

False Cards - deceptive play by declarer

This may not change your life but it is something you should be aware of if nothing else. We are going to introduce the subject of what *declarer* might do by looking at a hand as if we are a *defender* , trying to beat a contract.

Contract 4Sp.

{dummy}
AQ92
542
54
AJ97

{you}
76
AK76
KQ76
654

Trick 1 - you lead the Ace Hrts , partner plays low and declarer plays the Queen.

Trick 2 - you ...?

{well if the declarers play of the Q is honest and that Q is a singleton we might decide to switch , presumably to diamonds }.

Now look at the full hand.

{dummy}
AQ92
542
54
AJ97

{you}
76
AK76
KQ76
654

{declarer}
KJ1083
Q9
A87
KQ10

on our lead of the Ace Hrts , declarer dropped the Q !!

They wouldnt do that would they , you say. But yes -they very well might.

{Declarer thinks to themselves that the Q is a dead duck anyway and if it is played under the Ace that seeds of doubt might be sown}

The result of the deception is that in due course the declarer can ditch their remaining Hrt on a winning club and make 11 tricks. Well played Sir (or Madam).

Now this may be new to you but actually it is a well known stratagem- declarers are forever dropping Q's or J's under defender's cards to try to fool them.

Does it work ? Well sometimes is the answer. Look over the page now ----->