

This Part 2 session is a follow up to the first session. However this is step forward, to include trump handling to use in the subsequent endplay.

The set technique and method to execute an endplay still applies. Refer to notes from part 1

TRUMP END PLAY – Trump coup

		North					
		♠	AK2				
		♥	K632				
		♦	K95				
		♣	AK7				
West		W	N	E	S	East	
♠	1094					♠	J8753
♥	Q1097	P	2NT*	P	4H	♥	NONE
♦	Q74	P	6H	P	P	♦	J1083
♣	J109					♣	8652
		South D					
		♠	Q6				
		♥	AJ854				
		♦	A62				
		♣	Q43				

COUNT your tricks

3S;4H;2D;3C=12 tricks maybe 13 if the H finesse works

Plan is to finesse JH

Lead suit	Take the club lead with Q
trumps	Lead small towards the KH to set up finesse of the JH Eeeek – E has 0 Hs and the H are all off side - Q1097 Due to bad break - do not touch any more trumps yet
This brings you to 11tricks – This 1 trick short of your contract Plan is to strip the hand and throw Win at trick 11 with a trump to lead into tenace You just have to hope W follows to everything which has stronger odd than you think as there was no overcall	
Play safe suit	Get rid of the D loser NOW! - Play QS and then back to the AS – lead KS to discard small losing D
Strip the hand	Play 5D to AD – lead 6D back to KD
Even up	ruff the losing 9 D in hand with 8H or 4H – you are now even – & have trump reduced to the same number as over-caller - play the clubs from the top and hope!
Play exit card	Now play a small trump from each hand
Defender is end played	Thankfully West is a mirrored hand to declarers. W is now end-played n trumps and has to lead into your AJ of trumps - and you are able to make the rest of the tricks

With this distribution there is no defence to the contract if declarer gets it right – however West must not give the correct count (partner does not need to know) and must try to destabilise (shift) declarer by showing doubleton C, S and/or doubleton D.

The lead of the **10S is a killer** if it is followed by the 4S as it looks like a doubleton and declarer will be very worried about a S over ruff by W – as W will have a spare card left, to get off lead with and the end play won't succeed.

TRUMP ENTRY MANAGEMENT & END PLAY

		North					
		♠	AQ8				
		♥	J52				
		♦	Q764				
		♣	643				
D	West	W	N	E	S	East D	
♠	97643			4H	5D	♠ 102	
♥	84	P	P	P		♥ AKQ109763	
♦	85					♦ None	
♣	AQ108					♣ J52	
		South					
		♠	KJ5				
		♥	None				
		♦	AKJ10932				
		♣	K97				

COUNT your tricks

3S;0H;7D;0C=10 tricks maybe 11 This is 1 trick short of your contract

There are 11 if the AC is on side for a finesse (not likely) or you can end play West

Plan is to lead towards KC at trick 11, insert the 9C and duck it to W

On the H8 lead you need 3 entries to ruff H

Lead suit	Trump the H8 lead – with a medium card!
trumps	You are only missing the 8 + 5 & you need to ruff the H and need 2 more entries – the H lead has given you an entry - plus 1 entry for KC = 3 entries maybe 4? – so take AD and hope for 1/1 split Drat they are 2/0 – Hi D to Q and ruff the 2 nd H
Play safe suit	Play KS – you need the AS & QS as entries
Strip the hand	Play S to AS and 3 rd H to ruff with middle D. There are no more trump
Even up	Play S to QS - there are 0S & 0H left
Play exit card	Now play a small C from the table and insert 9C
end played	West is end played and must lead a C to the KC for a ruff and discard.

On the S7 lead –it is trickier as you need 4 entries

Lead suit	Take it in hand with KS
trumps	You are only missing the 8 + 5 & you need to ruff the H and need 3 entries – plus 1 entry for KC = 4 entries – so take AD and hope for 1/1 split Drat they are 2/0 – Hi D to Q and ruff the 1 st H with a high D
Play safe suit	Play 3D to 6D to ruff the 2 nd H with a high D. Play JS overtake with the AS ruff the 3 rd H – S are essential as late entries.
Strip the hand	Play S to QS and 3 rd H to ruff with middle D
Even up	Play S to QS - there are 0S & 0H left
Play exit card	Now play a small C from the table and insert 9C
end played	West is end played and must lead a C to the KC or a ruff and discard.

There is an obvious defence to this hand – did you spot it?

East **MUST** put up their highest C to stop declarer ducking the C to West.

In this case it is the JC but it could be QC 10C – I doesn't matter to lose a high C as East has nothing else to win with and **MUST** help West out - If they do that, it breaks up the end play