



**Declarer Play**



**Making the  
Contract**



**Write down some  
common  
bridge “sayings”**

**Second hand low**

**Third hand high**

**Lead UP to an  
honour**

**Cover an  
honour**

**Always mention a four  
card major**

**Aces kill kings**



**Six five.....come alive!**



**One up.....shut up!**



**Many a man  
has been  
left walking  
the  
Embankment  
for not  
leading  
trump.**





**Eight ever.....**

**Nine.....never**

**Third hand High**

**Second hand low**

**Eight ever, nine never**

**Many a woman has been left walking the embankment**

**One up, shut up.**

**Bid to the fit**

**Aces Kill Kings – cover an honour**



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
MAKE A  
PLAN**

# Questions to answer

How many tricks have I got – how many do I need?

How many losers do I have.

Do I take trump out or do I need them to ruff?

Can I get back and forth when I need to?

What is plan A.....and what is plan B?

**In 15 seconds!**

**First part of plan:**

**Count your wins**



Dummy

♠ AKQJ

You

♠ T987

Dummy

♠ AKQJT98

You

♠ 7

Dummy

♠ A

You

♠ K



Dummy

♠ AK8765

You

♠ 432

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(b)

Dummy

♠ KQJT98

You

♠ A

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(e)



Winners counted. Extra tricks needed.

**Second part of plan:**

**Where do extra tricks generally  
come from?**

# Extra Tricks:

**Finesse**

**Long suits**

**Cross ruffing**

**Ruffing in trumps**

*Making declarer's play  
against this position*

**K23**

**AQJ987**

Dummy

♠ AKQJ

You

♠ T987

*defence*

Dummy

♠ 98

♥ T7

♦ A98765

♣ K62

You

♠ KQJT3

♥ A3

♦ K32

♣ AQ3

## 3 NT by South

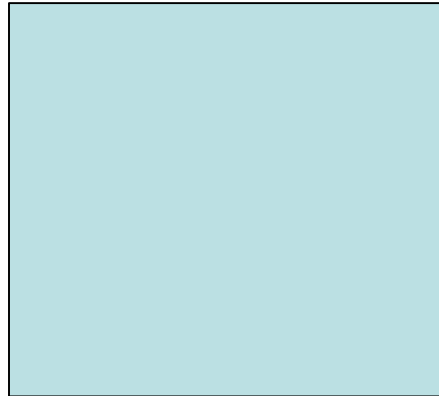
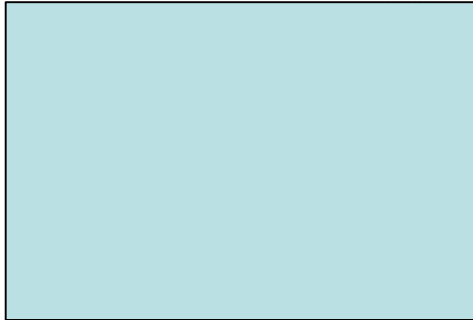


**Count your winners**

**Where can you make  
the extras?**

**Count your losers?**

♠ 8 5 4  
 ♥ A Q  
 ♦ 7 5 4 2  
 ♣ A K 6 4



♠ A Q  
 ♥ J 9 4  
 ♦ A K J 8 3  
 ♣ 10 5 3

**West**

**North**

**East**

**South**

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INT

Pass

3NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

**6 winners**

**Need 3  
 more  
 tricks**

♠ Q 7 6 3

♥ K 6

♦ 8 5 4 2

♣ A 7 5



♠ A 8 4 2

♥ A Q J 10 9 4

♦ A 7

♣ 4

**West**

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2NT

Pass

Pass

**North**

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Pass

4♥

**East**

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3♣

Pass

**South**

1♥

3♥

Pass

**9 winners**

**Needs 1  
more  
trick.**



♠ J 10 5  
 ♥ K 4  
 ♦ A K 6 4 3  
 ♣ J 9 4

♠ 7 2  
 ♥ J 10 9 8 3  
 ♦ Q J 9 5  
 ♣ K 2

♠ 9 8 6 4 3  
 ♥ Q 7 5 2  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ A 8 5

♠ A K Q  
 ♥ A 6  
 ♦ 10 7 2  
 ♣ Q 10 7 6 3

**West**

**North**

**East**

**South**

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INT

Pass

3NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

**7 winners**

**Need to  
 find 2  
 more  
 tricks**

# The practice hands:

**Take time to make a plan.**

**Try not to rely on the finesse.**

**They are all defeatable if  
declarer blows it.**

Dlr: N

Vul: None

 J 10 8 4

 K 7 3

 J 9 5

 A 8 5

 6 5 2

 9 6

 8 3 2


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 A 10 5

 A K 6

 J 6 2

 9 7

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 Q 10 7 4


 9 4

Dlr: S

Vul: None

 6 5 2

 9 6

 8 3 2

 K Q 10 7 3

 9 7 4

 Q J 8 4 2

 Q 4

 9 4 2

 J 10 8

 K 7 3

 J 10 9 5

 A 8 5

 A K Q 3

 A 10 5

 A K 7 6

 J 6

Dlr: N

Vul: None

 QJ842

 AJ

 K73


 K83

 K3

 9852

 J8

 J10976

 65

 1076

 AQ1065

 542

 A1097

 KQ43

 942


 AQ

Dlr: S

Vul: None

 A 9 8 4 3

 10 5

 5 3

 A 7 6 2

 K Q

 A Q J 7 2

 J 9 6 2

 Q 4

 10 7

 K 8 6 3

 A Q 10 8 4

 J 9

 J 6 5 2

 9 4

 K 7

 K 10 8 5 3



Dlr: S

Vul: None

 J 10 6

 9 7 6 2

 10 3 2

 A Q 5

 8 5 4 2

 A K Q 10 3

 A 4

 10 9

 7

 8 5

 9 8 7 5

 J 8 7 6 4 2

 A K Q 9 3

 J 4

 K Q J 6

 K 3







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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32



North



West



East



South



**The tempting finesse....**