

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K Q 5
None Vul	♥ A K 8 5 2
	♦ A 9 2
	♣ K J
♠ A 10 8 7 3	♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 10 4	♥ 7 3
♦ K J 8 4	♦ 10 7 5
♣ 9 8	♣ Q 10 6 5

20
8 3
9

N
W E
S

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass
6 ♥ by North
Lead: ♥ 3

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥ 3, you play ♥T and North wins the ♥A. North pulls the last two trumps by leading low to dummy's ♥Q. He now calls for the ♠6. Will you play your ♠A or not?

When you have made your choice

When a singleton in dummy is led through your Ace it is more often better to play low than to go up with the Ace. Declarer might not even have the King, or he may have the King Jack combination and guess wrong.

Here it works out best to play low even though North has the ♠K Q 5.

Assume you play your ♠A. North will play his loser, of course, and later will be able to discard two of dummy's ♦s on the ♠K Q. He can then ruff his two ♦ losers and make the contract.

Now assume you play low. North will play the ♠Q which will win the trick and he will no longer have a ♠ loser. BUT - now he will have no way to dispose of the two ♦ losers and will go down 1.

Deal 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 10 3
 ♥ J 8 7 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ A K 7

5
 17 14
 4

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



♠ A J 9 6 5
 ♥ A 9 6 2
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ J 10 9 5 4
 ♣ 9 8 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 ♠ by East
 Lead: ♦ J

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♦ J and dummy's ♦ A wins the first trick. Declarer pulls trumps with dummy's ♠ K, then his ♠ A. He then plays his ♦ K and follows with ♣ Q, ♣ K and ♣ A, discarding a ♥ from his hand on the last.

With all that completed East plays the ♥ A. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

It may look foolish to waste your ♥ K but look what will happen if you don't. East will follow up with another ♥ and when you win the ♥ K you will be forced to play a minor suit. Since both West and East

are out of ♦s and ♣s you will be giving them a ruff-sluff and the contract.

But if you dump your ♥ K under East's ♥ A look at what's left. East has ♥ losers and when he plays a ♥ from either hand North will scoop up two tricks with his ♥ Q T.

Deal 3

South Deals ♠ K Q 5
E-W Vul ♥ A K 8 5 2
 ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 4West Deals
Both Vul♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 75
17 14
4N
W E
S♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 5 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9
♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

♠ 7 2

♥ Q 10 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J 10 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J 10 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 7 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
Both Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

♠ 6
20
8 3
9
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4



♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J 10 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 9 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ K Q 5
None Vul	♥ A K 8 5 2
	♦ A 9 2
	♣ K J
♠ A 10 8 7 3	♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 10 4	♥ 7 3
♦ K J 8 4	♦ 10 7 5
♣ 9 8	♣ Q 10 6 5
20 8 3 9	♠ 6
	♥ Q J 9 6
	♦ Q 6 3
	♣ A 7 4 3 2



Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 2

♥ Q 10 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J 10 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

5
17 14
4

Deal 13 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
Both Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 15 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9
♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 17 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
None Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4W N E
S♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 19 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9
♣ A 7 4 3 2

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 21 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4N
W E
S♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 23 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
Both Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 25 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4N
W E
S♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 27 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
None Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 2

♥ Q 10 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J 10 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

5
17 14
4

Deal 29 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
Both Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

♠ 7 2

♥ Q 10 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J 10 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J 10 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 31 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9
♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 33 ♠ K Q 5
North Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
None Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 10 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

♠ 7 2

♥ Q 10 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J 10 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J 10 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Deal 35 ♠ K Q 5
South Deals ♥ A K 8 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J

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

N
W E
S

20
8 3
9
♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

5
17 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2