

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 4
♥ J 9 8 5
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ J 10

¹⁷
7 5
₁₁



♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ A 8 7

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 3 NT

3 NT by North

Lead: ♠ 2

♠ A J
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠ 2, dummy played the ♠ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

This is a perfect example of why you should USUALLY play Third-hand-high.

If you do not put your ♠ Q on this trick declarer will get an undeserved winner with his ♠ J. In this Deal it will be his ninth trick. Play Third-hand-high and he will go down, otherwise he will make his contract.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

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

10 7
 8 15

West

3 ♠
 Pass

4 ♠ by East
 Lead: ♥ Q

♠ 2
 ♥ A 8 7 6 2
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ 10 8 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ Q 10 7
 ♣ K 6

♠ 9 5
 ♥ Q J 9 5
 ♦ A J 6 2
 ♣ 9 7 4

North
 Pass

1 ♠
 Pass

East
 South
 Pass

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ Q, dummy played the ♥ 4 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You dare not play low for fear declarer might win a singleton ♥ K.

And when you win the first trick, (the ♥ K does NOT fall), you have to decide what to do next. Do not just return the suit like a robot since it is obvious that you have no more ♥ winners and you surely won't win any ♣ tricks.

You need to switch to a ♦, and the ♦ 4, (low from an honor) is recommended.

Played this way you will defeat the contract by one trick. If you allow

declarer to win the first trick he will pull trumps and discard two red losers on dummy's ♣ and make an overtrick.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K 6 2
♣ A 10 6 4

10
10 5
15

West North East South
Pass 3 NT Pass 1 NT
Pass
3 NT by South
Lead: ♣ 4

♠ K 9 8
♥ A 8 5
♦ Q J 9 4
♣ 9 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ 8 7
♣ Q J 2

♠ A 10 6
♥ K J 2
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K 8 5

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ 4, dummy played the ♣ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

But that doesn't mean you should blindly play your HIGHEST card, rather you should play the LOWEST of high-equals.

In other words, in this case you should play the ♣ J, which is equal to the ♣ Q.

If instead you play the ♣ Q, figuring it makes no difference, you'd be right that it makes no difference to you. But partner would then assume that it is declarer with the ♣ J, and when he obtains the lead with the ♦ K he will be unlikely to lead another ♣, which would be too bad for your side.

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 9 5
 ♥ A K J 9 7 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 9 7 3

6
 12 12
 10

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W		E
	S	

♠ J 6 4
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ K 9 7 3
 ♣ K Q J 10

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			
Lead: ♠ 3			

trick when you play correctly.

For your side, 2 ♠ tricks and the two minor Aces spell defeat.

The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠ 3, dummy played the ♠ 4 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

Partner's low ♠ lead tells you that he has an honor in the suit. There are only two ♠ honors you can't see, and you know he wouldn't underlead an Ace at a suit contract. So partner holds the ♠ Q.

You can see clearly what would happen if you played Third-hand-high and put on your ♠ K. Declarer would win his ♠ A and could then set up a second ♠ trick by leading toward dummy's ♠ J.

By playing the ♠ T you force declarer to win with the ♠ A if he wants the trick. But however he plays he can only make one ♠

Deal 5

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



♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

 17
 7 5
 11
 26
 24
 22
 20
 18
 16
 14
 12
 10
 8
 6
 4
 2
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♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ A 8 7

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

♠ 9 5
10 7 15
8
♦ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 9 7 4

Deal 7

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



10	♠ A 10 6
10	♥ K J 2
15	♦ A 10 5 3
	♣ K 8 5

Deal 8 ♠ Q 8 7 3

West Deals ♥ 10 5

None Vul ♦ A 5 4 2

♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5

♥ A K J 9 7 2

♦ 8

♣ 9 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4

♥ Q 8

♦ K 9 7 3

♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ A 6 5

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12 12
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Deal 9

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



17
7 5
11
♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ A 8 7

♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

♠ 9 5
10 7 15
8
♦ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 9 7 4

Deal 11

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



10	♠ A 10 6
10	♥ K J 2
15	♦ A 10 5 3
	♣ K 8 5

Deal 12 ♠ Q 8 7 3

West Deals ♥ 10 5

N-S Vul ♦ A 5 4 2

♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5

♥ A K J 9 7 2

♦ 8

♣ 9 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4

♥ Q 8

♦ K 9 7 3

♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2

6
12 12

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ A 6 5

10

Deal 13

North Deals	♠ A J
Both Vul	♥ K Q 4 3
	♦ A 7 3
	♣ K 6 5 2
♠ Q 9 4	♠ K 10 7 2
♥ J 9 8 5	♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 10 5	♦ 9 8 2
♣ J 10	♣ Q 9 4 3
17 7 5 11	♠ 8 6 5 3
	♥ A 7 2
	♦ K 6 4
	♣ A 8 7



Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

♠ 9 5
10 7 15
8
♦ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 9 7 4

Deal 15 ♠ K 9 8
South Deals ♥ A 8 5
N-S Vul ♦ Q J 9 4
 ♣ 9 7 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 6
♥ K J 2
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K 8 5

10
10 5
15

Deal 16

West Deals ♠ Q 8 7 3
E-W Vul ♥ 10 5
 ♦ A 5 4 2
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5
♥ A K J 9 7 2
♦ 8
♣ 9 7 3

6
12 **12**
10

N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ K 9 7 3
♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ A 6 5

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ A J
None Vul	♥ K Q 4 3
	♦ A 7 3
	♣ K 6 5 2
♠ Q 9 4	♠ K 10 7 2
♥ J 9 8 5	♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 10 5	♦ 9 8 2
♣ J 10	♣ Q 9 4 3
	♠ 8 6 5 3
17 7 5 11	♥ A 7 2
	♦ K 6 4
	♣ A 8 7



Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

W N E S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

10 7
8 15♠ 9 5
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 9 7 4

Deal 19 ♠ K 9 8
South Deals ♥ A 8 5
E-W Vul ♦ Q J 9 4
 ♣ 9 7 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 6
♥ K J 2
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K 8 5

10
10 5
15

Deal 20 ♠ Q 8 7 3

West Deals ♥ 10 5

Both Vul ♦ A 5 4 2

♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5

♥ A K J 9 7 2

♦ 8

♣ 9 7 3



♠ J 6 4

♥ Q 8

♦ K 9 7 3

♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ A 6 5

6
12 12
10

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ A J
N-S Vul	♥ K Q 4 3
	♦ A 7 3
	♣ K 6 5 2
♠ Q 9 4	♠ K 10 7 2
♥ J 9 8 5	♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 10 5	♦ 9 8 2
♣ J 10	♣ Q 9 4 3
	♠ 8 6 5 3
17 7 5 11	♥ A 7 2
	♦ K 6 4
	♣ A 8 7

N
W E
S

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

♠ 9 5
10 7 15
8
♦ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 9 7 4

Deal 23

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



10	♠ A 10 6
10	♥ K J 2
15	♦ A 10 5 3
	♣ K 8 5

Deal 24 ♠ Q 8 7 3
West Deals ♥ 10 5
None Vul ♦ A 5 4 2
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5
♥ A K J 9 7 2
♦ 8
♣ 9 7 3

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12 **12**
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N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ K 9 7 3
♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ A 6 5

Deal 25

North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 4
♥ J 9 8 5
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ J 10



♠ A J
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ A 8 7

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7 5
11

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

♠ 9 5
10 7 15
8
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 9 7 4

Deal 27

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



10	♠ A 10 6
10	♥ K J 2
15	♦ A 10 5 3
	♣ K 8 5

Deal 28 ♠ Q 8 7 3

West Deals ♥ 10 5

N-S Vul ♦ A 5 4 2

♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5

♥ A K J 9 7 2

♦ 8

♣ 9 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4

♥ Q 8

♦ K 9 7 3

♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2

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12 12

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♥ 6 4 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ A 6 5

Deal 29

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 4
♥ J 9 8 5
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ J 10

♠ A J
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ A 8 7

N
W E
S

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7 5
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Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

♠ 9 5
10 7 15
8

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ A J 6 2

♣ 9 7 4

Deal 31 ♠ K 9 8
South Deals ♥ A 8 5
N-S Vul ♦ Q J 9 4
 ♣ 9 7 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 6
♥ K J 2
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K 8 5

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10 5
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Deal 32 ♠ Q 8 7 3
West Deals ♥ 10 5
E-W Vul ♦ A 5 4 2
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5
♥ A K J 9 7 2
♦ 8
♣ 9 7 3

6
12 **12**
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N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ K 9 7 3
♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ A 6 5

Deal 33

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 4
♥ J 9 8 5
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ J 10

♠ A J
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ A 8 7

N
W E
S

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7 5
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Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 10 8 5 2

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A Q J 3

W N E S

♠ A Q J 8 6 3

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 7

♣ K 6

10 7
8 15♠ 9 5
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 9 7 4

Deal 35 ♠ K 9 8
South Deals ♥ A 8 5
E-W Vul ♦ Q J 9 4
 ♣ 9 7 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 6
♥ K J 2
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K 8 5

10
10 5
15

Deal 36 ♠ Q 8 7 3
West Deals ♥ 10 5
Both Vul ♦ A 5 4 2
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 5
♥ A K J 9 7 2
♦ 8
♣ 9 7 3

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12 **12**
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N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ K 9 7 3
♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 10 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ A 6 5