

Again you are in 4Sp and receive the lead of the K Hrts .

(declarer)	(dummy)
KQ973	A82
A54	2
J6	KQ987
A74	K982

Trick 1-----Ace Hrts

Trick 2----- play the J diamonds *

* we deliberately do not draw trumps.

{{ the reason we don't draw trumps is that if we didthen the opponents when they gained the lead would be able to play Hearts and we would have no trumps left to ruff the Hearts.}}

What happens next depends a little on what the opponents do.

Let us say that the opponents take their Ace diamonds.

ie Trick 2 ----- play the J diamonds *which the opponents win with their Ace diamonds.*

This leaves the following position (with the opponents on play)

(declarer)	(dummy)
KQ973	A82
54	void
6	KQ98
A74	K982

The opponents are in something of a dilemma .

They *can't go* ! { The term is zugzwang for those who wan't to know }.

Whatever they do / whatever they lead you have an answer for.

(If Hrts are led you can trump them , and if any other suit is led you can win and can choose to draw trumps and play winning diamonds or trump hearts as you please). It would not be so much of a stretch to say that you are in control.

This approach of losing a trick *early* in a suit that has to be lost at some point is quite common . In our example hand above we lost a diamond { thereby establishing the diamonds} before we drew trumps.

Which method do expert players prefer ? Establishing side suits ALWAYS.

Running out of space but should mention that *of course* if you don't draw trumps then you yourself may be the one that incurs a ruff. It is only a *very* slight risk however and one that most of us are prepared to chance. It was also assumed that the opponents *would* take their Ace diamonds when we led the J ;most good defenders would (for the J might be a singleton for one thing) but if they didn't...then you can still ruff Hrts or establish diamonds as you wish. ie you lose nothing by starting to establish the long suit.

