

In our last hand we had a trump suit where there was a big risk of losing too many tricks in the trump suit. The solution was to lead a small card to one of our honours and to duck the lead when we lead it back.

Here again in 4Sp our spades are a little less than what we might have hoped for.

Q876	K943
AQ2	KJ98
A54	32
KQJ	543

We are going to lose 1 x clubs and 1 x diamond so it is important not to lost two trump tricks in spades.

We lead the 6 towards the K.  
 Assuming that the K wins.....  
 lead the 3 towards the Q BUT to duck it.

This approach works whenever an opponent holds Ax in the trump suit.

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 Here is another poor trump holding you might find yourself with :-

J754 ----- Q832

Obviously a problem !

You expect to lose the A + K but don't want to lose a third trick in the suit.

Heres a possible layour for this suit :-

	A6	
J754	----- -----	Q832
	K109	

- i) Lead the 4 to the Q which loses to the opponent's King.  
 when you next take the lead
- ii)Lead the 2 towards the J BUT don't play the J

Here is the full hand :

	A6	
	Jxx	
J754	xxx	Q832
AKQ	xxxxx	765
J1098	----- -----	AKQ
A3	K109	752
	xxxx	
	xxx	
	KQJ	

