

29/11/2021 Hand of the Week 80: Card combinations

This week 2 hands, both played in 4♠ - you have to make all the tricks in the trump suit to make your contract- if you want a clue look back to week 26!

Hand 1:

D		N		ianhadling		W		N		E		S			
9						4♠		P		1NT		2♥			
								P		P		P			
W				med029				E				hxscord			
♠				K5432				♠				AQ96			
♥				A76				♥				J2			
♦				K106				♦				QJ53			
♣				A4				♣				QJ8			
				S				Davidj010							
								4♠ W				NS: 0 EW: 0			

Hand 2:

18 D		N helperby	W N E S				
			1♠ 2♦ 3♠ 4♠ P P P P				
W med029				E Erika Pick			
♠ J6432				♠ AQ985			
♥ KJ43				♥ 8			
♦ K8				♦ Q43			
♣ KQ				♣ J852			
		S beechhedge					
			4♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0				

D	N		W		N	E	S
9	ianhadling		4♣		P	1NT	2♥
	♠ J87				P	P	P
	♥ K98						
	♦ 9842						
	♣ 753						
W	med029		E		hxscord		
♠ K5432				♠ AQ96			
♥ A76				♥ J2			
♦ K106				♦ QJ53			
♣ A4				♣ QJ8			
	S						
	Davidj010						
	♠ 10						
	♥ Q10543						
	♦ A7						
	♣ K10962						
		4♣ W		NS: 0 EW: 0			

Hand 1: Missing 4 cards including the J10♠ - the suit breaks 4-0 you need to be able to finesse twice to make the contract. In this case you therefore need to preserve your AQ♠ on table. Play the K♠ first, if both defenders follow then no problem.

If South have 4 spades, then bad luck.

If North has 4 you can finesse twice to make all the spade tricks.

18 D		N helperby	W N E S			
		♠ K107	1 ♠ 2 ♦ 3 ♣			
		♥ AQ6	4 ♣ P P P			
		♦ AJ1095				
		♣ A4				
W med029			E Erika Pick			
♠ J6432			♠ AQ985			
♥ KJ43			♥ 8			
♦ K8			♦ Q43			
♣ KQ			♣ J852			
		S beechhedge				
		♠				
		♥ 109752				
		♦ 762				
		♣ 109763				
			4 ♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0			

Hand 2: Missing 3 cards including the K10 - in this situation you need the finesse to be working, but you also count for a 3-0 split with North.

Play J♠ first - if North follows duck and cross your fingers! If South shows out you still have the AQ♠ over North's K10. Note that if you play low towards the AQ♠ at trick one the Q♠ will hold - but on the second round North covers the J♠ to establish the 10♠.