

**PLAY BETTER Lesson 3**

862 2 NT (Jacoby)  
 AJ97 5 Diamonds (1 or 3)  
 A84  
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KJ3  
 82 Pass  
 J1093 Pass  
 10763

10754  
 43 Pass  
 Q762 Pass  
 J92

AQ9  
 KQ1065 DEALER – 1 Heart  
 K5 4 NT (Ace asking)  
 KQ5 6 Hearts

West leads the J of diamonds, you win and pull 2 rounds of trumps. Plan the play!

7 EW Vul  
 AJ75 DEALER – 1 Diamond  
 AKQJ 4 Hearts  
 J943

10643  
 6 3 Spades (Weak)  
 9853 Pass  
 AQ76

AKQ862  
 Q8 1 Spade  
 72 4 Spades  
 K108

J9  
 K109432 Double (Negative)  
 1064 5 Hearts  
 52

Pretty sure they're going to make their vulnerable game because my hand would not take any Tricks (with 10 hearts between us we might take ZERO hearts), this is a sacrifice. East loses 1 heart and 2 diamonds for +620, we go down 1 trick in 5H doubled for -100. Note if East tries to cash 2 top spades, North ruffs the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, draws trump and pitches one of South's clubs on diamonds – making 5H Doubled.

AKQJ104 2 Spades  
 109 4 Spades  
 KJ9  
 QJ

96		852	Pass
KQ8762	DEALER – 2 Hearts	J53	Pass
A	Pass	102	
10973	Pass	K6542	

73  
 A4 3 Diamonds  
 Q876543 Pass  
 A8

North should know that South doesn't have spade support but does probably have about 10 pts, or more, otherwise South would pass 2 Spades. North likes hearing the diamond bid and with a spade suit that doesn't need any support from partner, makes an easy jump to 4 spades over 3 diamonds. North loses 1 heart trick and A of diamonds and makes 5 spades.

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KJ3 3 NT  
 94  
 AQJ6  
 K1064

A74	Pass	10985	
Q108632		J75	Pass
5		K1082	
982		53	

Q62  
 AK DEALER – 1 NT  
 9743 Pass  
 AQJ7

West leads the 6 of hearts, (note 4<sup>th</sup> best leads). You play low from dummy, East plays the J, you win the trick. Counting winners in NT – how do you play this hand?

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Interpreting partner's spot card. Against a NT contract, partner usually leads 4<sup>th</sup> best from their longest and strongest suit. Sometimes you must try to interpret if partner has led from a four-card suit or a five-card suit. If partner has led from a five-card suit, then you are extremely likely to return their lead. But if they have led from a four only a four-card suit, then you may choose to return their suit or shift to another, if you know the opponents have 4 of that suit too