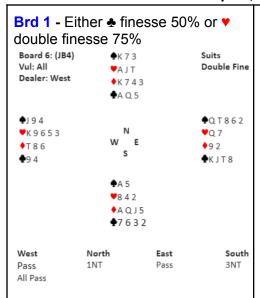
≜♥♦♣ Brds 1-4 Declarer Techniques, Brds



- East leads S6 (4th highest) from longest suit
- South has 8 sure winners needs a finesse
- South should lead hearts twice (75% success)

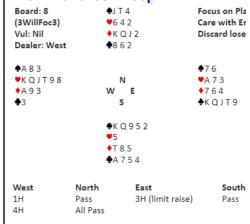
Brd 2 - Ruff in Dummy; entries



- South leads HQ
- Winners 8, Losers 4 or 5 (3D & 1-2C). Can ruff Ds &/or try C finesse
- Should East draw trumps?
 NO! Need to ruff
- Where is it best to win 1st trick? HK in West as need HA in East as an entry
- Lead •3 to •A, ruff •5
 return; lead H2 to HA & ruff
 •7. Now draw trumps & try
 finesse

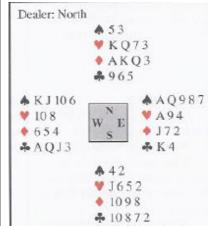
- Brd 3 keep plugging away with s **Q** 5 4 2 Board 4: (IB2) NT Play Vul: N/S ♥K 9 5 Length Dealer: South ♦ K O 8 9 8 6 ♠J T 8 7 9 6 3 **♥**J 7 6 2 ♥Q83 N **♦**532 w ♦T976 **♠**A Q J **♠**A Κ **♥**A T 4 ♦ A J 4 **♠**75432 West North East South 1NT 3NT All Pass Pass
 - West leads S7 (or SJ)
 - 8 sure winners. Only possible suit for extra tricks is clubs - hope for 3:2 split
 - South wins 1st trick in South & leads C2
 - Note we have 2 stoppers in other suits so, if split 3:2, can win the race

Brd 4 - entries - keep HA



- North leads DK (top of seq), South discourages
- 8 sure winners & 5/6 losers (1 or 2 spades, 2Ds & 1C) look to clubs for more
- Should we draw trumps: Yes won't lose lead
- Must play HK then HQ from West leaving HA in East as entry after lose to CA
- South should return D but can discard spades on winning clubs

Brd 5 - Lead partner's suit - top of seq



Bidding: North East South West

1D 1S Pass 3S

(11HCP + 1sp) - invitational
Pass 4S (15tp) All Pass

- South leads •T (partner's suit top of sequence)
- Winners 10!, Losers 4 (1H & 3Ds) - look to discard H losers on clubs
- North will win first 3 ◆ tricks & then likely play ♥K to try and promote the ♥Q. East should win with ♥A & then draw trumps. The 2 losing ♥s can be thrown on the ♣s

Brd 6 - ruff high in Dummy



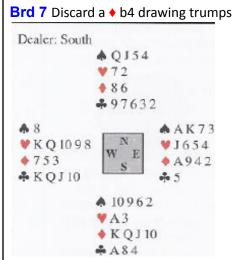
Bidding: East South West North

1H X Pass 4S
(guaranteed fit & 13tp)

All Pass

Best to have 4 cards in other major if doing takeout X

- East leads VA (top of AK sequence), West discourages
- Winners 6, losers 3 (1♥, 2♣)
- On 2nd trick East leads
 CQ (top of sequence).
- E/W can ruff ♥s high in South



Bidding: South West North East

1D 1H Pass 4H

(12HCP & singleton & 9th trump)

All Pass

- North leads ♦8 (partner's
- suit top of doubleton)Losers (1H, 2Ds & 1C) -
- look to discard ♦ loser on ♠
- If lose lead N/S will win 2 more D tricks
- So play SA & SK discarding a • on the SK. Declarer can then draw trumps.

Brd 8 Jump response to X, discard



 N
 E
 S
 W

 1H
 1H
 Y
 Pass
 Pass
 Pass
 Pass
 All Pass
 Pass
 All Pass
 Pass

- West leads VK & East discourages
- 2 ♠s, 1 ♥ & 1 to lose
- Should we draw trumps: NO

 need to discard a H South
 on a club
- Win with ♥A, play 3 rounds of ♣s discarding ♥T
- Then play trumps.

Bidding: South West North East

1D Pass

1H Pass 1NT Pass

4H (11HCP + 3sp) All Pass

- West leads ♣K (top of seq.),
 East discourages
- Win with ♣A, draw trumps & discard clubs on North's ◆S

Brd 10 - Declarer has 2 options



SouthWestNorthEast1NTP2H (transfer)P2SP2NT (8/9pts)P4S (16pts & extra trump)All Pass

Lead: West leads H10 (top of seq) **Losers:** 1S, 1D, 1 or 2 club tricks **Play:** After winning first trick either

- draw trumps & risk losing 2
 ★ tricks if gets ★ play wrong
- or look to discard a ♣ in North on 3rd round of ♥s (doesn't work here as East will ruff)

Drawing trumps is better here if South goes up with CK but it won't work everytime!

Brd 11 - Defence play



S W N EP 1NT P 2C
P 2S P 3S (fit

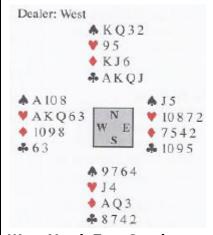
P 2S P 3S (fit & 8/9pts) All Pass Lead: ▼4 low promises an honour Play: Losers - 2S?, 1, 1/2 ♣s Win ▼ lead in Dummy & try ♠K finesse (fails).

 North should then lead ♣T (top of d'ton) thru Dummy's "strength". South covers ♣Q if played or low if not.

West will lead to East's ♥A & try ♦ finesse (South play low 1st round). Tricky hand & good defence (2S, 1D & 2C) gets contract down.

Brd 12 - Takeout X

Finesse SK & Q twice, need entries



West North East South

- West leads ♥A & ♥K then ◆T
- Have to finesse ♠KQ twice



NESW

1S P 2H P - 2H shows 5+♥s & 13+pts 3C P 3H P - 3H shows 6+ hearts 4H All Pass - North knows fit in ♥s

Lead: West leads CJ **Losers:** Maybe HQ, 2Ds

Play: Win club lead in North & lead H2 to HJ - it works! Back to Dummy with another club & repeat H finesse.

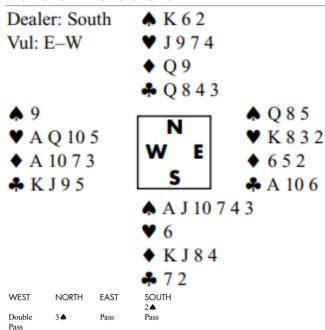


Lead: South leads ♠K (top of seq.) **Play:** 8 winners (1 ♠, 4 ♥, 3 ♠s)

4 Losers (2 ♠, 1♥, 1-2 ♦)

- win 1st ★ trick as know North has a singleton (count ★s 6 in South)
- Where is ♥Q? Maybe North (bidding suggests South has few ♥s)
- Play ♥A first & then low to ♥T
- Draw last trumps, play clubs discarding ♠4 on 3rd round
- South likely only to have pts in ♠s so try ♠T from East & let it run.

Brd 15 ruff in short hand



Lead: Pick an unbid suit, try ♥A & follow up with small heart

Losers: 1S, 1H, 2D & 2C

Play: Potential to make 2♦ tricks & a ruff in Dummy. Win 2nd round of ♥s & lead low to ♦Q.

 Later it boils down to whether to try spade finesse or the 2:2 split. Either could be right on the day though West did X!?!

Brd 16 - which suit to promote?



Lead: North leads ♥7 (4th highest)

Losers: 1S, 4H danger!, 2D

Winners: 2H & 4C

Promote spades as can only afford to lose the lead once