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Dealer :North Vul :	NORTH ♠ K5 ♥ KJ2 ♦ QJ1053 ♣ AK7	
WEST ♠ 96 ♥ 10874 ♦ K94 ♣ J1063	Deal 1	EAST ♠ A107432 ♥ Q95 ♦ A6 ♣ 54
	SOUTH ♠ QJ8 ♥ A63 ♦ 872 ♣ Q981	

East	South	West	North
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1 Spade	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All Pass	

Partner leads the ♠9, covered by the ♠K. What is your plan?

Your plan should be to set up and run the spades. You have one entry (the ♦A) and, as South probably has ♠Q-J-x and hence two stoppers, you hope partner has an entry too (most likely the ♦K). To effect this plan (a) partner must get in before you do and (b) partner must have another spade to lead.

You should duck the first trick to keep communications open, playing the ♠7 to encourage. Later, you duck the first diamond, allowing partner to win and continue spades.

Dealer : South Vul :	NORTH ♠ Q1083 ♥ 82 ♦ AKQ5 ♣ 873	
WEST ♠ K542 ♥ K1043 ♦ 943 ♣ Q5	Deal 2	EAST ♠ 76 ♥ Q75 ♦ 876 ♣ AJ1094
	SOUTH ♠ AJ9 ♥ AJ96 ♦ J102 ♣ K62	

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 NT*	Pass
2 Club**	X	2 Heart	Pass
2 Spade	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		
* 12-13	** Stayman		

Partner leads the ♣Q. What is your plan?

While you would like to set up and run your suit, as on the previous deal, you know it is not going to happen this time. The ♣Q lead indicates a doubleton, so declarer can always shut out the club suit (by ducking if you do).

Your plan should be to make two club tricks, two heart tricks and a spade. You play the ♠J (or the ♠9) at trick one, obliging declarer to hold up.

You can win the next club and switch to the ♥5 .

Partner wins with the ♥10 and continues hearts, making the ♥K and ♠K later.