

**Deal 1**

West Deals	♠ K Q 7 3
None Vul	♥ A 4
	♦ Q 9 6 2
	♣ A 8 4

♠ J 10 9 6 4	♦ —
♥ 9 8 3 2	♣ Q 10 6 3

15	♠ A 5 2
3 6	♥ J 6
16	♦ A K J 7 5 3
	♣ K 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by North  
Lead: ♥ K

	♠ 8 ♥ K Q 10 7 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ J 9 5 2
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You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦ 5 West must keep both ♠s to guard against your ♠ 7. So he discards the ♣ 6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

Your ♠ 7 is now worthless so you throw it.

East has no problem, (yet), he discards the ♥ T.

Play dummy's ♠ 5 to your ♠ K.

East MUST keep his ♥ Q so he releases his ♣ 5.

And you win the last three tricks with ♣ K, ♣ A, ♣ 8.

This is called a Double Squeeze.

North is to play 7 NT. East leads the ♥ K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥ J is a Threat against East's ♥ Q, so if it is East who holds 4 ♠s you will be able to squeeze him.

Since the contract is 7 NT you take the first trick with the ♥ A.

You continue with the ♦ Q and ♦ K, West discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

To find out for sure you play ♠ A, then ♠ Q. Sure enough East discards a ♥ on the second round.

But now a completely new possibility shows up. Say to yourself, over and over, "East must guard ♥s, and West must guard ♠s. Nobody can guard ♣s."

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**7**  
**3**  
**26**  
**4**

*West*  
**3 ♦**  
**5 ♦**  
Pass  
7 NT by East  
Lead: ♠ Q

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

**♠ A K 7 4**  
**♥ A K 5**  
**♦ K Q 10**  
**♣ A K 2**

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

*North*  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

**4 NT**  
**7 NT**

*East*  
2 ♣  
Pass

*South*  
Pass  
Pass

East is to play 7 NT. South leads the ♠ Q.

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

South discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

Before tackling ♦s, see what you can discover about ♣s.

Play the ♠ A. North discards a ♥.

South guards the ♣s. Nobody can guard the ♥s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

You discarded a small ♠. South discarded a ♠ on the third ♦ and a ♥ on the fourth.

Play dummy's ♦ 4. North cannot throw the ♣ J or he will set up dummy's ♣ 8, so he discards a ♥.

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now South is squeezed. He cannot discard the ♠ J or he will set up dummy's ♠ 9, so he discards a ♥.

You win the last three ♥ tricks with another Double Squeeze.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 10 8 7 3

♥ Q 10  
♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 7 5

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

♠ 5  
♥ A K J 9 8 3  
♦ A 5  
♣ K 8 6 3

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

6 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ A

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♠ A, then ♠ K.

Even looking at all four hands here it is still very difficult to come up with a plan.

Here's a hint: If West holds 3 ♣ s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣ s and ♠ s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze West in the black suits right now is that East actually holds a ♠ guard. But you can fix that.

Play dummy's ♥ Q and ♥ T, then ruff a ♠, then pull the last trump.

Then lead dummy's ♣ 7 to your ♣ K.

Only West can guard dummy's ♠ T, and only West can guard dummy's ♣ 9.

So you play your ♥ A and West must give up one of his guards. If he holds on to the ♠ J then you toss dummy's useless ♠ T. If he throws the ♠ J then you toss dummy's ♣ 9.

**Deal 4**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

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

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

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

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

West      North      East      South  
 1 NT      Pass      2 ♣      Pass  
 2 ♦      Pass      3 NT      Pass  
 Pass      Pass  
 3 NT by West  
 Lead: ♠ 3

West is to play 3 NT. North leads the ♠ 3. South plays the ♠ 5.

You have 8 winners, and if South holds 4+ ♥s AND 3+ ♦s then only he can guard the two suits.

But how can you squeeze him?

But maybe you can make his partner do the job for you.

At trick 2 you play a ♠.

And he will no doubt continue with the ♠ A and ♠ 9.

You discard 2 ♦s from dummy and a ♣ from your hand.

South cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he

also throws a ♣.

North will almost surely cash his ♠ 2.

You and dummy both discard a ♣ and South also must discard a ♣.

It doesn't matter what North plays next, lets say it is a ♣.

South is truly squeezed. If he discards a ♥, dummy's ♥ 5 will become a winner. but if he discards a ♦ then you will get a third ♦ trick and the contract.

Since it was North who started the squeeze by cashing his last ♠, this is called a Suicide Squeeze. BUT, what if North had not cashed that ♠?

Suppose North is a really expert defender and avoids the Suicide Squeeze by just refusing to cash his winning ♠. It doesn't matter what else he plays instead, so let us assume it is a ♣.

You win in your hand and establish a ♦ winner by playing ♦ A, ♦ K, and a small ♦. South wins but cannot reach his partner's hand for that good ♣.

So you establish a ♦ winner and make your contract.