

NOTES: Declarer Play In A Suit Contract

Making a plan

Dummy goes down, try not to look disappointed, make a plan

Do I have losers, can I get rid of any

Do I need to establish a suit to establish a winner

What order do I need to play

Do I need to take a finesse

Do I need to get a ruff(s) in

Do I draw trumps right away

Check entries so I can get back to the winner I set up

Hand 1. How many tricks am I in danger of losing, how many losers?

Make a plan

Contract 4 spades, club lead ♠QJ1042 ♥A ♦8742 ♣AQ	♠A1093 ♥KQJ ♦J653 ♣J6
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Do I have losers, can I get rid of any – yes 4, dump 2 on hearts

Do I need to establish a suit to establish a winners – n/a

What order do I need to play – AH first then over to dummy to play other hearts

Do I need to take a finesse – don't, if KS offside opps will get in and play clubs

Do I need to get a ruff(s) in – n/a

Do I draw trumps right away – no, get rid of losers first

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Hand 2. How many tricks am I in danger of losing, how many losers?

Make a plan

Contract 4H Spade lead ♠AQ ♥KQ74 ♦752 ♣52	♠K ♥A1096 ♦963 ♣KQ876
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Do I have losers, can I get rid of any – yes 4, dump 1 on spades

Do I need to establish a suit to establish a winners – n/a

What order do I need to play – *get rid of a club loser on the spade before touching diamonds ALSO play towards the KD in dummy early, the opps may not put AD up*

Do I need to take a finesse – N/A

Do I need to get a ruff(s) in – yes

Do I draw trumps right away – no, get rid of club loser first

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Hand 3. How many tricks am I in danger of losing, how many losers?

<p>Contract 4S Lead AH, KH, 2H* which is ruffed ♠KQJ ♥632 ♦AJ654 ♣Q2</p> <p>*Pard you can get me back in for another ruff with a club</p>	<p>♠A1098765 ♥QJ10 ♦2 ♣A3</p>
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Do I have losers, can I get rid of any – yes, just lost the first 3 tricks! I'm going off, blame partner

Do I need to establish a suit to establish a winners – hmm, could try to set up a diamond for a discard

What order do I need to play – Not much choice, opps have taken first 3 tricks and now lead KD

Do I need to take a finesse – N/A

Do I need to get a ruff(s) in – yes, ruff diamonds 3 times, set up 5th diamond for losing club

Do I draw trumps right away – as part of getting to and fro' between hands, trumps can't be beaten

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Hand 4. How many tricks am I in danger of losing, how many losers?

Contract 4S Lead QD ♠AQ1097 ♥AK432 ♦7 ♣KJ	♠KJ10 ♥J5 ♦K432 ♣7653
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Do I have losers, can I get rid of any – diamonds 1, clubs 2, hearts?

Do I need to establish a suit to establish a winners – n/a

What order do I need to play – Start ruffing

Do I need to take a finesse – N/A

Do I need to get a ruff(s) in – yes, ruff the losing hearts

Do I draw trumps right away – NO NO NO, have to use them to trump 3 hearts. Note to self, the trumps can't be beaten

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