

Essentially the technique of establishing long suits in No Trumps is simply to keep playing the suit out until extra winners have been created. There may be the odd wrinkle to learn though.

(declarer)	(dummy)	3NT on a Hrt lead.
AKxx	QJx	
Axx	xx	
32	AK654	
Jxxx	Axx	

Declarer has only one "stop" in Hrts.

Although diamonds must be played *and the lead lost at some point* declarer does best to first wait in the Hrt suit before releasing their Ace.

A likely order of play is :

Trick 1) small hrt Trick 2) small Hrt Trick 3) Ace Hrt Trick 4) Ace di Trick 5) K Di
Trick 6) small di * *which the opponents win.*

Declarer will have to hold their breath now and hope that the player who wins the diamond has no more Hrts to lead. { Actually it is not necessarily curtains even if they *do* have a Hrt to lead as the opponents Hrts may have broken 4-4 all the time}.

There may be entry problems that can be avoided by losing a trick in the long suit at a moment that is best for declarer.....

3NT on a Hrt lead.

(declarer)	(dummy)
AKxx	Jxx
AKx	xx
732	AK654
Axx	Qxx

Heres one method {not the best as you will see }:

Trick 1) Ace hrt Trick 2) Ace di Trick 3) K Di Trick 4) small di * *which the opponents win.*

The problem is that now although the diamonds *are* established , it is tricky to get over to the dummy to enjoy them. Not necessarily impossible but certainly awkward.

Try this better method :

Trick 1) Ace hrt Trick 2) Ace di Trick 3)small di * *which the opponents win.*

Next time we play a diamond the suit will be established; we have retained a small diamond that we can play to get over to the diamond suit.

The long suit in dummy to be established may be only 4 cards in length.

(declarer)	(dummy)	The diamonds need to be established. After three rounds the last diamond may be a winner.
AKxx	Jxx	
AKx	xxx	<u>Method 1</u> Ace Hrts; Ace Di; King Di; small di*{loses}
732	AK65	When declarer regains lead, club to K and play a Di .
Axx	Kxx	<u>Method 2</u> Ace Hrts; Ace Di; small di*{loses};
		When declarer regains lead, small Di to K and play a Di .
		Both approaches work.