

Declarer Play



Declarer Play in Suit Contracts

Dummy (North)

♠ K 6 4 2

♥ A K 5 3

♦ 5

♣ 10 6 5 2

Contract 4♥

Count your
winners.

Opening lead

♣3

Declarer (South)

♠ A 8 3

♥ Q J 10 9

♦ J 9 7 6

♣ A K

Where are
the losers?

How do you
get rid of
them?

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Opening lead
♣2
East wins
with the King
– plays the
Ace and
another ♣

Dummy (North)

♠ Q 4 3 2

♥ 3

♦ A Q J 6 4

♣ J 5 3

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Declarer (South)

♠ A K J 9 8

♥ J 8 5

♦ 10 9 2

♣ 10 7

How do you play this combination?

DUMMY

♠ A Q 6 3

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• ♠ J 7 4 2

Small to the Queen. Running the Jack with no 10 behind it can't gain but could lose you a trick.

How do you play this combination?

DUMMY

♠ A Q 6 3

DECLARER

• ♠ J 10 4 2

IF entries allow then you should play small to the Queen. However, if entries are restricted then the 10 does give a little extra protection so that any 3-2 split you will always make 3 tricks minimum when running the Jack.

This one?

DUMMY

♠ A Q 10 3

DECLARER

• ♠ J 8 4 2

With entries to both hands, it's still preferable to play small to the Queen. Whilst 3 tricks are always there, playing small caters for a singleton king on your left.

In short

DUMMY

♠ A Q 10 3

DECLARER

• ♠ J 9 4 2

Playing small to the Queen is best (if you have entries back to hand) unless the suit is solid as above.

With no outside entries to Dummy how do you play this suit to get 4 tricks?

DUMMY

♠ A K 5 4 3

DECLARER

• ♠ 7 6 2

Duck the first trick (or Ace and then duck)

Left hand leads a small spade to your
No-Trump contract, what do you play?

DUMMY

♠ Q 5

DECLARER

• ♠ K 6 2

Play the Queen from Dummy and if it wins then hope to keep right hand off lead.

Left hand leads a small spade to your
No-Trump contract, what do you play?

DUMMY

♠ Q 5

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• ♠ K 10 2

Now playing low ensures a double stop in the suit whatever the distribution.

How do you play this to try and make 3 tricks if.....

DUMMY

♠ **A Q 5 3**

A) No Opposition bidding or clues as to the location of the King..

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• ♠ **7 6 4 2**

B) Right Hand Opponent opened 1NT , after which you and your partner bid to 3NT with 26 points between you and Partner.

B) You hope Right hand holds ...

DUMMY

♠ A Q 5 3

♠ K x

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• ♠ 7 6 4 2

To finesse or no

DUMMY

♠ A K J 8 3

DECLARER

• ♠ 9 5 4 2

You play the Ace, both opponents follow low. Should you return to hand to take the finesse or play for the drop? Would it make any difference if Right hand opponent had show a 2 suited hand in the auction?.

Guard against some distributions ...

DUMMY

♠ K Q 5 3

DECLARER

• ♠ J 6 2

Assuming outside entries to both hands, how do you play this combination to give yourself the best chance of 3 tricks?

With no other entries to Dummy how do you play this suit combination?

DUMMY

♠ A 6 5

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• ♠ K Q 10 4 3

♠K then small to the ♠A – When the suit breaks 4-1, with four to the Jack on your right, you can finesse on the way back.

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Opening lead

♥K

(Spades
break 3-2)

Dummy (North)

♠ A Q 10 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ A 10 7

♣ K 10 2

Declarer (South)

♠ K J 7 3

♥ 7 4 3

♦ K J 5

♣ A J 3

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