

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 7
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7

♠ A J 5
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 3



♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A 4

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

13
4 9
14

West North East South
Pass 3 NT Pass Pass
Pass
3 NT by North
Lead: ♠ K

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ K, West played the ♠ 7 and North the ♠ 5.

What do you play to the second trick?

When you have made your choice

You can see the ♠ 6, ♠ 5, ♠ 4, ♠ 3 and ♠ 2. So the ♠ 7 is West's lowest ♠, he is doing his best to discourage you from leading the suit again.

North held up with ♠ A J x, hoping you would play the suit again and give him two tricks.

If you play the ♦ T West will win the ♦ A and return a ♠, allowing you to drive out North's ♠ A while you still have the ♠ A for an entry.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

14 5
9 12

West

3 ♣
Pass
3 NT by East
Lead: ♠ K

♠ J 7 5
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7

♠ A 9 8
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A 4

North East South
1 ♣ 1 ♣

Pass 3 NT Pass



You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ K, North played the ♠ 7 and East the ♠ 8.

What do you play to the second trick?

When you have made your choice

You cannot see the ♠ 5. The most likely reason is that North has it, and his ♠ 7 is an encouraging signal. The only reason he would encourage you is if he held either the ♠ A or ♠ J.

Together, you two continue to play ♠s to drive out East's ♠ A. When you get the lead with your ♣ A you will cash your ♠ winners and North will still have the ♦ A for some icing on the cake.

There IS another possibility if East is a better than average Declarer. North just might hold ♠ 9 7, giving East ♠ A J 8 5. East played the ♠ 8 as a falsecard to tempt you into playing the suit again. This isn't too likely, but if it happens just congratulate East for the fine play.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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

10
11
14



♠ K 8 6 3	♦ 10 9 5 4 2
♥ Q 10	♣ 8 2

West North East South

2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

Lead: ♣ A

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ A, dummy played the ♣ 4 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

West will play the ♣ Q on which you will play the ♣ 2.

West now knows you started with a doubleton, and more importantly, he also knows you want him to play a third ♣.

When he next plays the ♣ K dummy will ruff, but whatever card he ruffs with you will have established a trump trick. When you later win your ♣ K that will be down 1.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 5
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 3

5
22 5
8

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

♠ 7 3
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ K J 9 5 2
♣ 8 2



 ♠ J 8 4
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ Q 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♦ 5, South wins the ♦ Q and returns the ♦ 7. West holds up his ♦ A until the third round. He then plays the ♣ Q and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You assume (hope) that South holds the ♣ A. If he does then he will need help from you to decide which trick he should win. You play the ♣ 8 first, and the ♣ 2 next to show an even number.

If South is paying attention he will know to win the THIRD ♣. This will kill dummy's ♣ suit, and with it West's chance of making 9 tricks.

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ Q J 9
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ 9 3

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8 8
14

♠ K 9 3
♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ J 8
♣ Q 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ 3
♦ 10 6 4
♣ A K 10 5

♠ A
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	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 it is your play.

When you have made your choice

If you signal with the ♣ 9 East will continue with the ♣ K and another which you will have to ruff. You will give up your NATURAL trump trick by doing so. Worse, you will allow South's ♣ J to be established as a winner that North can later discard a ♦ on.

Much better to play low. Partner will surely switch to a ♦, and North will probably finesse, though it doesn't matter whether he does or not. You will win the ♦ K, return the ♣ 9 back to East's ♣ K, and still have your trump trick for later.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 5

♥ K Q

♦ Q J 8

♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 6 4 3

♣ 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ 9 8 5

♦ 10 9 7

♣ A 4

13
4 9
14

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 7 5

♥ 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 6 4 3

♣ 7

♠ 6 3

♥ A J 3

♦ K 5 2

♣ K Q J 6 2

W N E S

♠ A 9 8

♥ K Q

♦ Q J 8

♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ 9 8 5

♦ 10 9 7

♣ A 4

14 5
9 12

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K J 8 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 6 4

♦ J 7 3

♣ A K Q 6 5 3



♠ K 8 6 3

♥ Q 10

♦ 10 9 5 4 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A 9 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 10 9 7

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Deal 9

North Deals ♠ 7 3
E-W Vul ♥ J 8 4 3
 ♦ K J 9 5 2
 ♣ 8 2

♠ A K 5
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 3

5
22 5
8

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ Q 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ Q J 9

♦ K 9 5 2

♣ 9 3

♠ K 9 3

♥ A 7 6 5 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 7 4



♠ J 7 6 5 2

♥ 3

♦ 10 6 4

♣ A K 10 5

♠ A

♥ K 10 8 2

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ J 8 6 2

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8 8
14

Deal 11

South Deals ♠ A J 5
None Vul ♥ K Q
 ♦ Q J 8
 ♣ 10 9 8 5 3

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

13 ♠ 6 3
4 ♥ A J 3
14 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ K Q J 6 2



Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 7 5
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

14 5
 12
 9

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 8
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A 4

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K J 8 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 6 4

♦ J 7 3

♣ A K Q 6 5 3



♠ K 8 6 3

♥ Q 10

♦ 10 9 5 4 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A 9 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 10 9 7

11
10 5
14

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ K J 9 5 2
♣ 8 2

♠ A K 5
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 3

5
22 5
8

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ Q 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ Q J 9
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ 9 3

♠ K 9 3
♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ J 8
♣ Q 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ 3
♦ 10 6 4
♣ A K 10 5

♠ A
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 8 6 2

10
8 8
14

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 5

♥ K Q

♦ Q J 8

♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 6 4 3

♣ 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ 9 8 5

♦ 10 9 7

♣ A 4

13
4 9
14

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 5

♥ 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 6 4 3

♣ 7

♠ 6 3

♥ A J 3

♦ K 5 2

♣ K Q J 6 2

W N E S

♠ A 9 8

♥ K Q

♦ Q J 8

♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ 9 8 5

♦ 10 9 7

♣ A 4

5
14 12
9

Deal 18East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K J 8 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ J 4

♠ 5 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ A K Q 6 5 3



♠ K 8 6 3
♥ Q 10
♦ 10 9 5 4 2
♣ 8 2

11
10 5
14
♠ Q J 9
♥ A 9 7 5 2
♦ A K
♣ 10 9 7

Deal 19

South Deals	♠ 7 3
E-W Vul	♥ J 8 4 3
	♦ K J 9 5 2
	♣ 8 2
♠ A K 5	♠ J 8 4
♥ A K Q 5	♥ 7 6 2
♦ A 10 6	♦ 8 4
♣ Q 10 3	♣ K J 9 6 5
5 22 5 8	♠ Q 10 9 6 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ Q 7 3 ♣ A 7 4



Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 9 3

♥ A 7 6 5 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 7 4

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ Q J 9

♦ K 9 5 2

♣ 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 6 5 2

♥ 3

♦ 10 6 4

♣ A K 10 5

♠ A

♥ K 10 8 2

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ J 8 6 2

10
8 8
14

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 5

♥ K Q

♦ Q J 8

♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 6 4 3

♣ 7

N
W S E

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ 9 8 5

♦ 10 9 7

♣ A 4

13
4 9
14

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 7 5
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

14 5
 12
 9

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 8
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A 4

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 6 4

♦ J 7 3

♣ A K Q 6 5 3



♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K J 8 3

♦ 10 9 5 4 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A 9 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 10 9 7

**10 11 5
14**

Deal 24

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ K J 9 5 2
♣ 8 2

♠ A K 5
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 3

5
22 5
8

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ Q 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

Deal 25

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

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



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8 8
14

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 5

♥ K Q

♦ Q J 8

♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 6 4 3

♣ 7

W N E S

♠ K Q 10 4 2

♥ 9 8 5

♦ 10 9 7

♣ A 4

13
4 9
14♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 5
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

14 5
9 12

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 8
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A 4

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K J 8 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 6 4

♦ J 7 3

♣ A K Q 6 5 3



♠ K 8 6 3

♥ Q 10

♦ 10 9 5 4 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A 9 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 10 9 7

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10 5
14

Deal 29

North Deals ♠ 7 3
Both Vul ♥ J 8 4 3
 ♦ K J 9 5 2
 ♣ 8 2

♠ A K 5
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 3

5
22 5
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N
W E
S

♠ J 8 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ Q 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ Q J 9

♦ K 9 5 2

♣ 9 3

♠ K 9 3

♥ A 7 6 5 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 7 4



♠ J 7 6 5 2

♥ 3

♦ 10 6 4

♣ A K 10 5

♠ A

♥ K 10 8 2

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ J 8 6 2

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8 8
14

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 5
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ 9 8 7
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A 4

13
4 9
14
♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 7 5
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

14 5
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N
W E
S

♠ A 9 8
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A 4

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K J 8 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 6 4

♦ J 7 3

♣ A K Q 6 5 3



♠ K 8 6 3

♥ Q 10

♦ 10 9 5 4 2

♣ 8 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A 9 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 10 9 7

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14 5**

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 3
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ K J 9 5 2
♣ 8 2

♠ A K 5
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A 10 6
♣ Q 10 3

5
22 5
8

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ Q 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 3

♥ A 7 6 5 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 7 4

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ Q J 9

♦ K 9 5 2

♣ 9 3



♠ J 7 6 5 2

♥ 3

♦ 10 6 4

♣ A K 10 5

♠ A

♥ K 10 8 2

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ J 8 6 2

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