

## BLOCKED SUITS

AJ53 DEALER – 2 NT  
AKJ  
A52  
QJ4

10762 Pass  
108742  
J74  
5

94 Pass  
Q93  
K106  
109872

KQ8 6 NT  
65  
Q983  
AK63

East leads the 10 of clubs. Count winners – 4 spades – 2 hearts – 1 diamond – 4 clubs.  
Must develop one more trick. Which hand do you win the lead. Plan your play.

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AKJ DEALER – 2 NT  
A43 3 Diamonds  
QJ98  
AQ9

98 Pass  
1098 Pass  
74  
876542

Q10752  
QJ6 Pass  
1032 Pass  
J10

643 3 Clubs (Stayman)  
K752 6 NT  
AK65  
K3

East leads the J of clubs (Passive lead). You win the K. Count your winners – 2 spades – 2 hearts – 4 diamonds – 3 clubs. Must develop one more trick. What do you lead at trick 2 and why? What's your plan?

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96 OPENER – 1 Diamond  
 KQJ 1 NT  
 AK85  
 7632

A Pass  
 9743 Pass  
 Q1062  
 J1094

843 Pass  
 A865 Pass  
 J743  
 A8

KQJ10752  
 102 1 spade  
 9 4 Spades  
 KQ5

West leads the J of clubs, you play low, East wins the Ace and returns the 8 of clubs.  
 You win the second club. What do you play at trick 3 and why? Look at the club spots.

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J 2 Hearts  
 AKQ32 6 NT  
 9854  
 AQ4

94 Pass  
 98 Pass  
 AQ3  
 J109732

10853 Pass  
 J1075 Pass  
 762  
 86

AKQ762  
 64 DEALER – 1 Spade  
 KJ10 3 NT  
 K5

South, with stoppers in the unbid suits, decides 3 NT is a more descriptive rebid than 3 spades. North clearly has enough to raise to 6 NT facing what is likely to be at least 17-18 high-card points. The near-solid six card spade suit makes up for the lack of HCP.

West leads the J of clubs. Count your tricks. You likely have 6 spades, and at least 3 hearts and 3 clubs for a grand total of 12. Any problems? You win the club lead and what do you play at trick 2 and why?