Two-Suit Strip Squeeze
by Richard Pavlicek

A two-suit strip squeeze is a common technique that comes in many varieties. An opponent with a critical holding (stopper or exit card) in two suits is squeezed into a predicament where he can be thrown in for material gain, typically to lead from an honor. Note that a strip squeeze, by definition, always involves the loss of at least one trick.

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2. Establishment strip squeeze

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Two heart winners needed without spade control.

7. Dual fork duck strip squeeze

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8. Submarine positional squeeze

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♦ — NT
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♦ 2

Auto case is simple heart finesse.

13. Double fork strip squeeze

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♥ K Q
♦ —
♣ —

♠ Q 10
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14. Double trim fork strip squeeze

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♠ A 10 5
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15. Combined finesse strip squeeze

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If West pitches a spade, lead ♠ J from South.

16. Guard strip squeeze

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17. Crisscross strip squeeze

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♥ K 7 6
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18. Combined finesse strip squeeze

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If West pitches a spade, lead ♠ J from South.

19. Guard strip squeeze

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### 18. Fratricide squeeze or establishment

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If West ducks ♠ K, pitch ♠ J and establish heart.

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### 23. Vice squeeze

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   2. S ♠ K!
   ♠ Q J
   ♥ A
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   ♠ A 9 5
   ♥ —
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   ♠ K
   ♥ K
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   South
   Leads

25. Split vice or fork strip squeeze NT 10 4
   1. S ♠ A! ♠ A ♥ 4! ♥ 10
   2. S ♠ Q!
   ♠ A J
   ♥ K 9
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   ♠ 10 4
   ♥ A 4
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   South
   Leads

26. Vice duck strip squeeze NT 10 4
   1. S ♠ A! ♠ Q 2 ♠ 7
   2. S ♠ 4! 2 ♠ K 8
   3. N ♠ 5 9 ♠ A
   ♠ K 10
   ♥ K 5
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   ♠ A J
   ♥ 4
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   South
   Leads

27. Vice duck double strip squeeze I NT 10 4
   1. S ♠ A! ♥ 10 ♠ 4! ♠ J
   2. S ♥ 4! J ♠ A Q
   3. N ♠ 5
   ♠ 10 4
   ♥ —
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   ♠ K 10
   ♥ 4
   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   South
   Leads

28. Vice duck double strip squeeze II NT 10 4
   1. S ♠ A! ♠ Q 2 ♠ 7
   2. S ♠ 8 6 ♠ K 10
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   4. N ♠ 5
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   ♥ —
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   ♠ 10 4
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   ♦ —
   ♣ —
   South
   Leads

29. Winkle squeeze NT 10 4
   1. S ♠ A! ♠ 2 ♠ 6
   2. S ♥ A! ♥ J ♠ 4 2
   3. S ♠ Q
   ♠ J 9 4
   ♥ —
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   South
   Leads

30. Does not work if ♠ A and ♠ K switched.
30. Forced duck fork strip squeeze

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♠ Q 9 8 NT
♥ 4 win 4
♦ — auto re
♣ 2

♠ A J 10
♥ K J
♦ —
♣ —

♠ K 4
♥ A Q
♦ —
♣ A South
leads

31. Establishment fork strip squeeze

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♥ A 4 win 5
♦ — re
♣ 2

♠ K J 10
♥ K 10 7
♦ —
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♠ Q 4 ♥ Q 9 5
♦ — South
♣ A leads

Gains 2 tricks.

32. Forced finesse unblock strip squeeze

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|       | ♠ J 10 9 8

♠ Q 5 NT
♥ 4 2 win 3
♦ — bi
♣ 2

♠ A 7 6
♥ K J
♦ —
♣ —

♠ K 4
♥ A Q
♦ — South
♣ 4 leads

If South had ♠ A, cashing it wins 4 tricks.

33. Establishment or fork strip squeeze

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♠ — NT
♥ J 5 win 3
♦ — auto bi
♣ K J 4

♠ —
♥ A 4
♦ —
♣ A 9 8

Crucial to lead ♠ 10 not queen.

34. Squash establishment strip squeeze

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♠ K Q 10 9 NT
♥ — win 3
♦ — auto
♣ —

♠ J 6 5
♥ A
♦ —
♣ —

♠ 4 2 ♥ K
♦ — South
♣ A leads

35. Guard establishment strip squeeze

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♥ K 7 6 5 win 5
♦ —
♣ —

♠ J 6 5
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♦ —
♣ —

♠ J 10 9 ♥ Q 3 2
♦ —
♣ —

♠ A South
leads
36. **Establishment dual fork strip squeeze**

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**South leads**

 Gain 2 tricks.

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37. **Seesaw strip squeeze**

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**South leads**

Also works if South void in spades (♥ A-10-4-3).

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38. **Unblock seesaw strip squeeze**

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**South leads**

Also works if North void in hearts (♣ A-10-4-3).

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39. **Overtake seesaw strip squeeze**

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**South leads**

Also works if South void in spades (♥ A-10-4-3).

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40. **Gambit finesse seesaw strip squeeze**

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**South leads**

Also works if South void in hearts (♣ A-10-6-5).

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41. **Unblock overtake seesaw strip squeeze**

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**South leads**

Also works if North void in hearts (♣ A-10-4-3).
### 42. Seesaw jettison strip squeeze

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- **♠ A 9 8**
- ** ♥ -**
- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### South leads

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. S ♥ Q! ♥ A K
2. N ♠ - KJ

#### West leads

#### South leads

### 43. Extended seesaw jettison strip squeeze

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- **♠ A 8 7 6**
- ** ♥ -**
- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### South leads

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. S ♥ Q! ♥ KJ
2. N ♠ J 10 9
3. N ♠ - ♣ KQ

#### West leads

### 44. Winner jettison anti fork strip

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- **♠ K J**
- ** ♥ -**
- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### North hand must be hidden

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A! ♥ Q ♥ 2
2. W ♥ K?

#### West leads

### 45. Winner jettison anti forced duck fork strip

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- **♠ A J 10**
- ** ♥ -**
- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A!

#### West leads

### 46. Winner jettison gambit anti fork strip

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- **♠ K**
- ** ♥ -**
- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### North hand must be hidden

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A! ♥ Q ♥ 2
2. W ♥ K?

#### West leads

### 47. Fork removal anti fork strip squeeze

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- **♠ K J**
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- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### South leads

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. S ♥ A 3!

#### West leads

### Anti two-suit strip squeeze

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- **南**
- **西**

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#### North hand must be hidden

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A!

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- ** ♥ -**
- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
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#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A!

#### West leads

### 46. Winner jettison gambit anti fork strip

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- **North**
- **West**

#### North hand must be hidden

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A! ♥ Q ♥ 2
2. W ♥ K?

#### West leads

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- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### South leads

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. S ♥ 3!

#### West leads

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#### Anti two-suit strip squeeze

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- **North**
- **West**

#### North hand must be hidden

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A!

#### West leads

### 45. Winner jettison anti forced duck fork strip

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- ** ♥ -**
- **♦ -**
- ** ♣ -**

- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
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#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A!

#### West leads

### 46. Winner jettison gambit anti fork strip

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- **西**

- **North**
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#### North hand must be hidden

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. W ♥ A ♥ A! ♥ Q ♥ 2
2. W ♥ K?

#### West leads

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- **南**
- **西**

- **North**
- **West**

#### South leads

#### Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th

1. S ♥ 3!

#### West leads
48. Timing duck anti establishment squeeze

- **Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th**

  1. **W ♠ K**
  2. **3 9!**

- **Card Play**

  - ♠ K 6 5
  - ♥ 2
  - ♦ —
  - ♣ K Q

- **Notes**

  - West leads auto bi

49. Entry committal anti vice duck squeeze

- **Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th**

  1. **S ♠ 6!**
  2. **5 7 A**
  3. **E ♥ 2 9 J 6!**
  4. **♠ 5 4**

- **Card Play**

  - ♠ A 7 6
  - ♥ A K 9
  - ♦ 3 2
  - ♣ A 4

- **Notes**

  - West leads auto bi

50. Finesse kill anti seesaw squeeze

- **Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th**

  1. **W ♠ 2 J!**
  2. **K 4**

- **Card Play**

  - ♠ A 10 3
  - ♥ 2
  - ♦ —
  - ♣ A Q 2

- **Notes**

  - West leads auto bi

51. Entry spoil anti seesaw squeeze

- **Trick Lead 2nd 3rd 4th**

  1. **S ♠ Q!**

- **Card Play**

  - ♠ A 10 3 2
  - ♥ A J 10
  - ♦ —
  - ♣ K 10

- **Notes**

  - South leads auto bi

Note that a low club seesaw-squeezes North.