

Bridge Lesson December 5, 2019 at Beth EL

Managing/Counting Tricks, High from the Short Side, Unblocking in a Suit Contract; how many Tricks can you get in the following examples?

Dummy: K43

Dummy: 743

**Dummy: 743 When a suit is Lopsided as this one is**

Declarer: A52

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**Declarer: A5 Count Losers from Declarer's perspective**

**Answer: win 2 lose 1**

**Answer: win 1 lose 2**

**Answer: win 2, lose 1 Declarer MUST trump dummies  
3rd club**

Dummy: J 74

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Declarer: Q 5 2

Declarer: QT5

No Winners i.e. 3 Losers

1 winner 2 losers. Ace gets Q, King Gets jack, declarer gets 10

IF Declarer leads this suit

With this holding no winners, Ace gets one honor, King gets the other, 8 gets which ever card is left.

When you end up in No Trump, the very first thing declarer does is count WINNERS! When you end up in a trump contract, the very first thing declarer does is count losers.

**Hand 1 – Contract 4 Spades by East, Opening Lead is Q of Clubs**

	North	
	63	
	QJ954	
	AQ72	
	84	
West		East
AK		QJT985
AK863		72
JT4		93
K65		A32
	SOUTH	
	742	
	T	
	K865	
	QJT97	

Transportation and unblocking are important points in the above hand. Can you make four ?

**Hand 2** - Drawing trump with overtake to avoid ruffs. North is declarer. Opening lead is 10 of Diamonds.

	NORTH	
	KQT987	
	83	
	AK7	
	85	
West		East
42		653
K965		AQ72
J9542		10
Q9		KT732
	SOUTH	
	AJ	
	JT4	
	Q863	
	AJ64	

YOUR losers in the hand above are one club and two hearts. IF You do NOT Take the Ace of Diamonds in your hand lead a TRUMP to the ACE, and then OVER TAKE the Jack of spades to take three rounds of trump, you will most likely not make your contract.