

Play Techniques

In all questions below, West is the declarer and East is dummy.

1. How do you play the spade suit for the number of tricks indicated? You have entries in other suits to both hands.

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4. You are in 1NT. North leads the \spadesuit Q. You win the first trick. What is your plan and which card do you play to trick two?

	West	East	Bidding	West	East
\spadesuit	762	\spadesuit 84		1NT	All pass
\heartsuit	J754	\heartsuit 1032			
\diamondsuit	AK53	\diamondsuit 972			
\clubsuit	A7	\clubsuit KQJ63			

Why did East not bid $2\clubsuit$?

5. You are declarer in 3NT. At trick one, North leads \spadesuit 5 and South plays \spadesuit Q. What is your plan ? Which suit are you going to develop ?

	West	East	Bidding	West	East
\spadesuit	AK	\spadesuit 72		$2\clubsuit$ (1)	$2\diamondsuit$ (2)
\heartsuit	AJ43	\heartsuit 952		2NT	3NT
\diamondsuit	A83	\diamondsuit K7642		All pass	
\clubsuit	AK52	\clubsuit 863		(1) 23+HCP	(2) 0-6 HCP