deals ♥ —

E-W Vul ♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

N
W S

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

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Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7 3

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ 7 3

♠ A 9 3

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A 7 3

♣ 10 8 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 7 6 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ K 6
♣ J 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ J 6 2

♦ J 8 5 2

♣ A K Q 2

15
10 4
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Deal 11South Deals
None Vul

♦ A K 5

♠ 7
♥ 9 6 4
♦ K 8 6 3
♣ J 10 8 6 226
4 5
5N
W E
S♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ 9 4♠ K 6
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ Q 7 3

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3

♥ A K 10 9 8

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 4



♠ A 10 7 4

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 5 3

♠ K 8 5

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ Q 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ K Q J 8

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8 14
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Deal 13 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A 6 3
Both Vul ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ A J 4 3

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

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18
1 4
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♠ A J 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 14 ♠ J 10 9 6

East Deals ♥ —

None Vul ♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

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Deal 15

South Deals	♠ K Q J
N-S Vul	♥ A K 7 3
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ 7 3
♠ A 9 3	♠ 10 8 7 6 2
♥ Q 9 8	♥ 10 5 4
♦ A 7 3	♦ K 6
♣ 10 8 5 4	♣ J 9 6
15 10 4 11	♠ 5 4 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ A K Q 2

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4

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4 5

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♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ K 8 5

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ Q 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ K Q J 8

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8 14
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Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 5

♥ A 6 3

♦ A 8 2

♣ A J 4 3

♠ 9 7 6

♥ 10 9 8 7

♦ J 9 6 3

♣ 9 5

N
W E
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♠ 10 8 4 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ 10 4

♣ K 10 8 6

♠ A J 2

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ Q 7 2

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Deal 19 ♠ J 10 9 6

South Deals ♥ —

E-W Vul ♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

N
W E
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♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

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Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7 3

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ 7 3

♠ A 9 3

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A 7 3

♣ 10 8 5 4



♠ 10 8 7 6 2

♥ 10 5 4

♦ K 6

♣ J 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ J 6 2

♦ J 8 5 2

♣ A K Q 2

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Deal 21 ♠ A J 9 4
North Deals ♥ A K Q J 10
N-S Vul ♦ A

♣ A K 5

♠ 7
♥ 9 6 4
♦ K 8 6 3
♣ J 10 8 6 2

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♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ 9 4

♠ K 6
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ Q 7 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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



♠ K 8 5

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ Q 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ K Q J 8

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Deal 23 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A 6 3
Both Vul ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ A J 4 3
♠ 9 7 6 ♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 7 ♥ J 5 2
♦ J 9 6 3 ♦ 10 4
♣ 9 5 ♣ K 10 8 6

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♦ A J 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 24 ♠ J 10 9 6

West Deals ♥ —

None Vul ♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

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♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

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Deal 25 ♠ K Q J
North Deals ♥ A K 7 3
E-W Vul ♦ Q 10 9 4
 ♣ 7 3

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



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♠ 5 4
♥ J 6 2
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ A K Q 2

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2

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♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

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Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 3

♥ A K 10 9 8

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 4



♠ K 8 5

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ Q 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ K Q J 8

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Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 5

♥ A 6 3

♦ A 8 2

♣ A J 4 3

♠ 9 7 6

♥ 10 9 8 7

♦ J 9 6 3

♣ 9 5

N
W S E

♠ 10 8 4 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ 10 4

♣ K 10 8 6

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17♠ A J 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 29 ♠ J 10 9 6

North Deals ♥ —

Both Vul ♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

N
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♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

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Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7 3

♦ Q 10 9 4

♣ 7 3

♠ A 9 3

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A 7 3

♣ 10 8 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 7 6 2

♥ 10 5 4

♦ K 6

♣ J 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ J 6 2

♦ J 8 5 2

♣ A K Q 2

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Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A K Q J 10

♦ A

♣ A K 5

♠ 7

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ J 10 8 6 2



♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ Q J 10

♣ 9 4

♠ K 6

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 7 3

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4 5
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Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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



♠ K 8 5

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A 7 6 2

♠ Q 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ K Q J 8

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8 14
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Deal 33North Deals
None Vul♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A J 4 3♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 9 5N
W E
S♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6**18**
1 4
17♠ A J 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

Deal 35

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10 8 5 4



♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7 3
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ 7 3

♠ 10 8 7 6 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ K 6
♣ J 9 6

15
10 4
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♠ 5 4
♥ J 6 2
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ A K Q 2