

## Defence – Third and Second Hand Play : Recap

<div><div><div>♠KJ9</div><div>♥A10</div><div>♦10732</div><div>♣A972</div></div><div><div>♠8743</div><div>♥K6542</div><div>♦9</div><div>♣853</div></div><div><div>♠652</div><div>♥83</div><div>♦AKQJ</div><div>♣J1064</div></div><div><div>♠AQ10</div><div>♥QJ97</div><div>♦8654</div><div>♣KQ</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>2♣</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2♦</div><div>Pass</div><div>3NT</div></div><div><div>All Pass</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div> <div>East cashes ♦A K Q J. From then on the fate of the contract depends on what happens when declarer leads ♥Q from dummy. If West 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 two heart tricks and eight tricks in total. Note that declarer shouldn't cover ♥J on the second round either. Declarer played ♥10 on the first round, so ♥J 9 are now equals.</div>
<div><div><div>♠K4</div><div>♥A43</div><div>♦8753</div><div>♣Q1095</div></div><div><div>♠Q32</div><div>♥1095</div><div>♦QJ</div><div>♣AKJ32</div></div><div><div>♠AJ987</div><div>♥762</div><div>♦AK6</div><div>♣74</div></div><div><div>♠1065</div><div>♥KQJ8</div><div>♦10942</div><div>♣86</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>2♠</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>4♠</div><div>All Pass</div><div></div><div></div></div></div> <div>The defenders cash three heart tricks leaving declarer needing to pick up the spades without losing a trick. He might guess correctly and lead ♠2 to ♠J. If, however, he leads ♠Q from dummy North must cover with ♠K, promoting a trick for South's ♠10.</div>
<div><div><div>♠K53</div><div>♥Q98</div><div>♦K75</div><div>♣AK75</div></div><div><div>♠1098</div><div>♥K7653</div><div>♦J10</div><div>♣Q106</div></div><div><div>♠J764</div><div>♥AJ4</div><div>♦983</div><div>♣984</div></div><div><div>♠AQ2</div><div>♥102</div><div>♦AQ642</div><div>♣J32</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 leads a fourth highest ♥5. If dummy plays ♥Q North must take ♥A and return ♥J, allowing the defenders to win the first five tricks. If, however, dummy plays ♥8 East must play ♥J, keeping his ♥A to deal with dummy's ♥Q. When ♥J wins the trick East knows partner has ♥K so he cashes ♥A and continues with his third heart.</div>