

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

13
6 8
13

	N	
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♠ Q 8 6 3
 ♥ 9 7 2
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K Q 6

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

♠ A J 5 2
 ♥ 8 5 4
 ♦ A K J 3
 ♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass			Pass

4 ♠ by North
 Lead: ♥ K

You are North and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

A jump to 2 NT would not be a terrible bid. But it is more important to show your 4-card Major.

So you bid 1 ♠ instead. Partner raises to 2 ♠.

What do you bid next?

It's another case of HE WHO KNOWS, GOES. You know you have at least 26 points and 8 ♠s. Of course you trust that partner would not raise a suit you bid as responder with only 3 trumps. So you bid 4 ♠.

North plays 4 ♠. East leads the ♥ K. The defense takes the first three ♥ tricks, then switch to a ♣.

Losers: ♠ ? : ♥ 3 : ♦ 0 : ♣ 0 : Total = 3?

It kinda makes you wish you'd bid 2 NT after all doesn't it?

At least the picture is clear. Very clear. You have no wiggle room left so you must bring in the ♠s

without losing a trick. So East MUST have the ♠ K. Therefore you assume East does hold the ♠ K.

Suppose you lead the ♠ Q. East will play his ♠ K and force you to play dummy's ♠ A. Then one of the defenders will win the third ♠ with the ♠ T or ♠ 9.

No, you only have one chance to make this contract - East must hold a doubleton ♠ K x. So you lead a SMALL ♠ from your hand and finesse dummy's ♠ J. Then play the ♠ A, dropping East's ♠ K, then pull the last trump with the ♠ Q.

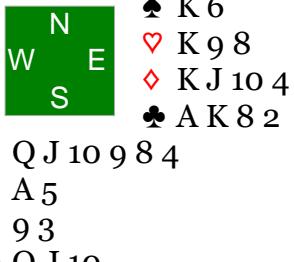
Since you would only have one more honor you'd be bound to lose a trick.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

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9 17
10

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3



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

You are East and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

With 17 points and a balanced hand you naturally open 1 NT. South overcalls 2 ♠. Your partner then bids 2 NT.

Your partner invited you to bid 3 NT if you had 17 points, and you have 17 points. You trust your partner so you bid 3 NT.

East plays 3 NT. South leads the ♠ Q.

Winner count: ♠ 2 : ♥ 0 : ♦ 0 : ♣ 2 : Total = 4

This looks scary. Needing 5 more tricks means you are going to have to establish BOTH red suits. And with only two ♠ stoppers you have to hope South doesn't have both red Aces. If he does, you're down, so just assume that he only has one of them. Now if you can just figure out which Ace South has you can establish that suit first.

But you don't have to guess, there is a better way. South overcalled at the 2-level with a Queen-high

suit and one outside Ace. THAT is bold. Surely he has at least a 6-card suit to justify that overcall. If so, then a simple hold-up will be worthwhile. So you let South hold the first trick, and when he leads another ♠ you win the ♠ K in your hand. If South has a 6-card suit North is now void of ♠s.

Play ♦s to drive out the ♦ A. If North has it he will not have another ♠ to force you with. If South has it he can force out your last ♠, but then won't have the ♥ A for an entry. However the Aces are split - as long as South doesn't have both - you will establish 9 tricks.

With the holdup it didn't matter which red suit you established first.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 3
♥ A K 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ A 10 3

8
11 12
9

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

Lead: ♥ A

♠ K Q J 8 6 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 6 4
♣ 9 7 2

♠ A
♥ Q J 7 2
♦ J 7 5 3
♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ A K 9 2
♣ Q 8 5

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

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

	N		♠ 7
	W	E	♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4
		S	♦ 8
			♣ K 10 6 3

11	♠ 4 2
9 8	♥ K Q 10
12	♦ A J 7 5 3
	♣ Q 8 7

West	North	East	South
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 ♥ by West
 Lead: ♠ Q

You are East and it is your bid. Decide what you would say, then on BID.

You really really want to say 3 ♠. Here are three good reasons you shouldn't.

You have 9 ♥s between you. You may have only 7 ♠s. If you bid 3 ♠ partner may bid again. You haven't been doubled.

West would play 3 ♥.

East plays 3 ♥. South leads the ♠ Q.

It turns out there was a fourth reason not to bid 3 ♠ - the opponents might lead the suit.

Losers: ♠ 0 : ♥ 1/2 : ♦ 1 : ♣ 4 : Total = 6/7

The ♠ lead is about the best thing that could have happened to you. You win with dummy's ♠ A and play ♠ K, discarding your ♦. You then lead a small ♣, covering anything North plays.

You'd like to ruff a ♣ if you can, but if they play trumps to stop you then you'd like the trump play to come from South. South leads the ♥ 3, North plays the ♥ K, and you win with the ♥ A. You play a small ♣. If the defender who wins the ♣ doesn't play another trump then you can ruff your third ♣ in dummy. If the defender DOES play a trump, then you lose only one trump trick. You end up going down 1, which is pretty good.

Deal 5

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

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 9 3

13
6 8
13

N
W E
S

♠ K 9
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A J 5 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ 8 4

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
10

N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ A K 9 2

♣ Q 8 5

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11

9

12

Deal 8

West Deals

♠ Q J 10

♥ 3

None Vul

♦ K 10 9 6 2

♣ A J 9 4

♠ A K 9 8 6 5 3

♥ 6 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7

♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4

♦ 8

♣ K 10 6 3

♠ 4 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7 5 3

♣ Q 8 7

9 8
11 12

Deal 9

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

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 9 3

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W E
S

♠ K 9
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A J 5 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ 8 4

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
10

N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3



♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ A K 9 2

♣ Q 8 5

8
11 12
9

Deal 12

West Deals

♠ Q J 10

♥ 3

N-S Vul

♦ K 10 9 6 2

♣ A J 9 4

♠ A K 9 8 6 5 3

♥ 6 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7

♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4

♦ 8

♣ K 10 6 3

♠ 4 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7 5 3

♣ Q 8 7

9 8
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12

Deal 13 ♠ Q 8 6 3
North Deals ♥ 9 7 2
Both Vul ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K Q 6

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 9 3

13
6 8
13

N
W E
S

♠ K 9
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A J 5 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ 8 4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
10

N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3



♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ A K 9 2

♣ Q 8 5

8

11

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12

Deal 16

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

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4
♦ 8
♣ K 10 6 3

♠ 4 2
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 7 5 3
♣ Q 8 7

11
9 8
12

Deal 17 ♠ Q 8 6 3
North Deals ♥ 9 7 2
None Vul ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K Q 6

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 9 3

13
6 8
13

N
W E
S

♠ K 9
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A J 5 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ 8 4

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
10

N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ A K 9 2

♣ Q 8 5

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11 12
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Deal 20 ♠ Q J 10

West Deals ♥ 3

Both Vul ♦ K 10 9 6 2

♣ A J 9 4

♠ A K 9 8 6 5 3

♥ 6 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4
♦ 8
♣ K 10 6 3

♠ 4 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7 5 3

♣ Q 8 7

11
9 8
12

Deal 21 ♠ Q 8 6 3

North Deals ♥ 9 7 2

N-S Vul ♦ Q 7

♣ A K Q 6

♠ 10 7 4

♥ A J 3

♦ 10 8 5 2

♣ J 9 3

W N
S E

♠ K 9

♥ K Q 10 6

♦ 9 6 4

♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A J 5 2

♥ 8 5 4

♦ A K J 3

♣ 8 4

13
6 8
13

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
10

N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ A K 9 2

♣ Q 8 5

8

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Deal 24

West Deals

♠ Q J 10

♥ 3

None Vul

♦ K 10 9 6 2

♣ A J 9 4

♠ A K 9 8 6 5 3

♥ 6 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 5 2



♠ 4 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7 5 3

♣ Q 8 7

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Deal 25 ♠ Q 8 6 3
North Deals ♥ 9 7 2
E-W Vul ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K Q 6

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 9 3

13
6 8
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N
W E
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♠ K 9
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A J 5 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ 8 4

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
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N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3



♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ A K 9 2

♣ Q 8 5

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11 12
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Deal 28

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

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4
♦ 8
♣ K 10 6 3

♠ 4 2
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 7 5 3
♣ Q 8 7

9 11 8
12

Deal 29 ♠ Q 8 6 3
North Deals ♥ 9 7 2
Both Vul ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K Q 6

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 9 3

13
6 8
13

N
W E
S

♠ K 9
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A J 5 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ 8 4

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
10

N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ A K 9 2

♣ Q 8 5

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11

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12

Deal 32

West Deals

♠ Q J 10

♥ 3

E-W Vul

♦ K 10 9 6 2

♣ A J 9 4

♠ A K 9 8 6 5 3

♥ 6 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 5 2



♠ 7

♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4

♦ 8

♣ K 10 6 3

♠ 4 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 7 5 3

♣ Q 8 7

9 11
12 8

Deal 33

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 3
♥ 9 7 2
♦ Q 7
♣ A K Q 6

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 9 3

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W E
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♠ K 9
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

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6 8
13

♠ A J 5 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ 8 4

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

4
9 17
10

N
W E
S

♠ K 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 2

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A K 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 10 3

N
W E
S

♠ A

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ K J 6 4

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11 12
9♠ 5 4
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ A K 9 2
♣ Q 8 5

Deal 36

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

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ A J 9 8 7 5 4
♦ 8
♣ K 10 6 3

♠ 4 2
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 7 5 3
♣ Q 8 7

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