

Squeezes



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Time for Some Jokes

A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked.

'Well, I can think of one thing,' the cowboy offered. 'On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now, back off or I'll kick the shit out of all of you!'

St. Peter was impressed, 'When did this happen?'

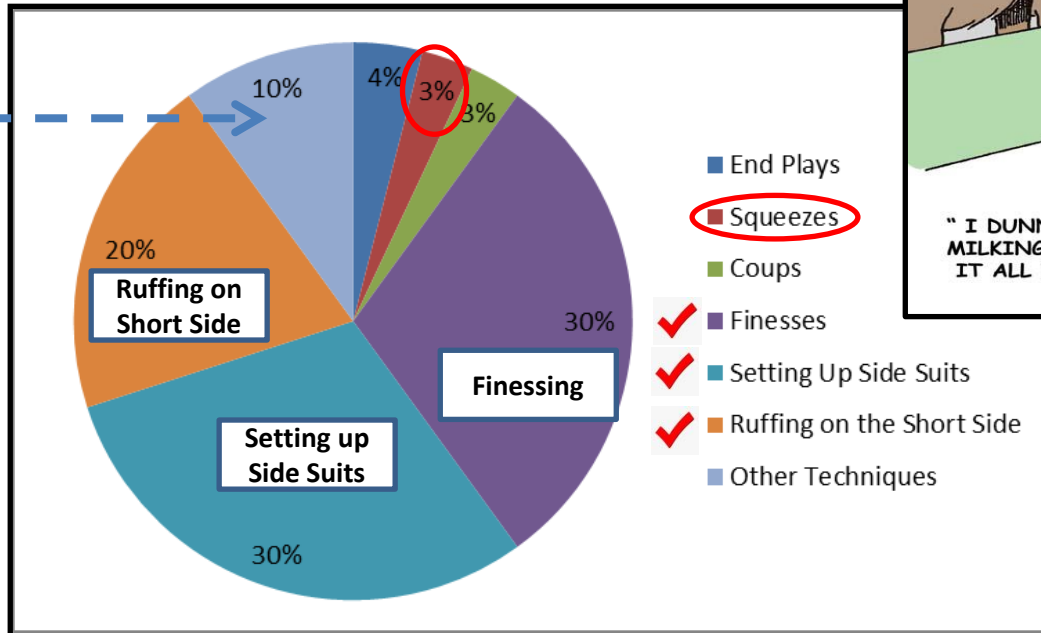
The cowboy replied, 'A couple of minutes ago...'

My husband's boss was a bully and a very unpleasant man. He cycled to work and often came in with stories of how motorists had cut him off, etc.

One day he arrived at work on his bike and loudly exclaimed, "A motorist just called me a f*ing a**hole!"**

My husband gasped in mock horror and, without missing a beat, said, "Where does he know you from?"

Types of Plays



Other Techniques include:

- Safety Plays
- Dummy Reversals
- Unblocking Plays
- Hold Up Plays
- Uppercuts
- Discovery Plays
- Cross Ruffs

Love's Book on Squeezes



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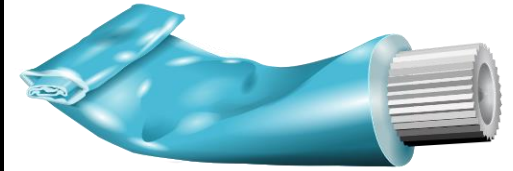


A Squeeze Play is defined as forcing an opponent to discard a winning card, a potentially winning card or a guard to a winning card in any suit.

Types:

- **Simple Squeeze** (against one opponent)
- **Double Squeeze** (against both opponents)
- **Crisscross Squeeze**
- **Hedgehog Squeeze**
- **Backwash Squeeze**
- **Entry-Shifting Squeeze**
- **Delayed-Duck Squeeze**
- **And many, many more**

The Simple Squeeze



A Simple Squeeze must have BLUE:

B – One opponent is busy in two suits. The other opponent is helpless.

L – Declarer has only one loser remaining.

U – At least one threat lies in the upper hand. (The hand behind the squeezed opponent)

E – There will be an entry to the established threat.

Squeeze #1

Doubled by East.

Contract = 6NTx

Lead = 6♥

West

♠ 10986
♥ Q97632
♦ 10
♣ 65

North

♠ A3
♥ A8
♦ AKQJ87
♣ AK7

East

♠ KQ7
♥ KJ10
♦ 963
♣ J1092

South – (DECLARER)

♠ J542
♥ 54
♦ 542
♣ Q843



It is crucial to duck the opening lead in order to rectify the count, otherwise your squeeze won't work!

Squeeze #1

Doubled by East.



Contract = 6NTx

Lead = 6♥

West

♠ 9
♥ Q97
♦
♣ 5

North

♠ 3
♥ A
♦
♣ AK7

East

♠ Q
♥
♦
♣ J1092

South – (DECLARER)

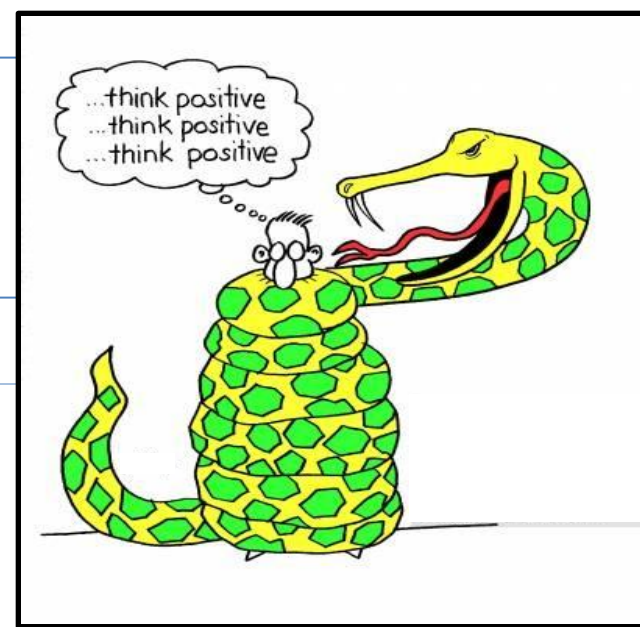
♠ J
♥
♦
♣ Q843

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Another Joke (a Visual)



Squeeze #2



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	2S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

North
 ♠ AJ4
 ♥ 1074
 ♦ AKJ
 ♣ AQJ9

East
 ♠ 3
 ♥ AK862
 ♦ Q107
 ♣ K852

West
 ♠ 1076
 ♥ Q9
 ♦ 98642
 ♣ 763

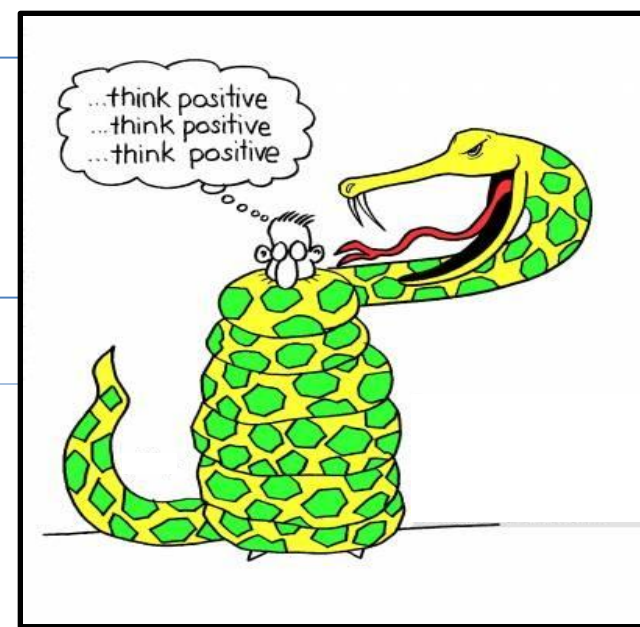
Contract = 4S

Lead = Q♥

South – (DECLARER)
 ♠ KQ9852
 ♥ J53
 ♦ 53
 ♣ 104

The opponents take the first 3 ♥ tricks and East exits with his 3♠.

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North
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦ AKJ
 ♣ Q

East
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦ Q107
 ♣ K

West
 ♠
 ♥
 ♦ 986
 ♣ 7

Contract = 4S

Lead = Q♥

South – (DECLARER)
 ♠ 2
 ♥
 ♦ 53
 ♣ 10

The opponents take the first 3 ♥ tricks and East exits with his 3♠.

When South plays his last ♠, discarding the Q in dummy, East is squeezed out of his ♦ stopper or his K♣ (Vienna Coup).

Playtime

