

DEFEND THESE HANDS WITH ME

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| | | 865 | DEALER – 1 CLUB | |
| | | KQ | | |
| | | A63 | | |
| | | KJ1072 | | |
| Q | | | | K10972 |
| 105432 | | | | 986 |
| Q754 | PASS | | | J82 |
| 653 | | | | AQ |
| | | AJ43 | | |
| | | AJ7 | 3 NT | |
| | | K109 | | |
| | | 984 | | |

Q of Spades lead, leading partner's sit. Declarer plays the 5, you play????

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| | | 962 | 2 DIAMONDS | |
| | | K7 | 3 NT | |
| | | AQ9852 | | |
| | | K7 | | |
| Q8754 | | | | A3 |
| A10 | PASS | | | J843 |
| 74 | PASS | | | K63 |
| 9652 | | | | J843 |
| | | KJ10 | | |
| | | Q9652 | DEALER – 1 HEART | |
| | | J10 | 2 NT | |
| | | AQ10 | | |

5 of spades lead, win the Ace, declarer plays the 10, return spade 3, declarer plays the J, you Win the Q, and return ????????

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| | | AK7 | | |
| | | AK4 | DEALER – 2 NT | |
| | | 872 | | |
| | | AK94 | | |
| 8632 | | | | QJ109 |
| QJ108 | | | | 762 |
| A63 | | 54 | 3 NT | 94 |
| 73 | | 953 | | QJ108 |
| | | KQJ105 | | |
| | | 652 | | |

Q spades lead, win, win A, lead 8 diamonds, what card do you play and why?????

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| | | 874 | | |
| | | 764 | | |
| | | KQJ1097 | | |
| QJ103 | | A | | A92 |
| 10932 | | | | QJ PASS |
| 2 | PASS | | | A865 |
| J1063 | | | | 9842 |
| | | K65 | | |
| | | AK85 | DEALER – 1 NT | |
| | | 43 | PASS | |
| | | KQ75 | | |

Q of spades lead, win the ACE. What card do you play at trick 2????

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| | | AJ8 | DEALER – 1 HEART | |
| | | KQJ1085 | 4 HEARTS | |
| | | K109 | | |
| | | Q | | |
| 9765 | | | | Q10432 |
| A3 | 2 SPADES | | | 6 1 SPADE |
| 7543 | | | | AQJ8 |
| A64 | | | | 983 |
| | | K | | |
| | | 9742 | 2 HEARTS | |
| | | 62 | | |
| | | KJ10752 | | |

3 of spades lead, King wins, 2 of hearts led at trick 2, what do you play and why????

WHEN YOU'RE A DEFENDERS:

LEAD ATTACHING COMBINATIONS (suits with touching honors – QJ10x, KQxx, etc.)

DON'T LEAD UNSUPPORTED ACES (unless it's a suit partner has bid)

WHEN IN DOUBT ABOUT WHAT TO LEAD, (lead 4th best card in your longest suit) leading from length is the "standard lead" against NT, often the safest lead to a suit contract

USE DEFENSIVE SIGNALS TO HELP PARTNER DURING THE PLAY: when discarding or following suit, signal with the highest card possible in a suit you want partner to lead, low, no interest

When following suit, use count signals to help partner figure out how many you hold in that suit