

**TIP OF THE WEEK: The Crossruff**

**A Crossruff is a play technique where tricks are made by taking alternate ruffs in each hand.**

**Characteristics of a Good Crossruff Hand**

- . **Different side suit shortness in both hands with the other hand having length** - side suit singleton vs 3-5 cards in the suit
- . **Trump length split evenly between declarer and dummy** - 4-4, 4-5, 5-5
- . **Trump strength to prevent overruffs** - Both hands have high trumps to prevent over-ruffs toward the hand of the hand
- . **Top tricks in side suits** - Hands with “aces and spaces” make the best cross ruffing hands since there is no solid or semi-solid suit to set up and use

**TIP: Count winners instead of losers when considering a crossruff. Then, count how many ruffs you will need.**

	AQT4 A63 -- KJ9632		Auction: 1C - 1H 1S - 3S 4S
8732 J2 AQ853 74		6 QT84 JT9 AQT75	Lead: <b>JD</b>
	KJ95 K975 K7642 --		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Play</b></p> <p>With a void in each hand, consider a crossruff. Declarer can trump four diamonds in dummy and four clubs in his hand. The A and K of hearts makes 10 tricks. Before, playing, think about, “What could go wrong?” If you start to crossruff immediately, west can discard a heart when a third club is ruffed. Now, you can’t win two heart tricks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tip</b></p> <p><b>When you’re ready to cross ruff, begin by ruffing low in each hand saving the higher trumps for later ruffs.</b></p>
			Source: Eddie Kantar

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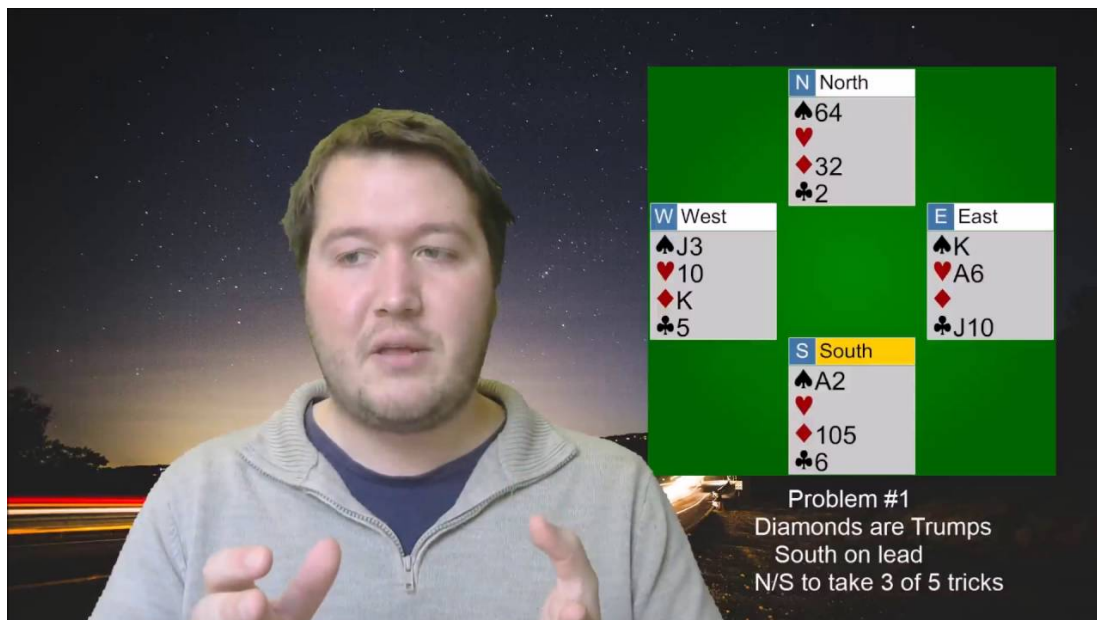
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## Defense Against a Crossruff

Lead a trump at every opportunity. Every trump you lead costs the declaring side a trick, making them use two trumps on the one trick.

### Defense Against a Cross Ruff

- . Lead a trump at every opportunity
- . Listen to clues from the bidding  
(1S - 4S) —> These are often Cross Ruff hands
- . Look for clues in the dummy (Dummy has a short suit and has a long suit where you are also long.)

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