

Maximizing your tricks

What do you need to do as declarer?

BEFORE you CALL a card from Dummy on the FIRST Trick!

1. Make a plan
2. Count your winners – IN NO TRUMP - Sure Tricks – Sure Tricks are defined as ?????
3. MAKE a plan
4. Count your losers – IN a SUIT CONTRACT
5. Make A Plan
6. Think about transportation
7. Make a PLAN
8. Need to trump in Dummy before you draw trump?
9. A BAD plan is better than NO PLAN
10. Take your Tricks and RUN
11. NO PLAN is Bad! BUT having NO PLAN is REALLY BAD!

HIGH from the SHORT side
UnBlocking

Tonight, the hands will be NO Trump Contracts

First Deal

3 NT in the South - Opening lead is 6 of spades

North holds

A94

983

AKQ5

KQJ

South is Declarer and holds

T73

Q64

J63

A764

Should you hold up taking the ACE of Spades? WHY or WHY NOT?

How many SURE tricks do you have?

Do you need to unblock? Which suit?

High from the short side? WHICH suit?

Deal 1 at Table for Practice - 3 NT in the EAST – Opening lead is 5 of Spades

NORTH

QT2

T8

8643

AKQ7

WEST

J93

AQ63

T52

T94

EAST

A84

KJ4

AKQJ

J83

SOUTH

K765

9752

97

652

Deal 2 at the Table for Practice – 3 NT in the NORTH Opening lead is Q of Diamonds

North

QJ43

5

A53

J9743

WEST

T85

JT876

87

K85

EAST

9762

93

QJT9

AQT

South

AK

AKQ42

K642

62

Deal 3 At the Table – 6 NT in the WEST opening lead is Jack of Hearts

NORTH

974

JT98

QT43

42

WEST

QJ

A753

K9652

KQ

EAST

AK53

KQ

A7

A9763

SOUTH

T862

642

J8

JT85

Blocked Suits? YES SIR REE BOB! Take Tricks with CARE or you won't make it.

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