

2nd player plays low etc -----(2)

Now we can look at how things are for the player that sits to the right of dummy. It is harder in this seat as often this player won't know if they can win a trick or not.

(dummy)

J76
A873
K75
Q52

(you)

Q542
K965
A43
K5

(declarer)

(a) dummy leads the 6 spades.

i) You don't know that you can win the trick so should play low

(b) dummy leads the 3 hearts .

i) you can win the trick if you play the K and there is a good chance that you might never make the King if you don't play it now. Play the King

(c) dummy leads the 5 diamonds

i) you can win the trick if you play the A; you have to consider though what would happen if you play low ? probably the declarer will win the trick but you should get a second chance to win with your Ace. All in all it is probably best to not play the Ace and keep it back to play on dummy's King.

So far the defender in 2nd seat has had to decide whether to play their single honour or to play low. Things are very different if the defender has two touching honours.

For the following examples we will say that you are defending as West; South is the declarer and North is the dummy.

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W-----|-----E
S

In each example the defender has two touching honours.

You are going to learn about the idea of *splitting your honours*.

a) with two touching Hons K102
QJ3 -----|----- ??
4??

Declarer leads the 4 towards the K in the dummy.

Now *probably* the declarer will play the K but supposing he plays the 10 ?

You must *split your honours* and play the J -the J will lose but you may make your Q later.

This splitting of touching honours is done whatever the honours are as we shall see.

