

**HOLDING ON**

K2    1 NT  
J2    3 Spades  
5432   4 Spades  
K7432

Q874		63	
97	Pass	8543	Pass
KQJ6	Pass	A987	Pass
J86	Pass	Q109	Pass

AJ1095	DEALER – 1 Spade
AKQ106	3 Hearts
10	4 Hearts
A5	Pass

West leads the K of diamonds, you play the 2, East signals with the 9 of diamonds.  
West continues with the Q, you play the 3, East the 7, you ruff the 2<sup>nd</sup> diamond.  
Cash the Ace and Ki of spades, everyone following. Plan your play.

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93  
1065    # NT  
AKQ42  
742

KJ87542		Q	
9	3 Spades	J87432	Pass
J	Pass	1065	
AQ93		J106	

A106	
AKQ	DEALER – 1 NT
9873	Pass
K85	

West leads the 7 of spades, you play the 3, East plays the Q. West figures to have 7 spades, win the Ace. If you duck, East will shift to the J of clubs. You have 1 spade, 3 hearts, and 5 diamonds for 9 tricks. Plan your play

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J654  
87 3 Clubs  
7642 3 NT  
K74

9732 Pass  
KQ52 Pass  
Q985  
5

Q108  
A643 Pass  
J10 Pass  
J983

AK DEALER – 2NT  
J109 3 Diamonds  
AK3 Pass  
AQ1062

West leads the 5 of hearts, you play the 7, Easy wins the A and returns the 3, remaining count. The defenders take 4 hearts. In order to make this hand you're going to have to bring in the club suit, so don't discard any of those from EITHER hand. From your hand, discard your losing diamond, and from dummy a diamond and a spade, but NO clubs. Take a good look at this club suit. The proper play is to cash the Ace (or Queen), lead over to dummy's honor, and if West shows out, finesse the 10 coming back. You can't make this play unless you keep THREE clubs on the board.

KEY LESSON POINTERS: Be careful when discarding on opponent's winners. Keep the suit that you must establish fluid on both sides.

When attacking the club suit, play a high honor from the long side, then back over to the honor on the short side, and finally back to the honor on the long side.

At the table, one should pay particular attention to what the opponents have or have not bid. Original passes are important as are opening leads and the subsequent revelation on honor card holdings in the opponent's hands. It is assumed that the defenders are leading 4<sup>th</sup> best and Ace from AK.

Eight ever – nine never refers to a nine card suit missing the queen when there are no other problem on the hand. Very few hands have no other problem.