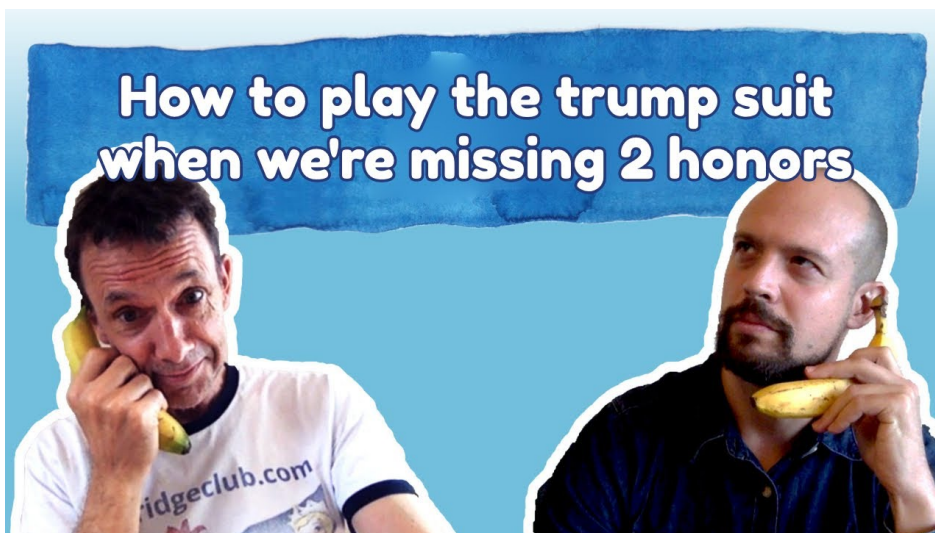


## Tip of the Week: Trump Management

- . You only gain tricks when you ruff losers from declarer's hand with dummy's trumps.
- . With weak trumps, develop side suits first before drawing trumps to avoid losing control on a bad trump break.
- . Play first from the side with 2 touching honors unless you need entries.
- . Discard a loser instead of ruffing to maintain control.



<https://youtu.be/uNTaUfar2aQ>

### Bad Trump Breaks

- . **Stop** drawing trumps, as soon as a bad trump break shows itself.
- . The player long in trumps will be short elsewhere and you need extra winners.

**Oliver Powell looks for clues to predict a bad trump break in the following video. (Source: Learn Bridge Online)**

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N	North	W	N	E	S
♠	Q986	5+♠, 5+♦		P	1♠
♥	10	2NT	4♠	P	P
♦	AQJ10			P	
♣	K873				

W West

E East

S South

♠	A10753
♥	KJ986
♦	K
♣	J9

4♠ S NS: 1 EW: 2

<https://youtu.be/q9S4MjkdwQ>



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<https://youtu.be/IUcz3wzF7k8>

The following hands, are by [Beth Tobias](#) who used sources from [rpbridge.net](#) and [baker bridge.coffeecup.com](#)

*Establish Sluff Before Losing to High Trump*

S KQx  
3 Axx  
2 Q10xx  
C QJx

**Contract: 5<sup>2</sup> Opening Lead: C10**  
(1<sup>st</sup> trick: 10-Q-K-A)

S Jxxx  
3 10xx  
2 Ax  
C 1098x

S A109xx  
3 Jxxx  
2 x  
C Kxx

S x  
3 KQx  
2 KJ9xxx  
C Axx

**Wrong:** Draw trump immediately

- Win CA (trick 1)
- Lead a diamond, losing to 2A
- Win C9 return with CJ
- Finish trump

**Oops:** Eventually you will lose S A and the C8 (cashed when in with S A). Down 1 including 2A.

**Right:** I need to pitch my 3<sup>rd</sup> club before my 2<sup>nd</sup> club stopper can be knocked out while they have an entry to cash the 3<sup>rd</sup> one. I can set up a spade for a sluff.

## Use Dummy's Entries to Lead Another Suit

	S KQx				<b>Contract: 6S</b>	<b>Opening Lead: CK</b>
	3 xxx					
	2 xxx					
	C xxxx					
S x				S xxx		
3 Qxxxx		3 Jxx				
2 xxx				2 Kxxx		
C KQxx				C J10x		
	S AJ109xx					
	3 AK					
	2 AQJ					
	C Ax					

**Wrong:** Draw trump ending in dummy and take the diamond finesse

**Oops:** The finesse worked, but you can't get back to dummy to repeat the finesse and the 2K wasn't singleton or doubleton. Down 1 losing the 2K and a C.

**Right:** I need the diamond finesse to work and I need to lead diamonds twice from dummy to make sure I get all 3 of my diamonds.

- Win CA
- Play SA (no reason not to – just to protect against really strange distribution with short diamonds & short spades in West)
- Lead a S to dummy's K
- Play a 2 to the J (finesse worked – phew!)
- Lead a S to dummy's Q
- Play a 2 to the Q
- Claim

**Success:** You have lost just 1 trick (CK)

If you'd like to read more about Trump Management, click on the following link.

<http://youth.worldbridge.org/learn-trump-management/>