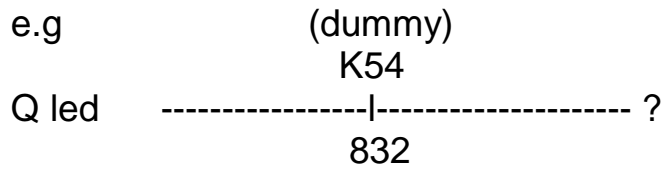


How do I play ?

You have an unsupported K in the dummy. The suit is led.



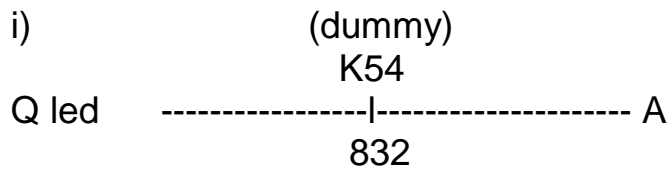
There doesn't seem much chance that your King will make but you never know!

One thing to say is that as sure as eggs are eggs the Ace is sat over the King. Which is to say that if you do play the King it is a certainty that the Ace will be played on your King .

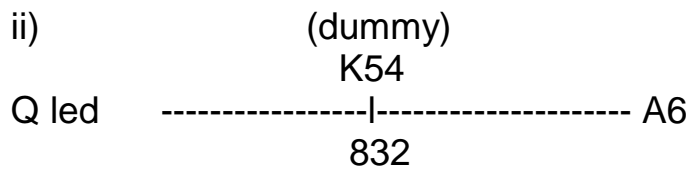
There can be no gain whatsoever in playing your King.

You might agree with that { you should } but still wonder what gain there might be in *not* playing your King.

Well, look at these possibilities.

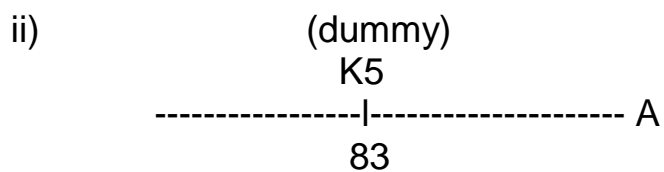


Here the right hand opponent has a singleton Ace. If you quietly play low on the lead of the Q ,then the Ace will have to be played anyway { and your King will become promoted }. Unlikely you say ? O.K. what about this scenario



The Q is led { which you duck in dummy } and the 6 is played by right hand opponent.

This leaves.....



now we can well imagine that the player on lead will continue leading this suit and lead the Jack perhaps. Once again we play low and the right hand opponent is forced to play their Ace. Our King has become a winner.

Rather than playing the King (which we know will lose) we should always play low in the dummy and *hope* that the King may yet make a trick.