

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ J 6 2

19
9 6
6

West

Pass

3 NT by North

Lead: ♥ Q

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4



♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 NT

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ Q, you played low and North won the ♥ A.

North now plays the ♦ J on which East plays the ♦ 2. What do you play now, and what is your plan.

When you have made your choice

South hoped his ♦ suit would provide enough tricks to make the game. You can see that there is no entry to the South hand EXCEPT in ♦s, so you want to win your ♦ A on the trick that North plays his last ♦. How can you tell which trick that is?

Only by watching what East plays. On the ♦ J East played the ♦ 2, a low card signaling that he held an ODD number of ♦s. ODD must be either one or three so when he followed to the next ♦ you know he started with three. A little bit of counting tells you that North started with the doubleton Jack, so you want to win the second ♦ trick.

This defense holds North to one ♦ tricks, if you had let him win the second one he would have had 9 tricks.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

5
7 19
9

West

1 ♠

3 NT

3 NT by East

Lead: ♥ 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3



♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♣

2 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, North plays the ♥ J, won by East with ♥ A.

East plays the ♠ J, you follow with ♠ 5, dummy ♠ 3 and North plays the ♠ 2. East continues with the ♠ T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

North's ♠ 2 tells you he had an ODD number of ♠s, obviously 3. Since East also must have 3, you must take your ♠ A on the third round, depriving dummy of the extra ♠ trick.

East may now turn to the ♦ suit, but your side can win the first ♦ and drive out East's ♥ K. You will win 2 ♥s, 2 ♦s and the ♠ A, down 1

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2

13
4 8
15

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

Lead: ♥ 5

♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5



♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ 5, dummy played the ♥ T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You really want West to lead a ♣ if he gets into the lead. If you discard the ♣ 9 West will surely get the message and will lead a ♣. BUT - you will only win 3 ♣ tricks. The ♣ 9 would have been the fourth winner.

So instead, play a low card in one of the other suits, say the ♦ 3.

South is one trick short and he sees he can easily get that trick in ♥s. So he plays a second ♥ from dummy and you now discard the ♠ 2. West takes the ♥ A and he can see that you don't want him to lead a

♠ or a ♦. He deduces that you might like a ♣ so he plays his ♣ 2 and you win 4 tricks.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8



♠ K J 7

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K 10 7 5

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

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 18 12
 8

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by West

Lead: ♥ 4

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, South takes the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 3. You ruff and then play what???

When you have made your choice

Partner played the ♥ 3, a low card, for you to ruff. That means his re-entry, if he has one, is in the lower-ranking suit.

Partner takes the ♣ A and gives you a second ♥ ruff.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 9 5 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A Q J 4

13
9 8
10

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by North

Lead: ♦ A

♠ A

♥ A K J 8 7 2

♦ J 10 5

♣ 10 5 3



♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 9 6

North

1 ♥

2 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

♠ J 8 6 3

♥ 10 6

♦ A K 8 4

♣ 8 7 2

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You know partner also has the ♦ K, and normally you would give an encouraging signal when you hold the Queen. But with this hand you want partner to switch to ♣s as soon as possible. So you play a low ♦.

East looks at your signal, then looks at dummy, then looks at your signal. He knows you want a switch and it looks like a switch to ♣s might work the best. North plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by East with his ♦ K. East leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another

♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q J 3 2

6
10 13
11

West

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

Lead: ♥ A

♠ 8
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 8 7 6



♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ A, North puts on the ♥ Q. It's your play.

When you have made your choice

North's ♥ Q is either a singleton, (practically impossible), or a signal showing that he also holds the ♥ J. In either case you can reach the North hand on the second trick by playing a low ♥. Since you don't particularly want to start playing ♦s from your side, you go ahead and play a small ♥, won by North with the ♥ J.

North next plays the ♦ Q and however East tries it your side will take the next two ♦ tricks and set the contract.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

19
9 6
6

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4



♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

5
7 19
9

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J 9 5 2

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3



♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2

13
4 8
15

♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5



♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8



♠ K J 7

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K 10 7 5

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

2
18 12
8

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 9 5 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A Q J 4

13
9 8
10

♠ A
♥ A K J 8 7 2
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 5 3



♠ K Q 7 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 9 6

♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 10 6
♦ A K 8 4
♣ 8 7 2

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q J 3 2

6
10 13
11

♠ 8
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 8 7 6



♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

♠ K Q J 7 5 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 4

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

19
9 6
6

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4



♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

5
7 19
9

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J 9 5 2

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3



♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2

13
4 8
15

♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5



♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8



♠ K J 7

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K 10 7 5

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

2
18 12
8

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 9 5 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A Q J 4

13
9 8
10

♠ A
♥ A K J 8 7 2
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 5 3



♠ K Q 7 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 9 6

♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 10 6
♦ A K 8 4
♣ 8 7 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q J 3 2

6
10 13
11

♠ 8
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 8 7 6



♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

♠ K Q J 7 5 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 4

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

19
9 6
6

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4



♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

Deal 20
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

5
7 19
9

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3



♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2

♠ J 10 4
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A K Q J

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2

13
4 8
15

♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5



♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8



♠ K J 7

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K 10 7 5

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

2
18 12
8

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 9 5 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A Q J 4

13
9 8
10

♠ A
♥ A K J 8 7 2
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 5 3



♠ K Q 7 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 9 6

♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 10 6
♦ A K 8 4
♣ 8 7 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q J 3 2

6
10 13
11

♠ 8
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 8 7 6



♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

♠ K Q J 7 5 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 4

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

19
9 6
6

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4



♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

5
7 19
9

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ 8 3



♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 5 2

♠ J 10 4
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ A K Q J

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2

13
4 8
15

♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5



♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8

2
18 12
8

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3



♠ K J 7

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K 10 7 5

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 9 5 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A Q J 4

13
9 8
10

♠ A
♥ A K J 8 7 2
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 5 3



♠ K Q 7 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 9 6

♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 10 6
♦ A K 8 4
♣ 8 7 2

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q J 3 2

6
10 13
11

♠ 8
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 8 7 6



♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

♠ K Q J 7 5 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 4

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

19

9 6

6

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A K 4

♦ J 6

♣ A K Q 10 4



♠ K 9 6 3

♥ Q J 10 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 8 3

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

5
7 19
9

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J 9 5 2

♦ A 8 4 3

♣ 8 3



♠ J 10 4

♥ A K

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ A K Q J

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2

13
4 8
15

♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5



♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8



♠ K J 7

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K 10 7 5

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

2
18 12
8

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 9 5 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A Q J 4

13
9 8
10

♠ A
♥ A K J 8 7 2
♦ J 10 5
♣ 10 5 3



♠ K Q 7 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 9 6

♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 10 6
♦ A K 8 4
♣ 8 7 2

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q J 3 2

6
10 13
11

♠ 8
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 8 7 6



♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

♠ K Q J 7 5 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 4