

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 5

♥ 7 5

♦ 10 7 2

♣ A 10 7 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ J 10 9 6 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 6



♠ J 10 8 6

♥ A 8 4 2

♦ 5

♣ K 9 4 2

♠ 9 3  
♥ KQ  
♦ A K Q J 9 3  
♣ Q 8 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

Lead: ♥ J

South is to play 6 NT. West leads the ♥ J. East wins the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 2.

No matter how the ♠s split only one defender will hold the Guard because only one defender can have as many as 4. IF (it's a big IF) that same defender holds the ♣K then you can squeeze him.

Can you see how the squeeze is going to work?

The solution is the Vienna Coup. Play a ♣ to the ♣A at trick 3.

Then start running the ♦ suit.

So far neither defender is hurting, but that is about to change.

You play your ♦3 and discard dummy's ♣T.

East is squeezed. He can't throw his ♣K without letting your ♣Q become a winner. But if he discards a ♠ dummy's ♠5 will win the last trick. This is soooo much fun.

**Deal 2**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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



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

16  
3 10  
11  
♣ 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass

6 ♥ by South  
Lead: ♠ Q

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♠ Q. East wins the ♠ A and plays the ♦ K.

In this hand dummy's fourth ♣ is an obvious Threat, so you should ask yourself if you can find another Threat for when ♣s don't split 3-3. Another thing you have probably noticed is that although 3-3 splits happen about 40% of the time in real life, they NEVER happen in these pages!

Play 5 ♥ winners and the ♠ K.

Play your ♥ 2 and dump dummy's ♦ 6.

East has no answer.

**Deal 3**

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

W N  
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S

♠ J 10 9 6 4  
♥ 9 8 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ Q 10 6 3

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

<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 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 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ J 10 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ 10 6

7  
4 3  
26

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3

W N E S

♠ 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

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

7 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

Lead: ♠ Q

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.

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 ♥.

**Deal 5**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**

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W				S

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

**11**  
**10 4**  
**15**  
**♠ 5**  
**♥ A K J 9 8 3**  
**♦ A 5**  
**♣ K 8 6 3**

West      North      East      South

<b>1 ♠</b>	<b>2 ♣</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>3 ♥</b>
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.