

LOCKDOWN SEMINAR – TUESDAY, 8 JUNE 2021

NOT SO FAST!

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Some Background

The theme of this seminar is patience. In our event on signalling we looked at ducking to prevent declarer having an entry to a long suit in dummy. Today we will look at other situations where playing low is the best option for the defence

We will also look briefly at declarer play in these sort of hands.

1. DUMMY

KQ10

YOU

765

You need two tricks from this suit.

Scenario 1 You lead 5 to K which wins. You come back to hand and lead 6, next hand plays low.

What do you play?

Scenario 2 You lead 5 to K which loses to the A. You win the return and lead 6, next hand plays low.

What do you play?

2. Declarer is in 4H. Trumps are drawn and this is a side suit in dummy (on your left)

Q86

Declarer leads towards dummy

a) You hold A73

b) You hold K73

What do you play?

3. Declarer is in 4H. Trumps are drawn and this is a side suit in dummy (on your left)

J86

Declarer leads towards dummy

a) You hold A73

b) You hold K73

c) You hold Q73

What do you play?

4. Declarer is in 4H. Trumps are drawn and this is a side suit in dummy (on your left)

Q106

Declarer plays the ace and then leads towards dummy

a) You hold K73

What do you play?

5.

DUMMY

S: KQJ75

H: 8

D: KQ32

C: 654

YOU

S: 98

H: K9654

D: A86

C: J72

DECLARER

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Contract is 4S played by your LHO. Your partner leads KC which declarer wins, then plays AH and ruffs a heart. Then two rounds of trumps and a diamond to the K. What tricks will you make to beat the contract?

Partner showed an odd number of hearts.

Partner followed to two rounds of trumps.

The full hand:

DUMMY

S: KQJ75

H: 8

D: KQ32

C: 654



PARTNER

S: 6

H: Q10732

D: J75

C: KQ10 3

YOU

S: 98

H: K9654

D: A86

C: J72

DECLARER

S: A10432

H: AJ

D:1094

C: A98

6. You are in 4S and get a club lead. Trumps break 2/2. How do you play diamonds? Why?

What are your chances of making 4S?

S: AQ43

H: K95

D: Q54

C: K52

S: KJ876

H: A2

D: J87

C: A43

7. You are in 4S and get a club lead. They win the AC and lead another club. Trumps break 2/2. How do you play diamonds?

S: AQ43

H: K95

D: Q54

C: KJ7

S: KJ876

H: A2

D: J87

C: Q43

AND FINALLY.....

8. You are in 3NT and get JS lead. How many tricks can you make?

S: 75

H: 3

D: 8654

C: KQ8743

S: AK4

H: A10962

D: AK3

C: A5