

Deal 1

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

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

 ¹⁵ 8 4 13	[♠] K J 6 [♥] J 10 6 3 [♦] A Q 6 [♣] Q 10 5
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT

3 NT by North

Lead: ♥ 5

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

North 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. East 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 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7
♥ Q J 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K 10 7 5

8
12 18
2

West

Pass

4 ♠ by East

Lead: ♥ 4

♠ 8

♥ A 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6 2

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♠ A Q 10 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

2 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥ 4, North 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 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

<i>West</i> Pass Pass 2 ♥ by South Lead: ♦ A	<i>North</i> 1 ♠ Pass	<i>East</i> Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 1 ♥ 2 ♥
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You are East. 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 ♦.

West 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. South plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by West with his ♦ K. West 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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 7 5 2**♥ 9 5****♦ K 5****♣ A 10 4****♠ 9 6 4****♥ A K 7 2****♦ A 8 6 3****♣ 9 5****♠ A 10 3****♥ 10 6****♦ 9 7 2****♣ K Q J 3 2****11
13 10
6****♠ 8
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 8 7 6**

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by West

Lead: ♥ A

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

When you have made your choice

South'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 South 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 South with the ♥ J.

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