

## Maximizing your tricks

*REVIEW part in Red below, either because you Write the Even Numbers on the White board and abbreviate the odd numbers or because you say them.*

**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 (tricks you can take like AKQ without losing the lead to opponents.)
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 OR promote your tricks and then take them!
11. NO PLAN is Bad! BUT having NO PLAN is REALLY BAD!

New Information – Write on White board KEY Points (using KEY words written, not writing ALL words) – I have put them in Italics – Say the other parts (bold)

Promotion in No Trump – **Last week you had all the tricks you needed, you just had to figure out what order to take them all, so you could GET them all and not get stranded** in one hand or the other.

*Promotion works like this- you can PROMOTE winners if you are willing to sacrifice one or more of your high cards to turn at least ONE high card into a trick.*

*Remember this, in order to promote you have to give up the lead to the opponents. Also remember **THEY WANT TO HURT YOU!!!** Sometimes they can hurt you and sometimes their ability to do harm depends on how many times you will lose the lead. We as declarers should be thinking about the tricks we can promote AND the number of times we have to lose the lead in order to promote them.*

*PUT EXAMPLES on WHITE BOARD – ASK the Questions!*

Ex 1

Dummy (North) K J 7

Declarer (south) Q 4 3

How many tricks should you get? How many times do you have to lose the lead?

Ex 2

D (N) J 10 7

D (S) Q 4 3

How many tricks? How many times you have to lose the lead? *SIDE NOTE: IF they let you win the first club, don't keep playing them, you wanted ONE club trick you got ONE club trick, go on to the next suit. SAME for FIRST example, you get your two club tricks in example one, MOVE ON!*

Ex 3

Dummy (North) K 7 5

Declarer (south) Q 4 3

How Many tricks? How many times you have to lose the lead? *SIDE NOTE: IF they let you win the first club, don't keep playing them, you wanted ONE club trick you got ONE club trick, go on to the next suit.*

Ex 4

Dummy (North) K 7

Declarer (south) Q J 3

How many tricks? How many times you have to lose the lead? NOTE: Clubs are lopsided! What technique ARE you going to use to play these clubs? (High from the SHORT side)

DO YOUR WORK EARLY. The above suit requires you to have an entry to your hand to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> club trick. IF you do your promotion work EARLY, you will most likely still have an entry to your hand to get the good club.

Ex 5

Dummy (North) K T

Declarer (south) Q J 6 3

How many tricks? How many times you have to lose the lead? Which cards do you play first? Suppose the opps let both the King and the Ten go without taking the Ace? You are in dummy with no more clubs to go to your hand? What you gonna do? NOTE: Depending on when the opponents take the Ace of Clubs. You COULD need two entries to your hand to take the three club tricks you deserve. ***PLANNING your play should ALWAYS include planning your entries and transportation***

Ex 6

Dummy (North) A

Declarer (south) Q J T 3

How many sure tricks? How many possible tricks do you have in this suit? How many entries to your hand do you need to be able to get your (3) tricks? (TWO – one to lead the Q of clubs from your hand after you play the Stiff A in dummy, another to get to your hand to cash the J and Ten, that you have set up)

Hand One of prepared hands – ANNOUNCE Contract is 3 NT by EAST Lead from South is Jack of Hearts

Give them 4/5 minutes to play it, Walk around looking, anyone who DOESN'T make it can play it again TO try and make it IF they have 2 ish minutes left.

**Hand 1            3 NT by East    opening lead is Jack of hearts**

North

JT75

732

KQT

A85

West

AKQ8

65

J64

QJ42

East

643

AKQ4

A753

T9

South

92

JT98

982

K763

*Tricks are 3 Spades, 3 Hearts, 1 Diamond*

*two clubs by promotion*

**Hand 2**      **Contract is 1 NT in the South Opening Lead is Q of diamonds from West.**

North

J953

A53

K85

J32

West

KQ62

862

QJT9

65

East

A7

QJT9

742

QT98

South

T84

K74

A63

AK74

COUNT Winners in No Trump – Winners are 2 clubs, 2 diamonds, two hearts, you have to develop ONE Spade trick, get busy doing that as soon as you get the lead. Be sure to save a high card in dummy so you can USE the 4<sup>th</sup> spade you develop.

**Hand 3 Contract is 1 NT in the West Opening Lead is Q of hearts**

North

T9

QJT9

A542

QJ3

West

65

A74

QJT7

8765

East

AK742

K65

K3

942

South

QJ83

832

986

AKT

Seven tricks are needed you have two spades and two hearts, the other three tricks can be gotten from the diamonds, so your job is to drive out the ACE of D as soon as possible.

Generally your side's work suit is NOT the same suit as your opponents work suit.

DEMO AFTER you let them PLAY this IF 2 tables or MORE didn't make it;-) Declarer winning the ACE of HEARTS in Dummy and then leading a diamond from Dummy toward the KING....he has no way to Diamonds IF he takes the ACE of Hearts at Trick one.

**Hand 4**

**Contract is 3 NT in the North Opening Lead is 5 Spades from East**

	North	
	AKQ	
	Q7	
	AK85	
	JT64	
WEST		EAST
94		T8752
AJT94		83
T972		QJ4
A7		983
	South	
	J63	
	K652	
	63	
	KQ52	

Nine tricks are there once declarer gets rid of the club ACE.

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