

### 3 ) A forcing defence

The defenders *deliberately* lead a suit that they know declarer will have to trump in their own hand. The contract is 4Sp and the King Hrts is led.

	(dummy)
	K54
	J72
	A87
(you)	QJ65
A762	
KQ986	
62	
A9	(declarer)
	QJ983
	void
	KQJ4
	K1082

{Trick 1 } Lead K Hrts *which is trumped by the declarer*; {Trick 2 } Declarer leads a trump which we win with the Ace  
 {Trick 3 } We lead another Hrt *which is trumped by declarer*

At every point that the defenders take the lead they continue to lead Hrts , the very suit that declarer is trumping. The effect is often that the declarer loses control of the hand { and sometimes ends up with less trumps than the defenders }.

### 4) Third player doesn't always play high.Contract 4Sp. A small Hrt is led.

i) <table style="border: none; margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">----- -----</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(you)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Q<u>9</u>7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">K<u>10</u>85</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">A62</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	3	----- -----	(you)		Q <u>9</u> 7	K <u>10</u> 85		A62		ii) <table style="border: none; margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">----- -----</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(you)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">K<u>10</u>5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">A<u>J</u>93</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">87</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	2	----- -----	(you)		K <u>10</u> 5	A <u>J</u> 93		87	
3	----- -----	(you)																	
	Q <u>9</u> 7	K <u>10</u> 85																	
	A62																		
2	----- -----	(you)																	
	K <u>10</u> 5	A <u>J</u> 93																	
	87																		

Although the declarer's hand is of course hidden from you , it is not hard to work out the likely distribution of the remaining Honours in the suit led. Partner has led a low card and has an Honour. That Honour is likely to be a Q or J (or 10 ). In each example above you do better *not* to play your highest card but to try and win ( or force out declarer's highest card) by playing what is often your next highest card .

### 5) Defenders draw trumps when they can see that the declarer *might* want to trump in the dummy.Whenever dummy holds a side suit shortage and a shortage of trumps it may be possible to draw dummy's trumps before the declarer can use them to trump with. Contract 4Sp. Lead Ace Hrts.

	( dummy)
	65
(you)	4 <u>3</u>
932	AQ987
<u>A</u> K95	K876
J32	
J43	

Here we start with the Ace Hrts-realising that if we create a void in dummy the dummy may be able to trump Hrts we switch to a trump. NB this would be pointless if there were four trumps in the dummy .You would do better to take your King Hrts and be done with it.