

examples: on a spade lead

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(declarer)	(dummy)
432	AK65
AQJ43	1098
K2	AQ4
AQ2	543

{1} declarer's hand is main hand

{2} *the 4,3, of spades are covered by the A,K, but the third spade isnt covered so **1 loser in spades***

*the AQJ of hearts are not covered by dummys holding so **1 loser in Hearts***

*the K2 of diamonds are covered by dummys Ace so **NO losers in Diamonds***

*the AQ2 of clubs are not covered by dummys 543 so **2 losers in Clubs***

{3} in 4Hrts declarer can afford 3 losers - as there are 4 losers the declarer needs to finesse or discard or ruff. The contract will not make unless a loser disappears. By discarding a spade or a club on our diamonds we can reduce our losers to 3.

{4} the losers are 4 in total and so we have to decide whether now is the time to draw trumps ie if we draw trumps and lose the lead can the opponents win our 4 losers {straight away }. The answer to that is no so we should draw trumps. After drawing trumps we intend to discard as per { 3 } above.

examples 3): on a spade lead

(declarer)	(dummy)
432	A86
AQJ643	K1098
K2	Q7643
A7	5

{1} declarer's hand is main hand

{2} *the 4, of spades is covered by the A but the other two spades aren't covered so **2 losers in spades***

*the AQJ of hearts are covered by dummys holding so **0 loser in Hearts***

*the K2 of diamonds are not covered by dummys diamonds so **1 losers in Diamonds***

*the A7 of clubs are not covered by dummys 5 so **1 losers in Clubs***

{3} in 4Hrts declarer can afford 3 losers - as there are 4 losers the declarer needs to finesse or discard or ruff. The contract will not make unless a loser disappears. By ruffing a club we can reduce our losers to 3.

{4} the losers are 4 in total and so we have to decide whether now is the time to draw trumps ie if we draw trumps and lose the lead can the opponents win our 4 losers {straight away } or would drawing trumps prevent us ruffing in dummy ? The answer to that is no so we should draw trumps. After drawing trumps we intend to trump a club as per { 3 } above.

