

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 2
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ A J 7 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

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8 3
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♠ K 6 5 3
 ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ A K 4

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

♠ A Q 4
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ K 9 5
 ♣ J 6 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			
Lead: ♠ J			

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠ J, won by dummy's ♠ Q. The ♦ 5 is now played from dummy. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Considering that North opened 1 NT, he must have the ♦ Q for this play to make sense.

So if you put on your ♦ A, North will have TWO ♦ winners established. If instead you play low, then North cannot get a second ♦ trick and will have to look elsewhere for his ninth trick. As you can see, he is not going to be able to find it.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

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19 14
2



♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ K Q J 8 2
♥ A 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A 2

♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	ALL	Pass	
6 ♥ by East			
Lead: ♣ J			

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

Your lead of the ♣ J was won by East with the ♣ A. East then played the ♥ 2 and you must decide whether to split your honors.

When you have made your choice

East's bidding showed at least 5 ♥s, so assuming he holds both the ♥ A Q, it would be silly for him to finesse the ♥ 9 on the first trump play.

As it turns out, when you play low East calls for dummy's ♥ K, North's ♥ Q falls and you now have 2 trump tricks. If you had played the ♥ T you would have tossed away the setting trick.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

9 7
16 8

N
W E
S

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

West *North* *East* *South*
Pass 4 ♥ Pass 1 ♥

Pass
4 ♥ by South
Lead: ♣ K

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♣ K, and you played the ♣ 9 to encourage him. He continued with the ♣ Q, then a small card to your ♣ A. You then exit with the ♦ T, taken by dummy's ♦ K.

Declarer then calls for the ♥ J. Do you cover with your ♥ Q or not?

When you have made your choice

North has 5 ♥s and South must have at least 5. The reason you cover an Honor is that you hope to establish a lower card in either your hand or partner's hand. But your partner has one ♥ at the most so there is no hope of establishment.

Now that you have looked at the hands aren't you glad you didn't cover?

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K

19 5
 9 7



♠ 8 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 ♠ by West
Lead: ♥ J

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ A J 7 2

♣ Q 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

16

8

13

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

5
19 14
2♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

9 7 8
16

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

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

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

5
19 7
9

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ A J 7 2

♣ Q 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

16
8 3
13

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

5
19 14
2♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ K 7
None Vul	♥ J 8 6 3 2
	♦ K 5 3
	♣ 10 4 2
♠ J 10 6 4	♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ K	♥ Q 4
♦ 7 6 4 2	♦ 10 9 8
♣ K Q 7 5	♣ A 9 3
	♠ A 5
9 7 8 16	♥ A 10 9 7 5
	♦ A Q J
	♣ J 8 6

N
W E
S

Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K

19 5
9 7



♠ K J 3
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ 10 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ A 10 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 3 2

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ A J 7 2

♣ Q 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

16
8 **3**

13

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ 10 4

♥ J 10 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J 10 9 3

5
19 14
2

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

9 7 8
16

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

Deal 16

West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K

5
19 7
9

N
W E
S

♠ K J 3
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ 10 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 3 2

♠ A 10 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ J 8 5

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ A J 7 2

♣ Q 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

16

8

13

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

W N E S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

5
19 14
2♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 19

South Deals	♠ K 7
E-W Vul	♥ J 8 6 3 2
	♦ K 5 3
	♣ 10 4 2
♠ J 10 6 4	♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ K	♥ Q 4
♦ 7 6 4 2	♦ 10 9 8
♣ K Q 7 5	♣ A 9 3
9 7 8 16	♠ A 5 ♥ A 10 9 7 5 ♦ A Q J ♣ J 8 6

N
W E
S

Deal 20

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K

♠ K J 3
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ 10 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ A 10 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 3 2

N
W E
S

19 5
9 7

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ A J 7 2

♣ Q 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

16
8 3
13

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

5
19 14
2♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

7
9 8
16

Deal 24

West Deals	♠ K J 3
None Vul	♥ J 10 8 5
	♦ 10 6
	♣ 9 7 6 4
♠ Q 9 7 4 2	♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 4	♥ Q 6 3
♦ A K Q J	♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ A K	♣ J 8 5
	♠ 8 6
19 5 9 7	♥ A K 7 2
	♦ 9 5 3
	♣ Q 10 3 2

N
W E
S

Deal 25 ♠ K 6 5 3
North Deals ♥ A 7 4
E-W Vul ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 9 8

16
8 **3**
13

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

5
19 14
2♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 27

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

9 7 8
16

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

Deal 28

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K

5
19 7
9

N
W E
S

♠ K J 3
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ 10 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 3 2

♠ A 10 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ J 8 5

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ A J 7 2

♣ Q 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

16
8 3
13

♠ A Q 4

♥ K 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ 10 4

♥ J 10 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J 10 9 3

5
19 14
2

Deal 31

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

9 7 8
16

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K



♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

5
19 7
9

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4

♠ 8 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ A J 7 2

♣ Q 10 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 7 5

16
8 3
13♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K 10 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 3

♦ A Q J 7 4

♣ K Q 7

W N E S

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

5
19 14
2♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 35

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

9 7 8
16

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 3

♥ J 10 8 5

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K



♠ A 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q 10 3 2

5
19 7
9