**Olicana**

**Defensive**

**Play**

**Challenge**

Discarding

Assume Teams Scoring

**Problem 7**

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| **7.** | ♠ K J 9 3 |  **Dealer : N** |
|  | ♥ K 8 |  |
|  | ♦ Q 10 9 7 6 |  |
|  | ♣ K 5 |  |
| ♠ A 7 2 | **N** | ♠ 4 |
| ♥ J 7 6 5 4 | **W E** | ♥ 10 9 3 2 |
| ♦ 3 | ♦ K J 2 |
| ♣ J 8 7 3 | **S** | ♣ A 10 9 4 2 |
|  | ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 |  |
|  | ♥ A Q | 12 |
|  | ♦ A 8 5 4 | 6 8 |
|  | ♣ Q 6 | 14 |

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| **W** | **N** | **E** | **S** |
|  | 1♦ | pass | 1♠ |
| pass | 2♠ | pass | 4♠ |
| end |  |  |  |

Partner, west leads the ♦3 and T1 goes:

 ♦3 ♦10 ♦J ♦A

Declarer leads the ♠5 to dummy's ♠K.

A 2nd spade is led from dummy.

As east, what should you discard?

**Solution :**

You can read partner's lead as a singleton.

You should place partner with the ♠A.

A lead of dummy's suit, even from a singleton, is very unattractive without a trump entry.

You need to get in so you can lead a 2nd diamond for partner to ruff.

You must encourage a club.

Partner will win the ♠A and lead a club.

You win the ♣A, cash the ♦K and lead the ♦2 for partner to ruff.

The defence make:

 ♠A, 1 ♣ 1♦ together with a diamond ruff