

Defence – Third and Second Hand Play

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| <div><div><div>♠KJ9</div><div>♥AJ87</div><div>♦1073</div><div>♣A76</div></div><div><div>♠8743</div><div>♥K109</div><div>♦92</div><div>♣8532</div></div><div><div>♠652</div><div>♥654</div><div>♦AKQJ</div><div>♣1094</div></div><div><div>♠AQ10</div><div>♥Q32</div><div>♦8654</div><div>♣KQJ</div></div></div> | <div>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div>1NT</div><div>Pass</div><div>3NT</div></div></div> <div>All Pass</div> <div>East cashes ♦A K Q J. From then on the contract is defeated if West keeps his ♥K for dummy's ♥Q. For example, if East switches to a heart at trick 5 and dummy plays low, West must play ♥9. Alternatively, if declarer ever leads ♥Q from dummy West must cover with ♥K, promoting a trick for his ♥10.</div> |
| <div><div><div>♠K432</div><div>♥1098</div><div>♦852</div><div>♣J65</div></div><div><div>♠J5</div><div>♥J62</div><div>♦KJ9</div><div>♣KQ742</div></div><div><div>♠AQ10987</div><div>♥743</div><div>♦AQ10</div><div>♣A</div></div><div><div>♠6</div><div>♥AKQ5</div><div>♦7643</div><div>♣10983</div></div></div> | <div>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div>1♠</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>2♣</div><div>Pass</div><div>3♠</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>4♠</div><div>All Pass</div><div></div><div></div></div></div> <div>South cashes ♥A K Q. From then on the fate of the contract depends on what happens when declarer leads ♠J from dummy. If North covers with ♠K declarer loses no spade trick. If North keeps his ♠K declarer has an inescapable trump loser. Declarer doesn't have enough spades in dummy to catch North's ♠K.</div> |
| <div><div><div>♠AQ10</div><div>♥QJ9</div><div>♦8654</div><div>♣KQJ</div></div><div><div>♠652</div><div>♥1083</div><div>♦AKQJ</div><div>♣1094</div></div><div><div>♠8743</div><div>♥K54</div><div>♦92</div><div>♣8532</div></div><div><div>♠KJ9</div><div>♥A762</div><div>♦1073</div><div>♣A76</div></div></div> | <div>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>1NT</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>3NT</div><div>All Pass</div><div></div></div></div> <div>West cashes ♦A K Q J. From then on the fate of the contract depends on what happens when declarer leads ♥Q from dummy. If East covers with ♥K declarer can take his ♥A and finesse ♥9 for his ninth trick. If East keeps his ♥K for the second heart honour declarer makes only eight tricks.</div> |

| <p>♠A ♥AK53 ♦7643 ♣10983</p> <p>♠Q109876 ♠J52 ♥74 ♥QJ62 ♦AK10 ♦QJ9 ♣AK ♣Q42</p> <p>♠K43 ♥1098 ♦852 ♣J765</p> | <p>Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1 ♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3 ♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>4 ♠</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <p>North starts by cashing ♥A K From then on the fate of the contract depends on what happens when declarer leads ♠J from dummy. If South covers with ♠K he spectacularly crashes North's ♠A. East shouldn't cover because the bidding marks his partner with a singleton, so there is nothing to promote.</p> | West | North | East | South | 1 ♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ | All Pass |
|--|--|------|----------|------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|----------|
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ | All Pass | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>♠AQ2 ♥Q72 ♦A764 ♣J32</p> <p>♠J764 ♠1098 ♥KJ4 ♥A10653 ♦983 ♦J10 ♣984 ♣Q106</p> <p>♠K53 ♥98 ♦KQ52 ♣AK75</p> | <p>Board 5 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>3NT</td></tr></table> <p>All Pass</p> <p>East leads a fourth highest ♥5. West must play ♥K, third hand high, and return ♥J, allowing the defenders to cash the first five tricks. If West wrongly plays ♥J instead of ♥K at trick 1 declarer gratefully scoops up ♥Q and makes ten easy tricks.</p> | West | North | East | South | | 1NT | Pass | 3NT | | | | |
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1NT | Pass | 3NT | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>♠74 ♥A109 ♦8643 ♣8654</p> <p>♠K865 ♠AJ109 ♥643 ♥872 ♦QJ10 ♦AK7 ♣AJ7 ♣KQ2</p> <p>♠Q32 ♥KQJ5 ♦952 ♣1093</p> | <p>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1 ♠</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3 ♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>4 ♠</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <p>The defenders cash three heart tricks, leaving declarer needing to find ♠Q. He might try leading ♠J, tempting South to cover with ♠Q if he has it. South should not be tempted. Declarer surely has ♠10 as well, otherwise he wouldn't be playing ♠J. He has a guess for ♠Q and if South plays low declarer might overtake ♠J with ♠K and finesse spades the other way. Don't cover jacks with queens if declarer may have to guess who has the queen.</p> | West | North | East | South | | | 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ | All Pass |
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1 ♠ | Pass | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ | All Pass | | | | | | | | | | |

| <div>♠K53</div> <div>♥J65</div> <div>♦K75</div> <div>♣AK75</div> <div>♠1098</div> <div>♥Q8742</div> <div>♦AJ</div> <div>♣Q106</div> <div>♠J764</div> <div>♥K103</div> <div>♦983</div> <div>♣984</div> <div>♠AQ2</div> <div>♥A9</div> <div>♦Q10642</div> <div>♣J32</div> | <div>Board 7 : Dealer South : All vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>3NT</td><td>All Pass</td><td>1NT</td></tr></table> <div>West leads a fourth highest ♥4. If dummy plays ♥J East must take ♥K and return ♥10 if declarer withholds his ♥A, However if dummy plays ♥5 North must make the ‘surrounding play’ of ♥10, keeping his ♥K to deal with dummy’s ♥J. The defenders should take four heart tricks and ♦A.</div> | West | North | East | South | Pass | 3NT | All Pass | 1NT | | | | |
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| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | 1NT | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div>♠75</div> <div>♥Q752</div> <div>♦AKJ</div> <div>♣J1084</div> <div>♠AQ10432</div> <div>♥KJ</div> <div>♦Q2</div> <div>♣AQ7</div> <div>♠KJ98</div> <div>♥10986</div> <div>♦86</div> <div>♣K62</div> <div>♠6</div> <div>♥A43</div> <div>♦1097543</div> <div>♣953</div> | <div>Board 8 : Dealer West : Love All</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♠</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>4♠</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td>Pass</td></tr></table> <div>Declarer is bound to lose two diamond tricks. The crucial part of the hand comes when he leads a heart from dummy. South is second hand, and should play low without dithering. The fate of the contract then depends on whether declarer guesses hearts correctly.</div> | West | North | East | South | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | | Pass |
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| <div>♠KJ9</div> <div>♥AJ76</div> <div>♦1073</div> <div>♣A76</div> <div>♠8743</div> <div>♥K54</div> <div>♦92</div> <div>♣8532</div> <div>♠652</div> <div>♥1098</div> <div>♦AKQJ</div> <div>♣1094</div> <div>♠AQ10</div> <div>♥Q32</div> <div>♦8654</div> <div>♣KQJ</div> | <div>Board 1 (Talk) : Dealer North : Love All</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>All pass</td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>3NT</td></tr></table> <div>East cashes ♦A K Q J. From then on the contract is defeated if West keeps his ♥K for dummy’s ♥Q. For example, if East switches to ♥10 at trick 5 and dummy plays low, West must play ♥4. Alternatively, if declarer ever leads ♥Q from dummy North must cover with ♥K, promoting a trick for East’s ♥10. West may not know East has ♥10, but he should cover an honour with an honour in the hope of promoting a winner in East’s hand.</div> | West | North | East | South | All pass | 1NT | Pass | 3NT | | | | |
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| <p>♠8743 ♥K654 ♦4 ♣8532</p> <p>♠AQ10 ♠KJ9 ♥QJ109 ♥A72 ♦10985 ♦7632 ♣K4 ♣A97</p> <p>♠652 ♥83 ♦AKQJ ♣QJ106</p> | | <p><i>Board 2 (Talk) : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</i></p> <table><tr><th><i>West</i></th><th><i>North</i></th><th><i>East</i></th><th><i>South</i></th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3NT</td><td>All pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>South cashes ♦A K Q J. From then on the fate of the contract depends on what happens when declarer leads ♥Q from dummy. If North covers with ♥K declarer can make four heart tricks. If South keeps his ♥K (not covering until the last of touching honours is played) declarer makes only three heart tricks and eight tricks in total.</p> | | | | <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> | | | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3NT | All pass | | |
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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1NT | Pass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3NT | All pass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |