

Basic Squeeze - of one defender

Board 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ A Q J 8 4
♥ A 7
♦ Q 8 3
♣ K Q 5



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 N	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 N	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	5 N	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	7 ♠	All pass	
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
1. W	♥ K	3	2
			<u>A</u>

Declarer has quick tricks = ? 12 total tricks

What do we know after opening lead: West has H KQ

Possible extra trick : ? 4th D if suit breaks 3-3

but if not, perhaps...

if W has 4 ds, declarer can squeeze him for the 13th trick

Threat cards: ? 1. Declarer's 4th D, 2. JH

Guard suits are ? Ds and Hs by West

Play: Declarer cashes all winners exc. Ds. When declarer plays last trump, W cannot keep both the 4th D and the Q ht and is squeezed out of discarding one of these cards.

Simple Squeeze - Which Opponent?

Board 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	5 N	Pass	1 N
All pass			7 N
Lead: ♥ J			

Try to fill in answers yourself
 What does opening lead tell us? East has the ____
 Thus one threat card is ____
 How many tricks do you have? ____
 Is there a 2nd squeeze suit? which is? ____
 Play: Cash all winners; 4s, 3d, on the 4th d, E is stuck

Board 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

Opp's Bidding can help

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

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



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
			1 ♥	
2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	
All pass				
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♠ A	2	7	6
2. W	♠ Q	3	10	8
3. W	♦ 6	-	-	-

What does the bidding tell you about W shape? _____

Losers: 2 s, maybe 1 ht but finessing E for it, 1 C.

What are your threat cards? _____ and _____

(Good news is W may well have to guard both of your threats.

I will get u started. Lead the Ht 8 and finesse, lead the T and finesse again, 7 and again

Trump are drawn in 4 rounds, East has discarded what ? _____

SQUEEZE ON !!

Preempt means partner has other suits

Board 4
North Deals
E-W Vul

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

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♦ A 2		♦ 10 6 3			
♣ K 9 5 4		♣ 7			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	3 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
1. W	♥ 2	Q	A
2. E	♣ 7	4	10

Long hts in E means W is likely having to guard the other 2 (minor) suits. This makes a squeeze quite likely.

You have 1 H loser, and 1 or 2 C losers. However, one club loser goes on extra D trick.

The C7 return appears to be a singleton.

SQUEEZE AWAY !! and try to make **SIX** for a great board.

Simple Squeeze - Opp Lead creates guard card

Board 10
North Deals
None Vul

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

N
W E
S

♠ A J 7 6 5 4
♥ J 7 6
♦ A 5 3
♣ A

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>		<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	3 ♣		3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass		
<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♥ K	♠ A	4	6
2. N	♠ K	2	4	3
3. N	♠ Q	10	5	9
4. N	♦ 4	9	3	2
5. E	♣ K	♠ A	4	3
6. S	♠ A	♣ 8	8	♣ 2
7. S	♠ J	♣ 10	♥ 5	♣ 5
8. S	♠ 7	♥ 2	♣ J	♣ 6
9. S	♠ 6	-	-	-

Try this squeeze on your own. If you need help, the plays are just above