

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 3
♥ 10 7 6 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ 9 5 3

18
3 5
14

West North East South
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♣
Pass 2 NT Pass 4♣
Pass 6♣ Pass Pass
6♣ by North
Lead: ♦ Q

♠ K J 8
♥ AJ 5
♦ A 3
♣ AJ 10 7 2

♠ 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 6

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K Q
♦ 9 8 4
♣ K Q 8 4

♠ 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 6

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K Q
♦ 9 8 4
♣ K Q 8 4

♠ 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 6

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K Q
♦ 9 8 4
♣ K Q 8 4

♠ 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 6

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K Q
♦ 9 8 4
♣ K Q 8 4

The slam was easy to bid, now you just have to make it. North plays 6♣. East leads the ♦ Q.

Now eliminate ♥s from your hand and dummy by playing ♥ K, ♥ A, ♥ J. BUT BE CAREFUL! On the ♥ J you must discard a ♦ from dummy so both of you will be out of ♦s at the throw-in.

NOW you can execute the throw-in. Play your ♦, which eliminates ♦s from both you and dummy and at the same time throws in one of the defenders. Whoever it is will be forced to lead a ♠ and eliminate your guess for the ♠ Q or else give you a ruff-sluff, allowing you to ruff in dummy and discard a ♠ loser from your hand.

Perhaps Aunt Harriet isn't that lucky after all, perhaps she just knows how to

perform elimination plays.

Hopefully in the future you will be the one with the reputation!

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

Deal 3
 East Deals
 None Vul

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|--------------|------------|---------------|-------|
| | ♠ A 10 9 3 | | |
| | ♥ 7 5 4 | | |
| | ♦ A J 6 | | |
| | ♣ Q 7 5 | | |
| ♠ 6 | | ♠ 8 5 | |
| ♥ K 8 2 | | ♥ J 10 9 6 | |
| ♦ K Q 10 3 2 | W N E | ♦ 9 8 7 4 | |
| ♣ 10 8 6 4 | S | ♣ J 9 2 | |
| | | ♠ K Q J 7 4 2 | |
| 8 2 | | ♥ A Q 3 | |
| 19 | | ♦ 5 | |
| | | ♣ A K 3 | |
| West | North | East | South |
| | | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 NT |
| Pass | 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 6 ♠ by South | | | |
| Lead: ♦ K | | | |

North's 3 ♠ is a limit raise, 11-12 points in support of ♠s. When you discover that the raise includes two Aces you bid the slam. South plays 6 ♠. West leads the ♦ K, won by you with dummy's ♦ A.

So rather than finesse, eliminate! Pull trumps in two rounds, ending in dummy.

Ruff the ♦ 6, then play ♣ A, ♣ K, ♣ Q.

So here you are in dummy. Do you finesse the ♥ now? Of course not. You play the ♦ J and discard a small ♥ from your hand. West wins his ♦ Q (which his opening lead told you he held) and is end-played. He must lead a ♥ to your tenace or give you a ruff-sluff.

It is a pretty simple problem, but you are no doubt getting a lot better.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

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

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 1♣ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 4♥ by West | | | |
| Lead: ♣K | | | |

East realizes that to make a takeout double, then jump in your own suit you must have a very good hand. So he bids the game. West plays 4♥. North leads the ♣K, which you take with the ♣A.

Play one round of trumps with the ♥A. You can't play any more because you will need an entry to dummy for the elimination.

Next play ♠K, ♠A and ruff a ♠ high.

Lead a ♥ to dummy's ♥Q. North shows out. Play dummy's last ♠. South is now void, so if he ruffs you over-ruff. Otherwise you ruff with a small trump.

Now throw North in (you hope!) with the ♣T.

Fortunately North has to take the ♣T.

Since he has nothing left but ♣s and ♦s he must lead one or the other. A ♦ lead will give you a trick with your ♦K and a ♣ lead will allow you to ruff in dummy (South still has a ♣) and discard a ♦ from your hand.

It was not a complete elimination since South still had a trump when you threw North in. However, it worked because North was out of both ♠s and ♥s.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

| | | | |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ |
| 4 ♠ by North | | | |
| Lead: ♦ Q | | | |

last ♥.

You are in dummy, just where you want to be. Play the ♦ K, and when West plays the ♦ A don't ruff but instead discard a ♣ from your hand. You knew all along that he held the ♦ A.

West is end-played, forced to either break the ♣s and give you a ♣ trick, or give you a ruff-sluff.

It also depended upon the defenders not switching to ♣s at the second trick. If East had decided to switch to the ♣ Q you would have had no chance at all.

North is to play 4 ♠. East leads the ♦ Q.

The contract is in danger if West holds the ♣ A because you would have three ♣ losers to go with the ♦ already lost. One really good possibility is that West now has the lone ♦ A and you can set up dummy's ♦ K with a ruff.

So play a small ♠ to dummy's ♠ 9, (pulling the two outstanding trumps), and ruff another ♦ with an honor, hoping the ♦ A drops.

Too bad, the ♦ A did not fall so dummy's ♦ K is not a winner. But it will still prove to be useful.

Play the ♥ A, then ruff a ♥ in dummy. Play a trump to your ♠ A and ruff your last ♥.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 8

♥ A J 5

♦ A 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

W N E S

♠ 9 6 5

♥ 9 8 4 3

♦ K Q 10 5 2

♣ 6

18

3 5

14

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K Q 8 4

Deal 7

South Deals

♠ —

Both Vul

♥ 9 6

♦ K Q J 10 8 7

♣ Q J 9 7 2

♠ 10 7 5 4 3

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ A 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A 6 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K 6 3

♣ A 8 5



♠ Q J 9

♥ K Q J 8 7 4 2

11 9
11 9

♦ 9

♣ 10 4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♦ Q J 6

♣ Q 7 5

♠ 6

♥ K 8 2

♦ K Q 10 3 2

♣ 10 8 6 4



♠ 8 5

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ J 9 2

♠ K Q J 7 4 2

♥ A Q 3

♦ 5

♣ A K 3

11

8 2

19

Deal 9 ♠ Q 9 7 4

North Deals ♥ 6

E-W Vul ♦ A Q 8

♣ K Q J 7 5

♠ K 6

♥ A K J 10 5 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ A 10

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 10 2

♥ 9 8 3

♦ J 10 4

♣ 9 6 4 2

14

18 6

2

Deal 10 ♠ A K Q 6 3 2

East Deals ♥ A 6 3

Both Vul ♦ 7

♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8

♥ Q 10 8 4 2

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ A J 8

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ K J 9 5

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ Q 10 9 2

♠ J 10 9 7 5

♥ 7

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ K 5 3

13
11 9
7

Deal 11 ♠ K J 8

South Deals ♥ A J 5

None Vul ♦ A 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6 5

♥ 9 8 4 3

♦ K Q 10 5 2

♣ 6

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K Q 8 4

18

3 5

14

Deal 12 ♠ —

West Deals

♥ 9 6

N-S Vul

♦ K Q J 10 8 7

♣ Q J 9 7 2

♠ 10 7 5 4 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ K 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ A 8 5

♠ Q J 9

♥ K Q J 8 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 10 4

11 11
9

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 9 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 7 5

♠ 6

♥ K 8 2

♦ K Q 10 3 2

♣ 10 8 6 4



♠ 8 5

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ J 9 2

♠ K Q J 7 4 2

♥ A Q 3

♦ 5

♣ A K 3

11

8 2

19

Deal 14 ♠ Q 9 7 4

East Deals ♥ 6

None Vul ♦ A Q 8

♣ K Q J 7 5

♠ K 6

♥ A K J 10 5 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ A 10

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 10 2

♥ 9 8 3

♦ J 10 4

♣ 9 6 4 2

18 14
2 6

Deal 15 ♠ A K Q 6 3 2

South Deals ♥ A 6 3

N-S Vul ♦ 7

♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8

♥ Q 10 8 4 2

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ A J 8

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ K J 9 5

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ Q 10 9 2

♠ J 10 9 7 5

♥ 7

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ K 5 3

13
11 9
7

Deal 16West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K J 8

♥ A J 5

♦ A 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

W N E S

♠ 9 6 5

♥ 9 8 4 3

♦ K Q 10 5 2

♣ 6

18
3 5
14

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K Q 8 4

Deal 17 ♠ —

North Deals

♥ 9 6

None Vul

♦ K Q J 10 8 7

♣ Q J 9 7 2

♠ 10 7 5 4 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ K 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ A 8 5

♠ Q J 9

♥ K Q J 8 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 10 4

11 11
9

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 9 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 7 5

♠ 6

♥ K 8 2

♦ K Q 10 3 2

♣ 10 8 6 4



♠ 8 5

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ J 9 2

♠ K Q J 7 4 2

♥ A Q 3

♦ 5

♣ A K 3

Deal 19 ♠ Q 9 7 4

South Deals ♥ 6

E-W Vul ♦ A Q 8

♣ K Q J 7 5

♠ K 6

♥ A K J 10 5 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ A 10

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 10 2

♥ 9 8 3

♦ J 10 4

♣ 9 6 4 2

14
18 6
2

Deal 20 ♠ A K Q 6 3 2

West Deals ♥ A 6 3

Both Vul ♦ 7

♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8

♥ Q 10 8 4 2

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ A J 8

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ K J 9 5

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ Q 10 9 2

♠ J 10 9 7 5

♥ 7

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ K 5 3

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Deal 21 ♠ K J 8

North Deals ♥ A J 5

N-S Vul ♦ A 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 6

18

3 5

14

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K Q
♦ 9 8 4
♣ K Q 8 4

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♦ K Q J 10 8 7

♣ Q J 9 7 2

♠ 10 7 5 4 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ K 6 3

N
W S E

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ A 8 5

♠ Q J 9

♥ K Q J 8 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 10 4

11 11
9

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 9 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 7 5

♠ 6

♥ K 8 2

♦ K Q 10 3 2

♣ 10 8 6 4



11

8 2

19

♠ K Q J 7 4 2

♥ A Q 3

♦ 5

♣ A K 3

Deal 24 ♠ Q 9 7 4

West Deals ♥ 6

None Vul ♦ A Q 8

♣ K Q J 7 5

♠ K 6

♥ A K J 10 5 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ A 10

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 10 2

♥ 9 8 3

♦ J 10 4

♣ 9 6 4 2

14
18 6
2

Deal 25 ♠ A K Q 6 3 2

North Deals ♥ A 6 3

E-W Vul ♦ 7

♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8

♥ Q 10 8 4 2

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ A J 8

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ K J 9 5

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ Q 10 9 2

♠ J 10 9 7 5

♥ 7

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ K 5 3

13
11 9
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Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 8

♥ A J 5

♦ A 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

W N E S

♠ 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 6**18**
3 5
14♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K Q
♦ 9 8 4
♣ K Q 8 4

Deal 27 ♠ —

South Deals

♥ 9 6

None Vul

♦ K Q J 10 8 7

♣ Q J 9 7 2

♠ 10 7 5 4 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ K 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ A 8 5

♠ Q J 9

♥ K Q J 8 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 10 4

11 11
9

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♦ QJ6

♣ Q75

♠ 6

♥ K82

♦ KQ1032

♣ 10864

W N E
S

♠ 85

♥ J1096

♦ 9874

♣ J92

♠ KQJ742

♥ AQ3

♦ 5

♣ AK3

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8 2
19

Deal 29 ♠ Q 9 7 4

North Deals ♥ 6

Both Vul ♦ A Q 8

♣ K Q J 7 5

♠ K 6

♥ A K J 10 5 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ A 10

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 10 2

♥ 9 8 3

♦ J 10 4

♣ 9 6 4 2

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18 6
2

Deal 30 ♠ A K Q 6 3 2

East Deals ♥ A 6 3

None Vul ♦ 7

♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8

♥ Q 10 8 4 2

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ A J 8

N
W S E

♠ 4

♥ K J 9 5

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ Q 10 9 2

♠ J 10 9 7 5

♥ 7

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ K 5 3

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11 9
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Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8

♥ A J 5

♦ A 3

♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ Q 4 3

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

♠ 9 6 5

♥ 9 8 4 3

♦ K Q 10 5 2

♣ 6



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3 5

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♠ A 10 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ 9 8 4

♣ K Q 8 4

Deal 32 ♠ —

West Deals

♥ 9 6

E-W Vul

♦ K Q J 10 8 7

♣ Q J 9 7 2

♠ 10 7 5 4 3

♥ A 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ K 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ 4 3 2

♣ A 8 5

♠ Q J 9

♥ K Q J 8 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 10 4

11 9
11 9

Deal 33 ♠ A 10 9 3

North Deals ♥ 7 5 4

None Vul ♦ A J 6

♣ Q 7 5

♠ 6

♥ K 8 2

♦ K Q 10 3 2

♣ 10 8 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 5

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ J 9 2

♠ K Q J 7 4 2

♥ A Q 3

♦ 5

♣ A K 3

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8 2

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Deal 34

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



♠ A 8 5 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 8 3

♠ J 10 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ J 10 4
♣ 9 6 4 2

18 14 6 2

Deal 35 ♠ A K Q 6 3 2

South Deals ♥ A 6 3

E-W Vul ♦ 7

♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8

♥ Q 10 8 4 2

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ A J 8

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ K J 9 5

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ Q 10 9 2

♠ J 10 9 7 5

♥ 7

♦ K 8 6 3

♣ K 5 3

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