

COMMUNICATION on DEFENSE

		Q65	Dealer – 1 Diamond	
		K7	Pass	
		QJ1065	Pass	
		K87		
AKJ1084				973
A10	1 Spade			84
K74	3 Spades			A2
J4	Double			2 Spades
				Q109632
				Pass
		2		
		QJ96532	1 Heart	
		983	3 Hearts	
		A5	4 Hearts	

Partner leads the A of spades, dummy plays the 5. What spade do you play and why?

		73	Dealer 1 Diamond	
		J843	Pass	
		KJ85		
		AK3		
85				AK10964
102	Pass			K9765
1072				1 Spade
J87654				Q
				4 Spades
				9
		QJ2		
		AQ	3 NT	
		A9643	Double	
		Q102		

Partner leads the A of diamonds, dummy plays the 2, you play the 8, declarer plays the Q. Partner leads a second diamond, you play the J, declarer ruffs and leads a low heart towards dummy. Partner wins the Q of hearts and returns the Q of spades. Declarer wins the A, and leads another heart, partner wins the A and returns a club. You win the K of clubs. Now what? Why did declarer lead a heart? Why did partner switch to a trump after winning the heart?

Declarer was playing hearts to get rid of dummy's doubleton so he could ruff hearts. Partner worked out that declarer probably had 5 hearts. You didn't open 1 heart. It's time to get rid of dummy's trump. It's tempting to cash the second club, but partner gave you the clue to the right defense, return a spade. No heart ruffs, down three, +500. If you try to cash a second club, down two, +300, You're making 3NT, +460.

		QJ	Dealer – 1 Heart	
		AK1075	3 Clubs (Shortness)	
		QJ975		
		9		
A543				K872
942	Pass			3
102				AK43
10842				7653
		1096		
		QJ86	2 NT (Jacoby)	
		86	4 Hearts	
		AKQJ		

Partner leads the A of diamonds, A from AK, plan your defense.

		752	Dealer – 1 Club	
		10832	3 Hearts	
		K10		
		AKQJ		
96	Pass			AKQ104
J6	Pass			74
J85432				AQ
986				7532
		J83		
		AKQ95		
		976	2 Hearts (10+pts, 5+ hearts)	
		104	Pass	

Partner leads the 9 of spades, you win the Q, play the lowest card to win the trick, not the Ace. If you were leading, you'd lead the Ace. What do you lead at trick 2? Plan your defense.

		KQ6	Dealer – 1 Heart	
		A10962	3 Clubs (Shortness)	
		QJ87		
		6		
10953				A82
K54	Pass			3
102				AK643
10842				9753
		J74		
		QJ87	2 NT (Jacoby)	
		95	4 Hearts	
		AKQJ		

Partner leads the A of diamonds, A from AK, what do you play and why? (see hand on top)