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Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 7 6 3	♠ K 8	♠ 9 5			
♥ K J 9	♥ A 6 4 2	♥ 10 8 7			
♦ J 9 6 4	♦ A 7 5	♦ Q 10 8 3			
♣ 4	♣ A Q 9 2	♣ J 8 7 5			
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♠ A 10 4 2					
♥ Q 5 3					
♦ K 2					
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North plays in 3 NT.

West Leads 3 ♦.

2 Spades, 1 Heart, 2 Diamonds and best chance is 4 Club tricks.

Clubs can be picked up even if 5-0, so start with A♣.

To determine how to play the clubs, embarking on the other suits will hopefully give us an idea of how suits are distributed.


Win ♦ in hand, Cash K♠, then spade to 10. Win ♦ return, cash A♠ and A♥.

Diamonds are 4-4, W has 5 Spades and at least 1 Heart so cannot possibly hold 4 Clubs.

Therefore cash Q♣ and finesse for 9 tricks.

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Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

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

4 ♥ by E after a spade overcall by North.

South leads 10♠.

North cashes 2 spades and leads a third, ruffed high by declarer, south discards a ♦.

Draw trumps, south throws a ♦ and ♣. Now play AK♦. North has 6 ♠, 3 ♥ and 2 ♦, so now play club to A and diamond back. North known to be 6322, so play club to Q. Loses but ruff and discard gives contract.

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Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

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

6 ♠ by South with 10♥ lead.

Always leave the vital decision (Diamonds) as long as you can and go on a voyage of discovery! Win A♥, and draw trumps, both following. Cash KQ♥, east throws a ♦. AKQ♣, throwing a ♦ shows up that West started with 6 hearts, 2 spades and 5 clubs, so diamonds all wrong. Just play last club discarding a diamond from hand and west endplayed to give ruff and discard.

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Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

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

Contract 5 ♥ by W after North has bid clubs then 4 spades over 4H.
 North leads K♠ which should be ducked as good practice and then North plays K♣.
 Declarer should win, draw 2 rounds of trumps and discover that North has 2. Based on the bidding, North must have 6 Clubs and 5 spades and together with their 2 hearts means a Diamond void. So, A of spades, ruff a spade, cash A diamonds and exit with club. If south wins will have to play a diamond or give ruff and discard. If North wins will have to give ruff and discard.

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Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

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

4 ♥ by South, AK and another ♠ lead.

Declarer overruffs whatever card East ruffs with.

Play trumps and West should win second round and exit with last trump. East throws 2 diamonds. Now A and K♣ which reveals 11 of west's cards. Now play a trump (idle card) and discard a ♦. West is now 6322 and so when you play a club to the Q, cash K♦, east must keep the club and be down to 1 diamond and we know that West has only 1 diamond, so now Diamond to A for contract.

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Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 6 2	♠ J 10 5 3	♠ A K 7 4									
♥ 10 7	♥ J 9 8 4 3 2	♥ A K Q 6 5									
♦ K 8 7 6 4 3	♦ 10 5	♦ J									
♣ A K	♣ 10	♣ 9 8 7									
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3 NT by West on the lead of 10♣ after south has bid them twice.

Declarer tries Hearts first and gets the bad news, south discarding 2♦. Then J♦ from dummy.

South rises with A and plays second club. After winning you try K♦ but no luck, so it looks like

South has 7C, 3 or 4 D so cannot have 4 Spades. If spades are 3-3 with south holding an honour

then cannot make so have to assume North has 4. So 10♥ covered and won, then AK and another

spade. Defence can take 2 spades, 1 diamond and only 1 heart in the end game.

If you failed to make this, do not worry as 5 grand master pairs (out of 6) also failed to make it!

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Board 7
 East Deals
 Both Vul

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

3 NT by North and 6 ♥ lead.

1S, double by South and simple 3 NT by North.

Counting tricks we have 1S, 3C, 2H so need to develop diamonds.

Win A hearts and play K diamonds, East continues with Q hearts, ducked and another heart. So, East has 5H and has opened 1 spade so must have at least 5 spades. They also have 1 diamond.

To check the rest of the distribution play Q♣ and club to K. (East now marked with 5512).

Finesse diamonds cash Q♦, cross to club and exit with heart just losing 3H and 1 diamond as East now end played.

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Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

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

7 ♥ by East, lead is a trump.

Who doesn't like a grand slam but team mates will not be happy if you go down!

It looks like a guess in the club suit for our 13th trick.

So, cash 2 more trumps and north discards a small club and diamond. Now K spades and A spades (sometimes there is QJ doubleton, but never against me!) and ruff a spade. 9 of south's cards are known, so now A, K and ruff a diamond. Child's play now to play club to the king and finesse the club. Go back to happy team mates!