

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ K J 5
♣ Q 10 7 4

16
10 6
8

♠ A 7 5
♥ J 7
♦ A 10 8 6 3
♣ A K 5

♠ K 10 8 6
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ J 9 2

N
W E
S

West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♦
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT Pass Pass
Pass
3 NT by North
Lead: ♠ 6

South's 3 ♦ bid was a transfer to ♥s, and his 2 NT bid showed exactly 5 ♥s with an invitational strength hand. North is to play 3 NT. East leads the ♠ 6, you play dummy's ♠ 9 and West contributes the ♠ 2.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=0 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 5

The math is easy - you need 4 ♥ tricks. And you should be able to manage that by driving out the ♥ A. But the defenders will probably hold up one or two rounds when you play on ♥s, so you must have an outside entry to dummy.

The ♠ Q J will provide that entry IF you make sure to win the first trick with your ♠ A as an unblocking move. If you don't do so then East will be able to keep you out of the dummy and away from those good ♥s.

But if you win the first trick with the ♠ A, then dummy's ♠ Q J will provide a guaranteed entry to the good ♥s.

Deal 2	♠ 8 6 3		
South Deals	♥ A 8 2		
None Vul	♦ Q J 9		
	♣ J 10 7 4		
♠ K J 4	♠ A 10 5		
♥ Q J 10 5 3	♥ 9 7		
♦ 7 5 4	♦ A K 6 3		
♣ 8 2	♣ A K 9 5		
	♠ Q 9 7 2		
8	♥ K 6 4		
7 18	♦ 10 8 2		
7	♣ Q 6 3		
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			
Lead: ♠ 2			

East is to play 3 NT. South leads the ♠ 2, you play dummy's ♠ 4 and North plays the ♠ 8.

Winners: ♠=3 ♥=0 ♦=2 ♣=2 Total = 7

Needing just two more winners it looks straightforward to establish dummy's ♥ suit. Suppose you win the ♠ T and play the ♥ 9. If the defenders win this trick you are home free. You win their ♠ return with your ♠ A, then continue ♥s to drive out their last stopper while you still have the ♠ K as a dummy entry.

This won't work against good defenders, who will hold up on the first ♥ trick and win the second. Then when they continue ♠s you won't have another ♥ to return to dummy, so while you can use the ♠ K as an entry to establish the ♥s you will never get back to use the good ones.

Instead you should win the first trick with your ♠ A. Now when you attack ♥s a defensive holdup won't hurt you because you have TWO ♠ entries, the ♠ J by a finesse and the ♠ K.

So the ♠ finesse is an odds-on play to get a second dummy entry.

Deal 3
 East Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ 10 9 6
 ♥ Q 10 7 2
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ K Q 8

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7 9
15

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♦ by South
 Lead: ♠ 10

♠ Q J 8 2
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ 9 4 3

N ♠ A K 7 5 4 3
 W ♥ J 9 5
 E ♦ —
 S ♣ J 10 7 2

—
 ♥ K 8 4
 ♦ A K J 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5

3 NT would have been a lot easier, but you didn't get there. South is to play 5 ♦. West leads the ♠T.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=1 ♦=0 ♣=2 Total = 3

The good news is that you only have one loser to get rid of. The bad news is that there doesn't seem to be a good place to put it.

Unlikely as it seems, your best candidate for establishment is dummy's ♠ 8. West is marked with 3 ♠s, and having led the ♠T there is a good chance that he also has the ♠ 9. If so you can ruff it out.

Cover the ♠T with dummy's ♠ J, and when East plays one of his honors ruff in your hand. Play a trump to the ♦T, East showing out. Lead the ♠ Q. East will be forced to play his other high honor, (if he

doesn't you would discard a loser), and you ruff again.

Back to dummy with the ♦ Q and ruff the ♠ 2 with a high trump just to be safe. West drops the ♠ 9 on this trick.

Pull West's last trump and enter dummy with the ♥ A and FINALLY discard a loser on the now established ♠ 8.

Here you needed ♠ T 9 x to be with West if you were to make the contract so you played for just that holding.

Deal 4
 East Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ 5 3
 ♥ J 7 6 4
 ♦ K J 7 3 2
 ♣ 10 5

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

N
W E S

♠ K 6 4
 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 9 8 6 4 3

5
21 7
7
♣ Q J 7 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♪	Pass	4 ♪	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♪	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 ♪ by West

Lead: ♪ 5

West is to play 6 ♪. North leads the ♪ 5.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=1 ♦=1 ♣=0 Total = 2

First pull trumps with the ♪ A and ♪ Q, both defenders following. Next you must establish dummy's ♣ suit to get rid of one of your losers. If the suit splits 3-3 that will be easy since you have two dummy entries, one to get there to ruff the third ♣ and the other to get there to enjoy playing the winners. But ♣s will probably split 4-2 so the two entries won't be enough. Here's how to make the defenders help you establish the suit.

After pulling trumps, play the ♣ A K, then ♦ A. Next exit with a small ♦.

to see the position.

The defender who won the ♦ trick has a problem. If he plays another ♦ you will get a ruff-sluff, and if he plays a ♥ you will play for the ♥ Q and ♥ J to be in different hands. So he will probably play a ♣.

You ruff in your hand, play a trump to dummy's ♪ K and ruff the ♣ 8, establishing the ♣ 9 while you still have the ♥ entry.

This was a combination of Suit Establishment and End-play. The lesson on Eliminations contains a lot more of this type of hand.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 5

♥ J 7

♦ A 10 8 6 3

♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ K J 5

♣ Q 10 7 4

W N E S

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ 9 6 3

♦ Q 7 2

♣ J 9 2

16
10 **6**
 8♠ Q J 9
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 6 3

Deal 6 ♠ 8 6 3
East Deals ♥ A 8 2
E-W Vul ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ J 10 7 4

♠ K J 4
♥ Q J 10 5 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 8 2

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7 18
7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 7
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A K 9 5

♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ K 6 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 6 3

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♦ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

9
7 9
15

Deal 8

West Deals	♠ 5 3
None Vul	♥ J 7 6 4
	♦ K J 7 3 2
	♣ 10 5
♠ A Q J 10 9 7	♠ K 6 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9 3
♦ A 5	♦ 8 6
♣ A K	♣ 9 8 6 4 3
	♠ 8 2
21 5 7	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 5

♥ J 7

♦ A 10 8 6 3

♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ K J 5

♣ Q 10 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ 9 6 3

♦ Q 7 2

♣ J 9 2

16
10 **6**
8♠ Q J 9
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 6 3

Deal 10 ♠ 8 6 3
East Deals ♥ A 8 2
Both Vul ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ J 10 7 4

♠ K J 4
♥ Q J 10 5 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 8 2

8
7 18
7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 7
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A K 9 5

♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ K 6 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 6 3

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

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7 9
15

Deal 12

West Deals	♠ 5 3
N-S Vul	♥ J 7 6 4
	♦ K J 7 3 2
	♣ 10 5
♠ A Q J 10 9 7	♠ K 6 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9 3
♦ A 5	♦ 8 6
♣ A K	♣ 9 8 6 4 3
	♠ 8 2
21 5 7	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

Deal 13North Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ J 7
♦ A 10 8 6 3
♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ K J 5
♣ Q 10 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 8 6
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ J 9 2

16
10 6
8
♠ Q J 9
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 6 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ Q J 10 5 3

♦ 7 5 4

♣ 8 2

♠ 8 6 3

♥ A 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 7 4



♠ A 10 5

♥ 9 7

♦ A K 6 3

♣ A K 9 5

♠ Q 9 7 2

♥ K 6 4

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 6 3

8
7 18
7

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♦ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

9
7 9
15

Deal 16

West Deals	♠ 5 3
E-W Vul	♥ J 7 6 4
	♦ K J 7 3 2
	♣ 10 5
♠ A Q J 10 9 7	♠ K 6 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9 3
♦ A 5	♦ 8 6
♣ A K	♣ 9 8 6 4 3
	♠ 8 2
21 5 7	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 5

♥ J 7

♦ A 10 8 6 3

♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ K J 5

♣ Q 10 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ 9 6 3

♦ Q 7 2

♣ J 9 2

♠ Q J 9

16 10 6 8

♥ K Q 10 5 4

♦ 9 4

♣ 8 6 3

Deal 18East Deals
N-S Vul♠ K J 4
♥ Q J 10 5 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 8 2♠ 8 6 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ J 10 7 4N
W E
S8
7 18
7♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 7
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A K 9 5♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ K 6 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 6 3

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

9
7 9
15

Deal 20

West Deals	♠ 5 3
Both Vul	♥ J 7 6 4
	♦ K J 7 3 2
	♣ 10 5
♠ A Q J 10 9 7	♠ K 6 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9 3
♦ A 5	♦ 8 6
♣ A K	♣ 9 8 6 4 3
	♠ 8 2
21 5 7	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 5

♥ J 7

♦ A 10 8 6 3

♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ K J 5

♣ Q 10 7 4

W N E S

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ 9 6 3

♦ Q 7 2

♣ J 9 2

16
10 6
8♠ Q J 9
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 6 3

Deal 22 ♠ 8 6 3
East Deals ♥ A 8 2
E-W Vul ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ J 10 7 4

♠ K J 4
♥ Q J 10 5 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 8 2

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7 18
7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 7
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A K 9 5

♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ K 6 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 6 3

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♦ Q J 8 2

♦ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

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7 9
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Deal 24

West Deals	♠ 5 3
None Vul	♥ J 7 6 4
	♦ K J 7 3 2
	♣ 10 5
♠ A Q J 10 9 7	♠ K 6 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9 3
♦ A 5	♦ 8 6
♣ A K	♣ 9 8 6 4 3
	♠ 8 2
21 5 7	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 5

♥ J 7

♦ A 10 8 6 3

♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ K J 5

♣ Q 10 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ 9 6 3

♦ Q 7 2

♣ J 9 2

16
10 **6**
8♠ Q J 9
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 6 3

Deal 26

East Deals	♠ 8 6 3
Both Vul	♥ A 8 2
	♦ Q J 9
	♣ J 10 7 4
♠ K J 4	♠ A 10 5
♥ Q J 10 5 3	♥ 9 7
♦ 7 5 4	♦ A K 6 3
♣ 8 2	♣ A K 9 5
8 7 18 7	♠ Q 9 7 2
	♥ K 6 4
	♦ 10 8 2
	♣ Q 6 3

W N E S

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

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7 9
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Deal 28

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

♠ 8 2
21 5 7 ♠ 8 2
7 ♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q J 7 2

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ J 7
♦ A 10 8 6 3
♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ K J 5
♣ Q 10 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 8 6
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ J 9 2

16
10 6
8

♠ Q J 9
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 6 3

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ J 10 7 4

♠ K J 4
♥ Q J 10 5 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 7
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A K 9 5

8
7 18
7
♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ K 6 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 6 3

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♦ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

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7 9
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Deal 32

West Deals	♠ 5 3
E-W Vul	♥ J 7 6 4
	♦ K J 7 3 2
	♣ 10 5
♠ A Q J 10 9 7	♠ K 6 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9 3
♦ A 5	♦ 8 6
♣ A K	♣ 9 8 6 4 3
	♠ 8 2
21 5 7	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ J 7
♦ A 10 8 6 3
♣ A K 5

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ K J 5
♣ Q 10 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 8 6
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ J 9 2

16
10 6
8

♠ Q J 9
♥ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 6 3

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ Q J 10 5 3

♦ 7 5 4

♣ 8 2

♠ 8 6 3

♥ A 8 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ J 10 7 4



♠ A 10 5

♥ 9 7

♦ A K 6 3

♣ A K 9 5

♠ Q 9 7 2

♥ K 6 4

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 6 3

8
7 18
7

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♦ Q J 8 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ Q 10 8

♣ 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ K Q 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ —

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ —

♥ K 8 4

♦ A K J 7 6 5 2

♣ A 6 5

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7 9
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Deal 36

West Deals	♠ 5 3
Both Vul	♥ J 7 6 4
	♦ K J 7 3 2
	♣ 10 5
♠ A Q J 10 9 7	♠ K 6 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9 3
♦ A 5	♦ 8 6
♣ A K	♣ 9 8 6 4 3
	♠ 8 2
21 5 7	♥ Q 8 2
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ Q J 7 2

N
W E
S