

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

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**PLAY BY THIRD PLAYER
AGAINST NO TRUMP CONTRACTS
& RULE OF ELEVEN**

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AIMS OF THE DEFENCE

- 1 TO DEFEAT THE CONTRACT**
- 2 TO LIMIT THE DECLARER'S TRICKS**
- 3 TO AVOID GIVING AWAY TRICKS**

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PRINCIPLES

- 1 LISTEN TO THE BIDDING**
- 2 WORK OUT THE HAND**
- 3 IDENTIFY SOURCES OF TRICKS**
- 4 COMMUNICATE WITH PARTNER**

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COMMUNICATE WITH PARTNER

BRIDGE IS A PARTNERSHIP GAME

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YOU AND YOUR PARTNER WILL DO
VERY MUCH BETTER IF YOU **WORK
TOGETHER** AND COMBINE YOUR
ASSETS.

AS PLAYER NOT ON LEAD HOW DO
YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PARTNER
HAS?

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LISTEN TO THE BIDDING

North 1♥ (P) South 1♠ (P)
 2♥ (P) 3NT

What do we know?

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Partner leads 4♣
What do we know?

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WHAT DOES YOUR PARTNER HOLD
IN THE ♣ SUIT?
CAN YOU WORK IT OUT?

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A LOW CARD WAS LED, SO S/HE HAS FOUR OR MORE TO AN HONOUR AND WILL HAVE LED FOURTH HIGHEST.

WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE CLUBS?

HOW CAN YOU TELL?

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USE THE RULE OF 11

YOU TAKE THE NUMBER LED (4) AWAY FROM 11 = 7

THIS IS THE NUMBER OF CLUBS BIGGER THAN THE 4 IN THE OTHER 3 HANDS (DUMMY, YOURS AND DECLARER)

YOU CAN SEE DUMMY AND YOUR HAND SO WHAT'S LEFT IS HELD BY DECLARER.

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**YOU AS EAST YOU HOLD A♣ J♣ 7♣
WHAT DO YOU PLAY AT TRICK ONE?
WHAT DO YOU PLAY AT TRICK TWO?**

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WITH 3 CARDS IN THE SUIT WIN (OR TRY TO) AND RETURN THE MIDDLE CARD

WITH 4 OR MORE CARDS WIN (OR TRY TO) AND RETURN THE 4TH HIGHEST

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General Rule: if dummy has low cards only, **third hand plays high**

With two or more touching high cards, **play the lower one**, e.g. Jack from Q J. This can help partner to work out where the high cards are.

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But ...

PLAYING HIGH ON THE FIRST TRICK MAY BE WRONG (OR AT LEAST NOT THE BEST)

	N	
	Q86	
W		E (you)
5 led		KT4

Where are the other cards?

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5 from 11 = 6. We can see 5 cards higher than the 5, therefore declarer has only 1 higher. What should we play?

We should play the Ten. If declarer wins with the Ace, we have the King “over” the Queen, and partner will be able to lead the Jack when next on lead.

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If declarer wins with the Jack, that is the only trick declarer can make – declarer would **always** come to one trick if we seek to establish defensive winners in this suit

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	Q9 <u>5</u>	
	3	
	AK854	
<u>8</u> 4	Q652	AJT32
QT8642		75
QJ7		932
T8	K76	K43
	AKJ9	
	T6	
	AJ97	

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Bidding: S	W	N	E
		1♦	1♠
X	P	2♣	P
3NT	All pass		

Lead is ♠8
 ♠5 played from dummy.
 What do you play as East?
 ♠A? ♠J? ♠T?

NB Rule of 11 is **NOT** used here as partner on lead has led your suit.

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and now ...
 TIME TO DO SOME THINKING ...

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