

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ 5 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ J 9 6 5 2

18
3 12
7

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

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q



♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 10 9
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K 8 4

♠ J 6 4 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ 10 7 3

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ A, West plays the ♠ 9, North the ♠ 5. You assume West has signaled you to continue ♠ s, so you play the ♠ Q. On this trick West plays the ♠ 3 and North the ♠ 8. How will you continue?

When you have made your choice

You might just switch suits, but you have a better choice.

If you play your ♠ Q, West won't bother ruffing, North WILL ruff and dummy's ♠ J will be established as a winner.

The best procedure is to lead a low ♠. West will ruff and North will over-ruff but by playing this way you stop the establishment of South's ♠ J. As you can see, North would have been able to discard a loser on that ♠ J if you hadn't played this way.

Deal 2
 East Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ J 8 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ K Q 10 9 4 ♣ 9 7 5</p>		<p>♠ A 10 5 2 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ J 6 2</p>
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<p>9 6 19 6</p>	<p>♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ Q J 10 7 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ 8 3</p>
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<i>West</i> 3 NT 3 NT by East Lead: ♥ Q	<i>North</i> Pass	<i>East</i> 2 NT Pass	<i>South</i> Pass Pass
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You are North. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥ Q, you played low and East won the ♥ A.

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

When you have made your choice

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

Only by watching what South plays. On the ♦ J South 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 East started with the doubleton Jack, so you want to win the second ♦ trick.

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

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

7
 9 5
19

♠ K Q 9 3
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ J 9 5 2
 ♦ A 8 4 3
 ♣ 8 3

N
 W E
 S

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

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

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

When you have made your choice

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

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

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

4
15 13
8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			
Lead: ♥ 5			

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2



♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

You are South. 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 North to lead a ♣ if he gets into the lead. If you discard the ♣ 9 North 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.

West 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. North 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 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2



♠ 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

West

North

East

South

2 ♥

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

Lead: ♥ 4

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, West 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 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ A K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A Q

♠ 9 3
♥ 5 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ J 9 6 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 10 9
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K 8 4

18
3 12
7
♣ 10 7 3

♠ J 6 4 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ 10 7 3

Deal 7 ♠ A 10 5 2

South Deals ♥ 8 5 3

Both Vul ♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

9
6 19
6

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

7
9 5
19

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ 8 4

 ♥ A 8 7 5 2

E-W Vul ♦ 7 5 2

 ♣ 6 4 2

♠ A Q 10 5

♥ K Q 9 4

♦ K J

♣ 8 7 3



♠ K J 6

♥ J 10 6 3

♦ A Q 6

♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 3 2

♥ —

♦ 10 9 8 4 3

♣ A K J 9

4

15 13

8

Deal 10 ♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

East Deals ♥ K 8 5

Both Vul ♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

18
8 2
12

Deal 11

	♠ 8 5
South Deals	♥ A K Q 8 7 2
None Vul	♦ K 5 4
	♣ A Q
♠ 9 3	♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 5 4	♥ 10 9
♦ Q 10 8 3	♦ 9 7 2
♣ J 9 6 5 2	♣ K 8 4
18 3 12 7	♠ J 6 4 2 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ A J 6 ♣ 10 7 3

N
W E
S

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

9
6 19
6

Deal 13 ♠ K Q 9 3

North Deals ♥ 8 7 3

Both Vul ♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

7
9 5
19

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 5

♥ K Q 9 4

♦ K J

♣ 8 7 3

♠ 8 4

♥ A 8 7 5 2

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 6 4 2



♠ K J 6

♥ J 10 6 3

♦ A Q 6

♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 3 2

♥ —

♦ 10 9 8 4 3

♣ A K J 9

4
15 13
8

Deal 15 ♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

South Deals ♥ K 8 5

N-S Vul ♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

18
8 2
12

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ A K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A Q

♠ 9 3
♥ 5 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ J 9 6 5 2

18
3 12
7

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 10 9
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K 8 4

♠ J 6 4 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ 10 7 3

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♦ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ K 9 6 3
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 8 3

9
6 19
6

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

W N E S

♠ 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

7
9 5
19

Deal 19

South Deals	♠ 8 4
E-W Vul	♥ A 8 7 5 2
	♦ 7 5 2
	♣ 6 4 2
♠ A Q 10 5	♠ K J 6
♥ K Q 9 4	♥ J 10 6 3
♦ K J	♦ A Q 6
♣ 8 7 3	♣ Q 10 5
	♠ 9 7 3 2
	♥ —
4 15 13 8	♦ 10 9 8 4 3
	♣ A K J 9



♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

Deal 20 ♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

West Deals ♥ K 8 5

Both Vul ♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

18
8 2
12

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ 8 5
N-S Vul	♥ A K Q 8 7 2
	♦ K 5 4
	♣ A Q
♠ 9 3	♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 5 4	♥ 10 9
♦ Q 10 8 3	♦ 9 7 2
♣ J 9 6 5 2	♣ K 8 4
18	♠ J 6 4 2
3 12	♥ J 6 3
7	♦ A J 6
	♣ 10 7 3

N
W E S

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

9
6 19
6

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

7
9 5
19

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 4 2

♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

4
15 13
8

N
W E
S

♠ K J 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

Deal 25 ♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

North Deals ♥ K 8 5

E-W Vul ♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

N
W S E

♠ 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

18

8 2

12

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ A K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A Q

♠ 9 3
♥ 5 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ J 9 6 5 2

18
3 12
7

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 10 9
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K 8 4

♠ J 6 4 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ 10 7 3

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5



♠ 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

9
6 19
6

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

7
9 5
19

Deal 29

North Deals	♠ 8 4
Both Vul	♥ A 8 7 5 2
	♦ 7 5 2
	♣ 6 4 2
♠ A Q 10 5	♠ K J 6
♥ K Q 9 4	♥ J 10 6 3
♦ K J	♦ A Q 6
♣ 8 7 3	♣ Q 10 5
	♠ 9 7 3 2
	♥ —
4 15 13 8	♦ 10 9 8 4 3
	♣ A K J 9



Deal 30 ♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

East Deals ♥ K 8 5

None Vul ♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

N
W S E

♠ 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

18
8 2
12

Deal 31

South Deals	♠ 8 5
N-S Vul	♥ A K Q 8 7 2
	♦ K 5 4
	♣ A Q
♠ 9 3	♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ 5 4	♥ 10 9
♦ Q 10 8 3	♦ 9 7 2
♣ J 9 6 5 2	♣ K 8 4
18	♠ J 6 4 2
3 12	♥ J 6 3
7	♦ A J 6
	♣ 10 7 3

N S E W

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 5 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 7 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ K Q 10 9 4

♣ 9 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

9
6 19
6

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q 10 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ 10 5 2

N
W S E

♠ 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

7
9 5
19

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 10 5

♥ K Q 9 4

♦ K J

♣ 8 7 3

♠ 8 4

♥ A 8 7 5 2

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 6 4 2



♠ K J 6

♥ J 10 6 3

♦ A Q 6

♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 7 3 2

♥ —

♦ 10 9 8 4 3

♣ A K J 9

4
15 13
8

Deal 35 ♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

South Deals ♥ K 8 5

E-W Vul ♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

18
8 2
12