

## DUMMY PLAY

**You are South, the declarer, in the following hands:**

1. Dummy

K32

KJ98

KQ6

965

You

**Q1084**

**106432**

**A73**

**A**

West Dealer, Nil

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1H (rightly or wrongly)
3C	4H	All passed	

Would you have opened with dummy's hand?

Opening lead was DJ, RHO followed with D9 (discouraging). You won this in hand, and then played trumps, LHO took his HA and exited with another diamond, RHO following. When you cashed the club ace and played another trump, LHO discarded a club. Take over from here.

2. Dummy

7

A109863

Q763

J6

You

**A9432**

**752**

**AJ4**

**AQ**

North Dealer, NS Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1NT (15-17, would you?)
P	4D	P	4H
	(Transfer)		

All Passed

LHO led SJ.

Partner probably felt this was not good enough for weak two. Any way, plan the play.

3. Dummy

105

A6

10743

QJ732

You

**KQ97**

**5**

**A92**

**AK1085**

East Dealer, Both Vulnerable

W	N	E	N
		2H(weak)	X
4H	P	P	X
P	4NT	P	5C

All Passed

Partner's 4NT meant "take-out".

LHO led H3.

You took dummy's ace, and advanced the S10 (you needed your trump entries to dummy so you could not draw trumps immediately). This was covered by the jack, king and ace. LHO played another heart, and you ruffed with the ace of clubs. Now what?

Is there any way for the defense to prevail?

#### 4. Dummy

AK5  
 J105  
 653  
 A652

You

**Q96**  
**AKQ94**  
**A94**  
**K7**

Dealer North, Nil

W	N	E	S
	1NT *	2NT **	3H
P	4C	P	6H

All Passed

\* = 12 – 14 hcps

\*\* = Both minors

LHO led D2

How would you make RHO's indiscretion pay?

5. Dummy

K753

KJ6

A1092

95

You

**AQ4**

**AQ10985**

**J5**

**A2**

South Dealer, NS Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
			1H
P	1S	2NT*	4H
P	5D	P	6C
P	6H	All Passed	

\* = Minors

Once again, the 2NT overcall tipped you off to the lie of the cards. Opening lead was D3.

Obviously you could not duck this trick and took the ace of diamonds perforce. Two rounds of trumps revealed RHO's singleton trump. With one trump still lurking, what is your plan?

6. Dummy

852

AJ53

A96

J64

You

**AKQJ97**

**K742**

**7**

**83**

South Dealer, EW Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
			1S
2D	2S	P	4S
All Passed			

Opening lead was king of diamonds.

Plan the play (trumps were 2-2).

7. Dummy

QJ2

A3

AK86

A986

You

**AK109764**

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**10542**

**K3**

West Dealer, Nil

W	N	E	S
3H	X	P	6S
P	7S	All Passed	

Opening lead was HK.

You can count 12 tricks. What is your best bet for the 13<sup>th</sup> trick?

8. Dummy

764

52

AKJ865

AK

You

**A83**

**AQ864**

**Q4**

**QJ8**

North Dealer, Both Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
	1D	P	1H
1S	3D	P	6NT
All Passed			

Opening lead was the king of spades. Plan the play.

9. Dummy

AJ98

43

A1092

A32

You

**KQ1073**

**AQ**

**K54**

**K74**

West Dealer, Nil

W	N	E	S
3H	X	P	4NT
P	5C (1/3)	P	6S

All Passed

Opening lead was ten of clubs.

Too bad partner had a minimum. Is there any way to make the contract despite the king of hearts being almost certainly offside?

Note: When you drew trumps, they broke 2-2.

10. Dummy

KJ  
Q53  
J104  
AQ943

You

**AQ986542**

**A**  
**K76**  
**3**

East Dealer, Both Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
		1H	4S
P	5C	P	5D
P	5S	P	6S

All Passed

West led the deuce of hearts.

When you drew trumps, East showed out on the first round. How would you play the hand?

11. Dummy

AK6  
1043  
Q754  
J74

You

**3**  
**AKJ753**  
**K8**  
**AKQ3**

South Dealer, NS Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
			1H
3S	4H	P	4NT
P	5D	P	6H

All Passed

Opening lead was queen of spades

How would you play?

## 12. Dummy

J  
Q832  
AKJ76  
Q73

You

**A2**  
**A75**  
**Q105432**  
**A5**

West Dealer, Both Vulnerable

Bidding was:

W	N	E	S
1S	X	4S	6D

All passed

West led SK. How would you play the hand?

13. Dummy

A5  
432  
432  
A10987

You

**KQ6432**

**6**

**AK6**

**KQJ**

West Dealer, NS Vulnerable

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
P	P	1H	X
3H	P	4H	4S

All Pass

West led HJ and you felt you might have missed a small slam. Make sure your eyes stay on the ball!

How would you play after two rounds of hearts?

14. Dummy

843  
75  
K982  
AJ98

You

**K109752**  
**AJ4**  
**5**  
**K1043**

South Dealer, EW Vulnerable

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
			1S
P	2S	All Pass	

A seemingly uninteresting part-score – West led DQ, which held and shifted annoyingly to SQ. East took it with SA and returned a spade. You took the trick with SK, West following small. Now what?

Does the contract hinge on the location of CQ?

15. Dummy

QJ8743  
A96  
K  
J105

You

**6**

**K542**

**AJ10642**

**A2**

North Dealer, EW Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
	1S	P	2D
X	2S	P	2NT
P	3NT	All Pass	

West led CK. How would you play the hand?

15. Dummy

K65

3

AJ765

K1032

You

**AQ432**

**AQ654**

**K3**

**7**

South Dealer, Nil

W	N	E	S
			1S
P	2D	P	2H
P	2S	P	3H
P	4S	All Pass	

West led S10. Is there a foolproof line assuming trumps were 3-2?

16. Dummy

763

1085

J102

9763

You

**AKJ42**

**6**

**AQ75**

**AKJ**

Dealer South, NS Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
			1S
2S*	P	3H	X
P	3S	P	4S

All Pass

\* = Hearts and Clubs, at least 5-5

After this telltale sequence, West led HA, followed by HK. How would you play the hand?

17. Dummy

K

K1052

AKQ72

AJ4

You

**A53**  
**Q9876**  
**93**  
**Q65**

South Dealer, NS Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
			P
1S	X	3S	4H
P	6H	All Pass	

West led SQ. How would you justify Partner's confidence in your dummy play?

18. Dummy

104  
A3  
A543  
AJ654

**K**  
**KQ106**  
**Q9876**  
**K103**

East Dealer, EW Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
		2S*	X
3S	X	P	4D
P	4S	P	5D
All Passed			

West led S2, East went up with SA and continued with SQ. You have caught a good dummy. How would you capitalize on it?

19 Dummy.

64

A84

AK8642

32

You

**AJ10**

**Q5**

**53**

**AKQJ108**

West Dealer, Nil

W	N	E	S
2S	3D	P	4NT
P	5C*	P	5H**
P	6D***	P	6NT

All Passed

2S was weak.

\* = 0/3 Key cards

\*\* = Trump Queen?

\*\*\* = No trump queen

West led SK. How would you play the hand?

20. Dummy

AJ62  
743  
985  
KQ10

**K53**

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**AQ3**

**AJ87543**

South Dealer, EW Vulnerable

W	N	E	S
			1C
P	1S	P	3C
P	5C	All Passed	

West led club deuce, queen, six...?

21. Dummy

KQ  
Q1097  
A102  
J973

You

**95**

**K642**

**QJ8**

**AQ64**

North Dealer, EW vulnerable. Bidding was:

W	N	E	S
	1C	P	1H
P	2H	P	4H

All Passed

Open lead was three of diamonds (3/5). RHO captured the 10 with DK and cashed SA. He then shifted to D4, LHO following. You played a heart to the king and ace and LHO exited with a third diamond. Everybody followed. Now a club to the queen – RHO followed with C2 and LHO with C8. (Opponents are renowned international players and play UDCA signals.) A heart to the 10 won and HQ cleared the trumps (they broke 3-2). How would you play the second round of clubs?

22. Dummy

32  
 AJ3  
 K9  
 J87642

You

**KJ1076**  
**K98**  
**AQ**  
**K93**

South Dealer, Nil

You opened 1NT. Partner raised you to 3NT.

LHO led S4. RHO took SA and continued with S9. Having hidden your spade suit, how would you capitalize on this favorable lead?