

Its not just a case of keep leading partner's suit back of course. Sometimes partner's lead turns out to be a poor one and it will do no good persisting with the first suit led.

Look at this hand:- { 4 S }

{dummy}	
KQ87	
A43	
AK10	{you}
1032	A42
	QJ95
	987
	974

Partner leads the Q Diamonds. Can you see why that lead has been a bit of a damp squib ? . Anyway ,dummy wins and leads a spade.

The only trick the defense definitely have is the Ace Spades. Returning a diamond is hopeless -if the defence are to build tricks they need to find a new suit to work on. Clubs are a possibility BUT its a bit much to expect partner to have a holding such as AQJ in clubs. They might have the Ace or King or even the AQ but to beat the contract we need a Heart trick or two.

Actually if partner has as little as the 10 Hrts then we are someway forward to making Heart tricks. And partner could have the King which would really be the icing on the cake.

You should lead a Hrt at trick 3 and take things from there , both you and partner leading Hrts whenever you gain the lead. Which Hrt should you lead ? Not sure it really matters -as we need partner to have the 10 or King it makes a lot of sense to lead a low card to partner. {If you can't bring yourself to do that , then lead the Q which is likely to be as good }.

A last hand . Can you find the suit to build tricks from ?

{dummy}	
J1087	
A4	
AK102	{you}
K32	A42
	10953
	Q98
	Q104

Contract 4Sp . Lead K Hrts.

Possible tricks for the defence are : 1xSp {Ace} + 1X Hrt {Queen} + 1 xDi {Q } *maybe..* We need to build a trick in clubs. If partner has the Ace GGGGREEAAT!! but even a modest Jack clubs will help the cause (of defeating 4Sp ).

When a trump is led ,winning with the Ace Spades and switching to a low club would be an impressive effort. Why not send a Hrt back to partner's Queen ? We would like to, but we can't lead a Hrt and a club. If you lead a Hrt partner will win but may be uncertain where to go from there. As the Hrt Q is now "set up" it makes more sense to start building for the next trick , particularly as it is you who can see that tricks are needed in Clubs.

