

Practice Session for U3ABD13: Declarer Plan The Play

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Welcome!

Here is a detailed description of the hands that you could play in today's Practice Session. It includes the cards in each hand, the correct bidding and contract, and the opening lead - but it's up to you to plan how to play the hand, based on that information. We've shown the Defenders' hands too, but you can't see those when you're playing, so they should not be part of your planning!

While you can bid and play the hands this week as usual, we REALLY wanted you to focus on **PLANNING THE PLAY** this week.

Don't feel bad if you found planning difficult or your plan was nothing like we suggest here; it will get easier with practice. In truth, some of these hands are **quite awkward**. The important thing is: when you are Declarer and you see the opening lead and Dummy, STOP and try to come up with a plan that will deliver your contract - and then implement it.

Remember the old axiom "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail". Trite and irritating, but often true. Make a plan! Take charge! BE DECLARER!

To help clarify some points in this week's lessons, we've added a Lesson Summary. It describes the same topics from a slightly different angle to the online materials, with additional detail where it seems needed. You can find a link to the Lesson Summary next to the link for the Bidding Commentary on our web site.

Remember, we're here to help, share our enthusiasm for this great game. You will make mistakes, but we're always happy to explain or answer questions. You're playing with people who are just starting out, too. Let's have fun together!

-Ed

Planning a NT Contract

Here's a brief overview extracted from the Lesson Summary, for your convenience:

- Step 1: Count your top winners
- Step 2: Find extra tricks
 - Promoting high cards
 - Establishing a long suit
 - Finessing high cards
 - Improving your odds
- Step 3: Check for risks
 - You might get stuck in the wrong hand
 - A suit might split badly
 - Finesses might fail
- Step 4: Put it all together

Planning a Trump Contract

Here's a brief overview extracted from the Lesson Summary, for your convenience:

- Step 1: Count your top winners and trump winners
- Step 2: Find extra tricks
 - Promoting high cards
 - Establishing a long suit
 - Finessing high cards
 - Ruffing from the short hand
- Step 3: Draw trumps
 - When to draw trumps
 - How many trumps should you draw?
 - When to delay drawing trumps
 - When not to draw trumps
- Step 4: Check for risks
 - You might be over-ruffed

- You might run out of trumps
 - Trumps might split badly
- Step 5: Put it all together

Using My Hands

After the Practice Session, you can review the recommended way to play any these hands by adding them to **My Hands** and then using the **Plan** (The Play) button.

If you need help with this, have a look at the training video on our web site.

The Hands

Boards 1-16

North East South West

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

♠ A6
♥ KQJT
♦ K632
♣ 643

♠ 97 ♠ QJT853
♥ 8543 ♥ A7
♦ QJ8 ♦ T95
♣ QT95 ♣ J2

♠ K42
♥ 962
♦ A74
♣ AK87

Board: 1 Dealer: North Lead: ♠Q #H98

The contract is 3NT, so you need 9 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

♠ 972
♥ QJ52
♦ J942
♣ JT

♠ A86 ♠ K43
♥ K93 ♥ A86
♦ KT7 ♦ A53
♣ A542 ♣ K863

♠ QJT5
♥ T74
♦ Q86
♣ Q97

Board: 2 Dealer: East Lead: ♠Q #H383

The contract is 1NT, so you need 9 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East

1NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ A5
♥ QJ87
♦ 962
♣ J543

♠ QJT982 ♠ 76
♥ 53 ♥ T9642
♦ 84 ♦ KQJT
♣ KQ2 ♣ A6

♠ K43
♥ AK
♦ A753
♣ T987

Board: 3 Dealer: South Lead: ♠Q #H25

The contract is 1NT, so you need 7 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

West North East South

1NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ QJT982

♥ 53

♦ 84

♣ KQ2

♠ AK3

♥ QJ

♦ A753

♣ 9873

♠ 54

♥ AKT7

♦ 962

♣ T654

♠ 76

♥ 98642

♦ KQJT

♣ AJ

Board: 4 Dealer: West Lead: ♠Q #H3

The contract is 1NT, so you need 7 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

North East South West

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

1NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ KT85

♥ K9863

♦ 87

♣ Q2

♠ 632

♥ QJT

♦ AKQ5

♣ A54

♠ AQ74

♥ 742

♦ 43

♣ 9763

♠ J9

♥ A5

♦ JT962

♣ KJT8

Board: 5 Dealer: North Lead: ♥6 #H132

The contract is 1NT, so you need 7 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♣ Pass 3♥ Pass

4♥ Pass Pass Pass

♠ JT6

♥ A7

♦ QJ95

♣ QJT6

♠ A975

♥ KT8

♦ K874

♣ 84

♠ 8

♥ QJ965

♦ A62

♣ AK93

♠ KQ432

♥ 432

♦ T3

♣ 752

Board: 6 Dealer: East Lead: ♠K #333

The contract is 4H, so you need 10 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East Board: 7 Dealer: South Lead: ♥J #H2421

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass

The contract is 3NT, so you need 9 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

♠ A7
♥ Q53
♦ 87432
♣ AK2

♠ QT2 ♠ J986
♥ JT98 ♥ 764
♦ AQ ♦ KJT
♣ 9765 ♣ T84

♠ K543
♥ AK2
♦ 965
♣ QJ3

West North East South

1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass

4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

♠ JT97
♥ Q9
♦ KQ3
♣ 7532

♠ AK43 ♠ 62
♥ KJT53 ♥ A642
♦ 864 ♦ J52
♣ A ♣ KQJ4

♠ Q85
♥ 87
♦ AT97
♣ T986

Board: 8 Dealer: West Lead: ♦K #H37

The contract is 4H, so you need 10 tricks.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

North East South West

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

♠ AT2
♥ Q95
♦ A754
♣ K87

♠ K8754 ♠ 96
♥ JT842 ♥ 63
♦ 6 ♦ KQJT3
♣ JT ♣ Q965

♠ QJ3
♥ AK7
♦ 982
♣ A432

Board: 9 Dealer: North Lead: ♦K #H101

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ J943
♥ T95
♦ QT7
♣ A98

♠ K76 ♠ AQ5
♥ A76 ♥ K84
♦ 94 ♦ A85
♣ KJT76 ♣ Q543

♠ T82
♥ QJ32
♦ KJ632
♣ 2

Board: 10 Dealer: East Lead: ♦3 #H113

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East

1NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

♠ K3
♥ 874
♦ AKQJ2
♣ 974

♠ AJT984 ♠ 75
♥ T65 ♥ KQ92
♦ ♦ 98743
♣ QT65 ♣ J8

♠ Q62
♥ AJ3
♦ T65
♣ AK32

Board: 11 Dealer: South Lead: ♠J #H29

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

West North East South

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ QJ86
♥ QJ72
♦ KT6
♣ 87

♠ A73 ♠ K542
♥ 953 ♥ T864
♦ A743 ♦ Q8
♣ AK6 ♣ Q54

♠ T9
♥ AK
♦ J952
♣ JT932

Board: 12 Dealer: West Lead: ♠6 #H133

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

North East South West

1NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ 953

♥ QJ5

♦ K87

♣ AKJ4

♠ AK

♥ AT98

♦ JT2

♣ QT95

♠ T874

♥ K643

♦ A9

♣ 873

♠ QJ62

♥ 72

♦ Q6543

♣ 62

Board: 13 Dealer: North Lead: ♦4 #H134

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1NT Pass 2NT Pass

Pass Pass

♠ J42

♥ KQT872

♦

♣ K865

♠ KQ5

♥ 65

♦ K732

♣ QJT3

♠ A986

♥ J3

♦ A954

♣ A42

♠ T73

♥ A94

♦ QJT86

♣ 97

Board: 14 Dealer: East Lead: ♦Q #H136

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass

3NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ A76

♥ KJT7

♦ T983

♣ 43

♠ 8

♥ 5432

♦ 642

♣ KQJT6

♠ QJT94

♥ A986

♦ 75

♣ 85

♠ K532

♥ Q

♦ AKQJ

♣ A972

Board: 15 Dealer: South Lead: ♣K #H216

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

West North East South

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

3NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ 8642

♥ 764

♦ QJT86

♣ 6

♠ AK5

♥ A852

♦ K952

♣ A2

♠ 973

♥ J3

♦ A4

♣ KQ9854

♠ QJT

♥ KQT9

♦ 73

♣ JT73

Board: 16 Dealer: West Lead: ♦Q #H223

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

Boards 17-32

North East South West

1 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
5 ♣ Pass Pass Pass

♠ AK
♥ 32
♦ AK43
♣ QT943

♠ 9764 ♠ QT53
♥ KQT4 ♥ AJ86
♦ Q62 ♦ JT97
♣ 87 ♣ 5

♠ J82
♥ 975
♦ 85
♣ AKJ62

Board: 17 Dealer: North Lead: ♦ J #H330

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

♠ JT6
♥ A7
♦ QJ95
♣ QJT6

♠ A975 ♠ 8
♥ KT8 ♥ QJ965
♦ K874 ♦ A62
♣ 84 ♣ AK93

♠ KQ432
♥ 432
♦ T3
♣ 752

Board: 18 Dealer: East Lead: ♠ K #H333

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
5 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

♠ 8
♥ QJT9
♦ JT875
♣ A84

♠ QJT94 ♠ K532
♥ K4 ♥ A862
♦ 62 ♦ 3
♣ 9532 ♣ QJT6

♠ A76
♥ 753
♦ AKQ94
♣ K7

Board: 19 Dealer: South Lead: ♠ Q #H339

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 Pass Pass

♠ K3
 ♥ KQJ2
 ♦ JT984
 ♣ 65

♠ AJT42 ♠ Q875
 ♥ A7 ♥ 543
 ♦ K5 ♦ AQ7
 ♣ A972 ♣ 843

♠ 96
 ♥ T986
 ♦ 632
 ♣ KQJT

Board: 20 Dealer: West Lead: ♥K #H340

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

North East South West

1 ♠ 2 ♦ 3 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

♠ AQJ765
 ♥ AQ8
 ♦ A2
 ♣ 32

♠ 9 ♠ 42
 ♥ T432 ♥ KJ9
 ♦ T763 ♦ KQJ54
 ♣ J987 ♣ KT6

♠ KT83
 ♥ 765
 ♦ 98
 ♣ AQ54

Board: 21 Dealer: North Lead: ♦K #H347

THIS HAND INCLUDES AN OVERCALL, YOU MIGHT WANT TO SKIP IT.

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

♠ 972
 ♥ QJ52
 ♦ J942
 ♣ JT

♠ A86 ♠ K43
 ♥ K93 ♥ A86
 ♦ KT7 ♦ A53
 ♣ A542 ♣ K863

♠ QJT5
 ♥ T74
 ♦ Q86
 ♣ Q97

Board: 22 Dealer: East Lead: ♠Q #H383

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

♠ 654
♥ 9654
♦ KQJ6
♣ A4

♠ KQT72 ♠ A93
♥ 82 ♥ 73
♦ 3 ♦ T742
♣ Q7632 ♣ KJT5

♠ J8
♥ AKQJT
♦ A985
♣ 98

Board: 23 Dealer: South Lead: ♠K #H390

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

West North East South

1 ♣ Pass 2NT Pass
Pass Pass

♠ AKJ8
♥ J96
♦ J64
♣ JT3

♠ QT5 ♠ 92
♥ QT5 ♥ K84
♦ A5 ♦ Q9732
♣ K8752 ♣ AQ4

♠ 7643
♥ A732
♦ KT8
♣ 96

Board: 24 Dealer: West Lead: ♥2 #H510

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

♠ A86
♥ AQJ75
♦ 93
♣ A63

♠ KJ97 ♠ QT42
♥ 2 ♥ 963
♦ T742 ♦ KQJ8
♣ KT95 ♣ 84

♠ 53
♥ KT84
♦ A65
♣ QJ72

Board: 25 Dealer: North Lead: ♦K #H526

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

♠ 8
♥ 975
♦ T542
♣ A9852

♠ T632 ♠ KQJ94
♥ K83 ♥ A42
♦ KQJ6 ♦ A87
♣ Q7 ♣ J6

♠ A75
♥ QJT6
♦ 93
♣ KT43

Board: 26 Dealer: East Lead: ♥Q #H539

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East

1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

♠ 87
♥ AKJ
♦ KJT73
♣ 543

♠ KQJ42 ♠ 653
♥ 543 ♥ T987
♦ 42 ♦ A6
♣ K76 ♣ JT98

♠ AT9
♥ Q62
♦ Q985
♣ AQ2

Board: 27 Dealer: South Lead: ♠K #H568

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

West North East South

1NT Pass 2NT Pass
Pass Pass

♠ T73
♥ AT42
♦ QJT8
♣ 97

♠ A986 ♠ KQ5
♥ 83 ♥ 65
♦ A954 ♦ K732
♣ A42 ♣ QJT3

♠ J42
♥ KQJ97
♦ 6
♣ K865

Board: 28 Dealer: West Lead: ♦Q #H578

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

North East South West

1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

♠ AQ87
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A93
 ♣ JT743

♠ 4
 ♥ JT976
 ♦ JT6
 ♣ AQ98

♠ 532
 ♥ K843
 ♦ Q874
 ♣ K5

♠ KJT96
 ♥ A52
 ♦ K52
 ♣ 62

Board: 29 Dealer: North Lead: ♥J #H597

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

East South West North

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2 ♦ Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

♠ 82
 ♥ QT7543
 ♦ QT98
 ♣ J

♠ KT4
 ♥ A8
 ♦ J3
 ♣ AK6542

♠ QJ76
 ♥ KJ
 ♦ AK542
 ♣ 83

♠ A953
 ♥ 962
 ♦ 76
 ♣ QT97

Board: 30 Dealer: East Lead: ♥5 #H1163

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 Pass Pass

♠ J65
 ♥ K8
 ♦ Q65
 ♣ KQJ54

♠ 942
 ♥ J732
 ♦ AT982
 ♣ 7

♠ T
 ♥ AQ96
 ♦ KJ743
 ♣ T32

♠ AKQ873
 ♥ T54
 ♦
 ♣ A986

Board: 31 Dealer: South Lead: ♣7 #H1311

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

♠ 5

♥ QJT83

♦ QT4

♣ KJT8

♠ KQJ64

♥ 954

♦ AJ

♣ A96

♠ AT98

♥ A762

♦ 7653

♣ 5

♠ 732

♥ K

♦ K982

♣ Q7432

Board: 32 Dealer: West Lead: ♥Q #H1341

No PTP commentary for this hand - use My Hands.

Synopsis

Boards 1-16

NOTE: All these hands support the **Plan the Play** feature of **My Hands**, as indicated in the table below.

SYNOPSIS				
Declarer Plan The Play				
Board	Dealer	Bidding Sequence	Hand #	Plan The Play?
1	N	1NT, 3NT	H98	Y
2	E	1NT, 3NT	H383	Y
3	S	1NT	H25	Y
4	W	1NT	H3	Y
5	N	1D, 1S, 1NT	H132	Y
6	E	1H, 1S, 2C, 3H, 4H	H333	Y
7	S	1NT, 3NT	H2421	Y
8	W	1H, 2H, 4H	H37	Y
9	N	1NT, 3NT	H101	Y
10	E	1C, 3C, 3NT	H113	Y
11	S	1NT, 3NT	H29	Y
12	W	1D, 1H, 1NT	H133	Y
13	N	1NT	H134	Y
14	E	1NT, 2NT	H136	Y
15	S	1D, 1H, 1S, 2D, 3NT	H216	Y
16	W	1H, 2C, 3NT	H223	Y

Boards 17-32

NOTE: All these hands support the **Plan the Play** feature of **My Hands**, as indicated in the table below.

SYNOPSIS				
Declarer Plan The Play				
Board	Dealer	Bidding Sequence	Hand #	Plan The Play?
17	N	1C, 3C, 5C	H330	Y
18	E	1H, 1S, 2C, 3H, 4H	H333	Y
19	S	1D, 1H, 1NT, 3D, 5D	H339	Y
20	W	1S, 2D, 3S, 4S	H340	Y
21	N	1S, 2D, 3S, 4S	H347	Y
22	E	1NT, 3NT	H383	Y
23	S	1H, 3H, 4H	H390	Y
24	W	1C, 2NT	H510	Y
25	N	1H, 3H, 4H	H526	Y
26	E	1S, 3S, 4S	H539	Y
27	S	1NT, 2NT, 3NT	H568	Y
28	W	1NT, 2NT	H578	Y
29	N	1C, 1S, 2S, 3S, 4S	H597	Y
30	E	1D, 2C, 2D, 3NT	H1163	Y
31	S	1S, 2C, 3C, 4S	H1311	Y
32	W	1S, 3S, 4S	H1341	Y