

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 6 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K J 3
♣ J 6

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 4 2



♠ K 5
♥ Q J 9 7 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 9 7 3

6
7 12
15

♠ A Q 8 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K Q 5

West North East South

Pass

1 ♠

2 ♥

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠

3 ♠ by North

Lead: ♥ Q

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ Q, dummy played the ♥ 6 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

Your side needs to take 5 tricks to defeat this contract. Two of them will be ♥s, but it doesn't look like you can win any ♣s or ♠s.

That means you need to win 3 ♦ tricks and the only way that can happen is if you play ♦s from your side.

So win the first ♥ K (so partner will know you also have the ♥ A), and play the ♦ T. Presumably North will play an honor, but East will take the trick and put you back on lead with your ♥ A. You play the ♦ 9 and your side will collect 3 ♦ tricks to go

with your 2 ♥s.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A K Q 10 5
♣ 6 2

2
16 8
14

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			
Lead: ♠ A			

♠ 10
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 4 3

N
W E
S

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

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠ A, then the ♠ K. Dummy follows suit and it is your play to the second trick.

When you have made your choice

It is obvious that your side can only get 2 ♠ tricks. And assuming that East has the Ace of trumps you will not make a single trick in the red suits. So you need to make 2 ♣ tricks.

If partner has the ♣ A K then he will take them, but if he has the ♣ A J he cannot win 2 ♣ tricks from his side.

To allow for this situation it will be better to play ♣s from your side of the table, and the way to make that happen is for you to ruff partner's ♠ K with an

otherwise useless trump. You still get your two ♠ winners (sort of) but now you get to play a ♣ through East's ♣ K at trick 3.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

14
3 10
13

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♥ 8

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 8 2
♣ Q 10 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

North

1 ♦

3 ♣

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ 8, dummy played the ♥ J and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

South played dummy's ♥ J to tempt you to cover. Don't fall for it.

Partner's lead of a high spot card shows no honors in the suit. That added to the fact that South bid Notrump after you had mentioned ♥s is pretty good evidence that South holds at least ♥ Q x x.

To maintain communication with partner your best hope is to duck the first ♥, but to signal encouragement with the ♥ 9.

South wins the first trick easily, but must try to establish ♣s. He will enter dummy

with the ♠ A, then try to run the ♣ Q.

Not today. Partner takes the ♣ K and returns his ♥ 2 to your four winners.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 7 5
♥ A 8 2
♦ K Q
♣ K 8 7 4

8
16 12
4

West
1 NT
2 ♠
Pass
4 ♠ by West
Lead: ♣ 9

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A J 6 5 4
♣ 9 2



♠ 8 4
♥ 9 7 3
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ A 6 5 3

North
Pass
Pass
Pass

East
2 ♣
4 ♠

South
Pass
Pass

♠ Q J 9 3
♥ K Q J 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ 9, dummy played the ♣ T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

Partner's ♣ 9 is likely from a short suit. If it is a singleton, you should take the ♣ A immediately and return the suit for a ruff. If it is a doubleton, you should NOT take your ♣ A now, but should hope partner can get the lead and play his second ♣ to your Ace so you can give him the ruff.

You can figure out which it is.

If it is a singleton, then West must hold 5 ♣s. But you know West has 4 ♠s, so if he also has 5 ♣s then he only has 4 red cards, and he would not have opened

1 NT with either 5-4-2-2 or 5-4-3-1 distribution.

So partner's ♣ 9 is not a singleton, and you should wait. Declarer then runs dummy's ♠ Q. Partner wins the ♠ K, returns his OTHER ♣ to your ♣ A, and NOW you give him the ruff. He takes the ♦ A for down 1.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 6 4

20
12 3
5

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

Lead: ♥ 10

♠ A K 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 10 9 7

North

Dbl

2 NT

Pass

♠ 10 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ Q J 8 6 4 2

♣ 8 3

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥T, dummy played the ♥J and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

Declarer gets two ♥ winners whether you play one of your honors on this trick or not. So why does it matter what you do?

Suppose you cover with your ♥Q. North will win his ♥A, then play ♣s until your ♣A is forced out on the third round. He can then force an entry to dummy in the ♥ suit to reach the two ♣ winners.

Now suppose you duck the ♥J. Again North will push ♣s, and again you hold up until the third round. Ahh, what a difference. Now declarer cannot use the ♥s to enter dummy and he will never get

to enjoy those two ♣ winners.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

6
7 12
15

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6



♠ A Q 8 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 7 5 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 9 7 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 9 7 3

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A K Q 10 5
♣ 6 2

2
16 8
14

♠ 10
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 4 3



♠ A K Q 8 6 4
♥ 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 9

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ J
♣ K 10 8

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

14
3 10
13

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 8 2
♣ Q 10 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 3

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

8
16 12
4

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2



♠ 8 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 8 7 2

♣ A 6 5 3

♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 6 4

20
12 3
5

♠ A K 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2
♣ 8 3

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

6
7 12
15

♠ J 10 9 6 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K J 3
♣ J 6



♠ A Q 8 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K Q 5

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 9 7 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 9 7 3

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A K Q 10 5
♣ 6 2

2
16 8
14

♠ 10
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ J
♣ K 10 8

♠ A K Q 8 6 4
♥ 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 9

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

14
3 10
13

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 8 2
♣ Q 10 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

8

16 12

4

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2



♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 8 7 2

♣ A 6 5 3

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 6 4

20
12 3
5

♠ A K 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2
♣ 8 3

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

6
7 12
15

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6



♠ A Q 8 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 7 5 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 9 7 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 9 7 3

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A K Q 10 5
♣ 6 2

2
16 8
14

♠ 10
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 4 3



♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ J
♣ K 10 8

♠ A K Q 8 6 4
♥ 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 9

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

14
3 10
13

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 8 2
♣ Q 10 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 3

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 7 5
♥ A 8 2
♦ K Q
♣ K 8 7 4

8
16 12
4

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A J 6 5 4
♣ 9 2



♠ Q J 9 3
♥ K Q J 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 4
♥ 9 7 3
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ A 6 5 3

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 6 4

20
12 3
5

♠ A K 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2
♣ 8 3

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

6
7 12
15

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6



♠ A Q 8 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 7 5 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 9 7 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 9 7 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 3

♥ K Q J 6

♦ A K Q 10 5

♣ 6 2

2
16 8
14

♠ 10

♥ 7 3 2

♦ 9 8 6 3

♣ Q 7 5 4 3



♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ A 10 9 5 4

♦ J

♣ K 10 8

♠ A K Q 8 6 4

♥ 8

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A J 9

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

14
3 10
13

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 8 2
♣ Q 10 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 3

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

8

16 12

4

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2



♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 8 7 2

♣ A 6 5 3

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 6 4

20
12 3
5

♠ A K 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2
♣ 8 3

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

6
7 12
15

♠ J 10 9 6 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K J 3
♣ J 6



♠ A Q 8 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K Q 5

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 9 7 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 9 7 3

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A K Q 10 5
♣ 6 2

2
16 8
14

♠ 10
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 4 3



♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ J
♣ K 10 8

♠ A K Q 8 6 4
♥ 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 9

Deal 28
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

14
3 10
13

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 8 2
♣ Q 10 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 3

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 7 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q

♣ K 8 7 4

8
16 12
4

♠ K 6 2

♥ 10 6 4

♦ A J 6 5 4

♣ 9 2



♠ 8 4

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 8 7 2

♣ A 6 5 3

♠ Q J 9 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ 9 3

♣ Q J 10

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 6 4

20
12 3
5

♠ A K 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2
♣ 8 3

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 4
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

6
7 12
15

♠ J 10 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K J 3

♣ J 6



♠ A Q 8 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 7 5 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ K 5

♥ Q J 9 7 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 9 7 3

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A K Q 10 5
♣ 6 2

2
16 8
14

♠ 10
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 4 3



♠ A K Q 8 6 4
♥ 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A J 9

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ J
♣ K 10 8

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 4 3
♣ K 7

14
3 10
13

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 8 2
♣ Q 10 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ J
♣ A J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 8 3
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 3

Deal 34
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A 10 7 5
 ♥ A 8 2
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ K 8 7 4

8
 16 12
 4

♠ K 6 2
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ A J 6 5 4
 ♣ 9 2



♠ Q J 9 3
 ♥ K Q J 5
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ Q J 10

♠ 8 4
 ♥ 9 7 3
 ♦ 10 8 7 2
 ♣ A 6 5 3

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ K Q 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 6 4

20
12 3
5

♠ A K 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 10 9 7

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J 8 6 4 2
♣ 8 3