

The hands to date have all been six cards or longer suits.
Good five card suits can also be established *albeit* that establishing them may take longer.

e,g 4Sp on a Hrt lead

(declarer)	(dummy)
AKxxx	QJxx
Axx	xx
32	AK654
xxx	Ax

There are various possibilities on this hand {ruffing a Hrt and a club in the dummy amongst them }.The line that will potentially make the most tricks is as follows:

- 1)win Hrt lead
- 2)play Ace sp
- 3)play K sp ...{ we will assume all the opponents trumps have been drawn }
- 4)play Ace diamonds
- 5)play K diamonds
- 6)play a small diamond and trump it*

*At this point it may be that the diamonds *have* been established.

ie all the opponents diamonds have been played and the two small diamonds in dummy are now established winners.

If that is the case then we simply go the Ace clubs and play our winning diamonds , throwing our Hrts away.

* Or ! it may be that the diamonds have not yet been established

ie an opponents still has a winning diamond left.

If that is the case then dummy must be reentered with the Ace cl and yet another diamond must be ruffed to establish the remaning diamond.

Now if the long suit doesnt break favourably it may be that there was no particular gain in trying to establish that suit ie we could have made the same number of tricks with a different approach. That is true but there is no harm in trying to establish the suit *and you won't make any less tricks.*

Our last hand is really no different from the previous hand other than in addition to ruffing to establish the long suit , a finesse must also be taken.

(declarer)	(dummy)
AKxxx	QJxx
Axx	xx
32	AQ7654
xxx	x

{There are other lines but we are going to try to establish the long diamonds}

- 1)win Ace Hrts
- 2) Play Ace sp
- 3) play K sp
- 4) take diamond finesse {wins!}
- 5) play Ace diamonds
- 6) play small diamond and trump it.

The diamond suit is now in all probability established.

7)return to the dummy with a spade.

If everything went according to plan you will have made 12 tricks.

