**Olicana**

**Defensive**

**Play**

**Challenge**

Discarding

Assume Teams Scoring

**Problem 11**

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| **11.** | ♠ A K Q 9 |  **Dealer : N** |
|  | ♥ A K Q 9 |  **Vuln : N/S** |
|  | ♦ 8 4 |  |
|  | ♣ J 9 3 |  |
| ♠ J 4 | **N** | ♠ 10 7 6 5 |
| ♥ J 6 4 | **W E** | ♥ 10 7 3 2 |
| ♦ J 7 3 2 | ♦ K 10 |
| ♣ Q 10 8 5 | **S** | ♣ A K 4 |
|  | ♠ 8 3 2 |  |
|  | ♥ 8 5 | 19 |
|  | ♦ A Q 9 6 5 | 5 10 |
|  | ♣ 7 6 2 | 6 |

Bridge 91-3

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| **W** | **N** | **E** | **S** |
|  | 1♥ | pass | 1NT |
| pass | 3NT | end |  |

Partner (west) leads the ♣5.

As east you correctly win with the ♣K - the lower of equals.

You continue with the ♣A - the higher of 2 remaining.

This serves to unblock and to give partner a count on the suit.

You then play the ♣4.

Partner wins and cashes a further club trick.

Dummy discards a diamond.

What should you discard as east?

**Solution :**

This is similar to the previous deal but you do not have either major jack.

Does this make a difference?

If west has the jack in either major you cannot discard from that major without setting up dummy's nine.

You should again keep length with dummy and discard a diamond.

If west has the ♦Q that stops the suit.

If declarer has the ♦Q east's ♦K is dead anyway.