

Having only three losers in a ten trick contract is of course no problem.

Change the previous hands a little though and now look :-

ai)

(declarer)	(dummy)	
KQJx	10xxx	contract <u>4Sp</u>
Axx	xxx	
xxx	KQJ10	
AJ10	KQ	

To rate our chances of success we check for losers in each suit

a) look at the spades and say :we hold the K + Q { but not the Ace} and so have 1 loser

b) look at the hearts and say :we hold the A { but not the K + Q} and so have 2 losers

c) look at the diamonds and say :we hold the K + Q { but not the Ace} and so have 1 loser

d) look at the clubs and say: we hold the A + K + Q} and so have no loser

We have 4 losers. We are actually *not* going to make this contract *unless* we do something ! { actually unless we *dispose* of one of the losers }.

Say we get a Hrt lead. One way to get rid of a Hrt loser is to throw a Hrt on a club.

ie Trick 1-win Ace Hrts ;Trick 2-play 10 clubs to Q clbs; Trick 3-overtake K cl withe Ace cl;

Trick 4- play J cl *throwing* a Hrt from dummy....

bi)

AKQxx	Jxxx	contract <u>4Sp</u>
Axx	xxx	
KQJ	xxx	
xx	AQx	

Check each suit in turn for losers.

a) in spades -we have the A + K + Q so no losers

b)in hearts -we have the Ace -but not the K + Q -so 2 losers

c)in diamonds -we have the KQJ but no Ace -so 1 loser

d)in clubs -we have the A + Q -but *not* the K -so 1 loser

We have a total of 4 losers and *will not* make 10 tricks unless one of the losers is removed or turned into a winner.

{there is no way to dispose of any losers ; we counted the clubs for 1 loser BUT if the club finesse worksthen we will have no losers in clubs. }

We will draw trumps and take the clb finesse -there is no alternative.

ci)

KQJx	Axxx	contract <u>4Sp</u>
xxx	xxx	
AQx	KJxxx	
KQJ	x	

Checking each suit in turn for losers.

a) in spades -we have the A +K + Q -so no loser

b)in hearts -we do not have the A or K or Q and {as we have 3 hearts} we have 3 losers

c)in diamonds -we have the AKQ -so 0 loser

d)in clubs -we have the K + Q + J (but no Ace)-so 1 loser.

We have 4 losers. One of the losers musn't lose !

On a diamond lead we draw trumps and play diamonds throwing Hrts.10 tricks make.