

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

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

16  
6 3  
15

♠ A 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ A K J 7 5 3

♣ K 7



♠ K Q 7 3

♥ A 4

♦ Q 9 6 2

♣ A 8 4

♠ J 10 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ —

♣ Q 10 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	7 NT	Pass	Pass
7 NT by South			
Lead: ♥ K			

South is to play 7 NT. West leads the ♥ K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥ J is a Threat against West's ♥ Q, so if it is West 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, East discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

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

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

You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦ 5 East 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.

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

Play dummy's ♠ 5 to your ♠ K.

West 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.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ 10 6

7  
4 3  
26

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

Lead: ♠ Q

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3



♠ A K 7 4

♥ A K 5

♦ K Q 10

♣ A K 2

North

3 ♦

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 NT

7 NT

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

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

West discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

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

Play the ♠ A. East discards a ♥.

West guards the ♠s. Nobody can guard the ♥s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

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

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

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now West 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

11  
10 4  
15

West

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ A

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



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

North

2 ♣

4 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

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**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 3 2

♥ 10 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ J 6 4

11  
9 5  
15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 3

♠ Q 10

♥ K Q 5 3

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 8 5 2

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♠ J 7 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 7 5 2

♣ A K 7 3

North

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

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

You have 8 winners, and if East 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.

East cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he  
also throws a ♣.

West will almost surely cash his ♠ 2.

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

It doesn't matter what West plays next, let's say it is a ♣.

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

Suppose West 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 ♦. East wins but cannot reach his partner's hand for that good ♠.

So you establish a ♦ winner and make your contract.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ Q 9 8 5

♦ 9

♣ 10 6 2

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West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 ♣ by South

Lead: ♠ K

♠ J 8

♥ K 7 4

♦ A J 8 7 6 2

♣ 5 3



♠ A

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 9 8 7

North

3 ♦

5 ♦

6 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 NT

5 NT

7 ♣

South is to play 7 ♣. West leads the ♠ K.

So you take the ♠ A, pull three rounds of trumps and play ♦ K.

But when you lead to the ♦ A West discards a small ♠.

Think squeeze instead. Ruff a ♦. This turns the ♦ J into a Threat card against East's ♦ Q.

But, the ♠ J is already a Threat card against West's ♠ Q.

West can afford to discard the ♠ 9 and the ♥ 5.

East can spare his two ♠s.

West cannot throw the ♠ Q, so he gives up the ♥ 8. Dummy's ♠ J is of no further value so you dump it.

East cannot throw the ♦ Q, so he gives up the ♥ 2.

And you take the last three tricks with the ♥ suit. There were only two defenders; one of them had to guard ♠s and the other had to guard ♦s. There was nobody left to guard ♥s.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
8 4  
22

West

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

Lead: ♠ A

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



♠ —  
♥ A K Q 10 5  
♦ A 8 6 3  
♣ A K Q 4

North

Pass

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

5 ♥

Pass

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

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

So you ruff the ♠, pull trumps in three rounds, then play ♣ A K and get the bad news when West discards a ♠.

And since West had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that East guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze East in ♣s and ♦s, but first you must lose a trick to rectify the count.

So you play a low ♦ from each hand.

He will then play the ♠ K, which you must ruff in your hand.

Play dummy's ♥ J.

East gets to choose his own fate - discarding a protector in one of the two suits. Of course, whichever suit he

discards you will throw the opposite one.

Yet another slam, courtesy of the Squeeze Play!