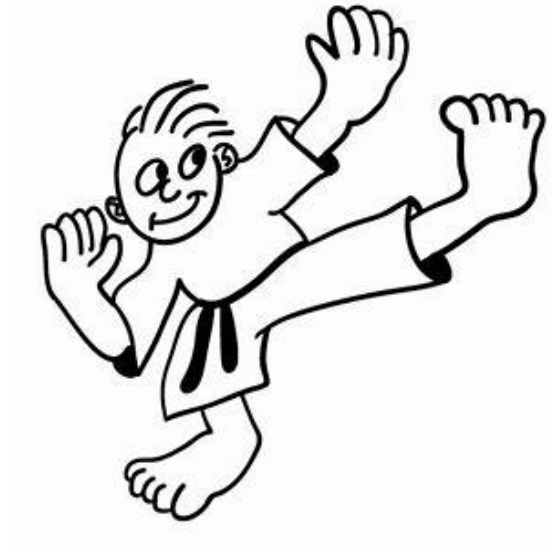


Developing Defensive Tricks



“On Defense sometimes you play Defense and sometimes you play Offense. Figuring this out on each hand is key to....” success

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Playing Third Hand

Dummy

K 3

Partner

J 9 6 4

You

A 10 5

Partner

4

Declarer

Q 8 7 2

Unblocking 1

Dummy

4 3

Partner

K Q J 8 7 5

You

A 6

Partner

K

Declarer

10 9 2

Unblocking 2

Dummy

10 9 4 3

Partner

K Q J 5

You

A 8 4

Partner

K

Declarer

7 5

Unblocking 3

Dummy

10 9 4 3

Partner

K Q J 5

You

A 4

Partner

K

Declarer

8 7 2

Unblocking 4

Dummy

A 3

Partner

K Q 10 2

You

J 8 4

Partner

K

Declarer

9 7 6 5

Unblocking 5

Dummy

A 3

Partner

K Q 10 8 4

You

J 2

Partner

K

Declarer

9 7 6 5

Defenders Must Work Together

- Return your partner's suit, unless:
 - You don't have a card in that suit.
 - You can see a clear better alternative.
 - It is obvious there is no point in doing so.

Returning Partner's Suit 1

Dummy

10 6 5

Partner

A Q 7 3 2

You

8 4

Partner

3

Declarer

K J 9

Returning Partner's Suit 2

	Dummy	3 nt
	♠ 10 6 5	
	♥ A 7 2	You
Partner	♦ J 6	♠ A 4
♠ K 9 7 3 2	♣ A 10 9 7 5	♥ K Q J 10 3
		♦ 9 7 4 3
Partner		♣ K 4
♠ 3	Declarer	
	♠ Q J 8	

Ducking by the Defense

- Sometimes when declarers want to set up a suit they must duck one round.

Dummy

A K 10 6 2

Declarer

8 7 5

- Defenders sometimes must do the same thing.

Ducking 1

Dummy

♠ J 8 3

♥ A K

♦ K 8 4

♣ J 10 9 5 2

You

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ Q J 4

♦ Q 6 3

♣ 7 3

Partner

♠ 10 4

Partner

♠ 10

Declarer

♠ Q 6 5

Finessing

- As declarer, you have no difficulty playing this suit.

Dummy North

A K J 6 2

Declarer South

8 7 5

- You play a low card from your hand and when west plays a low card, you call for the jack from dummy, hoping that west has the queen.

Finessing On Defense

- Against 4 ♠, you begin with the ace and partner plays the 3. What do you know about partner's holding?

	<i>Dummy</i>	
<i>West</i>	♣ 6 4 7	<i>East</i>
♣ A K J 2		♣ 3

- You will need to shift to another suit hoping that partner can gain the lead and lead clubs through declarer's queen. .

Finessing on Defense 1

	Dummy	Partner
♠ 8 2	♠ A Q 7 5	♠ K 6
♥ 10 9 8 3	♥ K 7 5	♥ 6 4 2
♦ A K J 2	♦ 10 5 3	♦ 9 5 4
♣ Q 6 4	♣ A 9 7	♣ J 10 8 3 2
	Declarer	♦ 4
	♦ 6	

Finessing On Defense 2

- Here you lead the queen and declarer calls for the king, which holds.

	<i>Dummy</i>	
<i>West</i>	♣ K 5	<i>East</i>
♣ Q J 9 3 2		♣ 8 6 4

- Sitting east, you know partner has Q J 10 x(x) or Q J 9 x (x). In case partner is looking for the 10, your job is to tell him whether or not you have it. .

Finessing on Defense 3

	Dummy	Partner
♠ 10 9 8	♠ K Q 2	♠ A 7 6
♥ 10 9 3	♥ Q 6 5 2	♥ J 8 7 4
♦ Q J 9 7 5	♦ K 8	♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 6	♣ Q J 10 8	♣ 8 4 2

Declarer
♦ 2

Declarer
♦ A 10 2

♦ 3

Ruffing by Defenders

- Another way to gain defensive tricks is to ruff one or two of declarer's winners.
- Watch partner's cards to help you know what to do.

	<i>Dummy</i>	<i>Partner</i>
	♠ 10 4 2	♠ 7
<i>You</i>		
♠ A K 5 3		<i>Partner</i>
		♠ 6
<i>Declarer</i>	<i>Declarer</i>	
♠ Q J 9 8	♠ 8	

Ruffing by Defenders 1

	Dummy	Partner
♠ 6 3	♠ 9 7 5 4	♠ J 8
♥ A K 8 3	♥ J 7 4	♥ 10 6
♦ 9 6 4	♦ A K 10	♦ Q 8 7 3 2
♣ A 10 8 5	♣ 9 6 4	♣ Q J 3 2
	Declarer	♥ 10
	♥ 2	

Ruffing by Defenders 2

	Dummy	You
Partner	♠ K Q 7	♠ 10 8 6 5 3
♠ J 9 2	♥ A Q 8 3	♥ 9 6 2
♥ 10	♦ Q J 8 6	♦ A
♦ 9 5 4 3 2	♣ 9 6	♣ A 8 5 2
♣ K Q 10 3		
♣ K	Declarer	
	♣ 4	

Ruffing by Defenders 3

	Dummy	You
Partner	♠ K Q 7	♠ 10 8 6 5 3
♠ J 9 2	♥ Q J 8 3	♥ A 6 2
♥ 10	♦ K Q J 6	♦ 7
♦ 9 5 4 3 2	♣ 9 6	♣ A 8 5 2
♣ K Q 10 3		
♣ K	Declarer	
	♣ 4	