

Missing Cards Break %

2 Missing Cards

1-1 Break 52%
2-0 Break 48%

3 Missing Cards

2-1 Break 78%
3-0 Break 22%

4 Missing Cards

2-2 Break 40%
3-1 Break 50%
4-0 Break 10%

5 Missing Cards

3-2 Break 68%
4-1 Break 28%
5-0 Break 4%

6 Missing Cards

3-3 Break 36%
4-2 Break 48%
5-1 Break 15%
6-0 Break 1%

7 Missing Cards

4-3 Break 62%
5-2 Break 30%
6-1 Break 7%
7-0 Break 1%

North

East

South

West

Don't Panic – Be Happy

		<u>North</u>		Hand 1	
		♠ Q 3		Dealer South	
		♥ 4 3 2			
		♦ A Q J T 9 8			
		♣ A 5			
West	♠ J T 9 8 7		♠ K 6 5 4		East
	♥ 5		♥ 8 7 6		
	♦ 7 6 5		♦ K 4 3		
	♣ 8 7 6 2		♣ K 4 3		
		♠ A 2			
		♥ A K Q J T 9			
		♦ 2			
		♣ Q J T 9			
		<u>South (Dealer)</u>			
		6H Contract by South – Lead ♠ J			

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
P	P	1H	P
2S	P	3D	P
4D	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6H	all P

Losers: 2 (1 in S & 1 in C)

Take ace of S, draw trumps, ace of D, Queen of D and if not covered discard 2 of S.

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<u>North</u>		Hand 2 Dealer South	
♠ 5 4 3 2			
♥ Q J T 9			
♦ K 3 2			
♣ A 4			
West	♠ A T ♥ K 8 7 6 ♦ Q J T ♣ 8 7 6 5	♠ void ♥ A 5 4 3 ♦ 9 8 7 6 ♣ K Q J T 9	East
♠ K Q J 9 8 7 6 ♥ 2 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ 3 2			
<u>South</u>			
4S Contract by South – Lead ♦ Q			

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	P
3D	P	4S	all P

Losers: 4 (1 in S, 1 in H, 1 in D & 1 in C)

Take the lead with ace in hand, play 2 of H. If D is returned, take it with K. Play another H and discard your D loser from hand. Your H is established to discard your C loser.

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		<u>North</u>		Hand 3	
		♠ 4 3 2		Dealer South	
		♥ 4 3			
		♦ A 2			
		♣ A J T 9 8 7			
West	♠ 9 8 7			♠ A 6 5	East
	♥ Q J T 9			♥ K 8 7 6 5	
	♦ K 4 3			♦ 8 7 6 5	
	♣ K 5 4			♣ 6	
		♠ K Q J T			
		♥ A 2			
		♦ Q J T 9			
		♣ Q 3 2			
		<u>South</u>			
3NT Contract by South – Lead ♥ Q					

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1NT	P
3NT	P	P	P

Top Tricks 3 (1 in H, 1 in D & 1 in C)

We need 6 more. They have to come from minor suits (C only is not enough). We should finesse D first otherwise we can't come back to our hand.

If West covers the Queen, we make 11 tricks. If he doesn't cover, we switch to C and make 9 tricks.

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<u>North</u>		Hand 4 Dealer North	
♠ A J 7			
♥ A J T 9 5 3			
♦ 9 4			
♣ J 5			
<u>West</u>	♠ 6 4 2	♠ Q 9 8 3	<u>East</u>
	♥ 4	♥ 7	
	♦ K 8 7 6 3	♦ Q J T 2	
	♣ T 8 6 2	♣ Q 9 7 3	
♠ K T 5 ♥ K Q 8 6 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ A K 4 <u>South</u>			
6 H Contract by North – Lead ♦ Q			

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1H	P	4NT	P
5H	P	5NT	P
6C	P	6H	All P

In H slam contract our losers are:

One in C, one D and 1 Spade. We are likely to get Q of D lead. We take the ace and draw trumps.

We can ruff our C loser but looks as playing to finesse for Q of S is pure chance, a 50% chance indeed.

We can change it to 100% by playing out the clubs by ruffing the 3rd C and now play our D, end playing opponents.

If they now play spades, our problem is solved and we make the 3 spade tricks. If they play D or C, we now can ruff in one hand and discard a spade in the other hand, problem solved.

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North ♠ K J 2 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ A J T 7		Hand 5 Dealer South	
West ♠ 8 5 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ J T 9 5 ♣ 9 5 4 2	♠ A Q T 9 4 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ K 6 South	East ♠ 7 6 3 ♥ K T 9 5 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ Q 8 3	
4 S Contract by South – Lead ♦ J			

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
4S	P	1S	P
		P	P

In Spades contract, we may get Jack of D lead.
 Our losers are: 3 in Hearts, one in D. We need to eliminate one of them and C is our best bet.

We should take the D lead with King in our hand and leave the ace in Dummy as an entry later. This is crucial
 We then draw the trumps in 3 rounds.

Our attention is now how to play the C. We should play the king, follow by the ace and then Jack of C. As it is here, East will play the Q, we ruff and go back to dummy using ace of D and playing the ten of C giving us a discard to make 10 tricks.

If when playing the Jack of C East happened to play a small card, we simply discard a H (not D). They may take two more H tricks but that is it!! We have Ten of Clubs to discard our D loser, making 10 tricks

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		<u>North</u>			Hand 6 Dealer South
		♠ T 9 8 4 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ Q T 4			
West	♠ A 2 ♥ Q J T 4 ♦ T 7 4 ♣ J 9 7 2		♠ K 5 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ 9 6 5 2 ♣ A 8 6 3	East	
		♠ Q J 7 6 3 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ A K 3 ♣ K 5 <u>South</u>			
4 S Contract by South – Lead ♥ Q					

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	P
3C	P	3D	P
4S	P	P	P

Losers: 4 (2 in S, 1 in h and 1 in C)

Our only chance is to establish a discard in C. Ace of C will be lost. To establish a C, position of Jack of C is crucial and it need to be with West (a 50% chance). So we should play King of C first and then finesse the jack by playing 5 towards the Ten.

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<u>North</u>		Hand 7
♠ A 8 7		Dealer South
♥ T 5 3		
♦ A K J 8		
♣ Q T 7		
West	♠ Q T 2 ♥ K Q J 6 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6	East
	♠ 9 5 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ T 4 3 ♣ J 9 5 3 2	
♠ K J 6 4 3 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A K 4 <u>South</u>		
6 S Contract by South – Lead ♥ K		

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	P
3NT	P	4C	P
4D	P	4H	P
4S	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6S	all pass

Losers: 3 (1 in S, 2 in H)

We should take the H lead with ace. Cash ace and king of S. If queen drops (around 30% chance), we draw the last trump and discard our H losers on D making 13.

If Queen doesn't drop, we then play D and discard our H losers. As long as the opponent with the queen of S has 3 cards in D, we make our contract.