

Rule of eleven -defender's turn

Let us see how a *defender* can use the rule of 11 to advantage.

The contract is NTs and partner is on lead.

K98

6 led -----|----- A103

The 6 is led and dummy plays the 8.

Well you may have it in mind to play the 10 anyway but let us see what the R.O 11 can tell us.

From the number 11 we subtract the led card { the 6 } leaving 5.

The rule tells us that between the *dummy* and *ourselves* and *declarer* are 5 cards higher than the 6.

Well we can see all of those five cards !! ie we can see the K + 9 + 8 + A + 10.

This means that the declarer has no card higher than the 6 in their hand.

We thus play the 10 on dummy's play of the 8 and KNOW that it will win the trick.

Another example.

K76

5 led -----|----- AJ9

The 5 is led - the 6 is played from dummy and you have to decide whether to play the Ace or perhaps a lower card. .

Lets check with the R.O.11

Subtract 5 from 11 = 6.

The rule tells us that between the *dummy* and *ourselves* and *declarer* are 6 cards higher than the 5.

Again we can see all those six cards { the K + 7 + 6 + A + J + 9 }; once again the declarer has no card higher than the 6. We play the 9 and KNOW it will win the trick.

{In case you are interested this is how the cards lay when partner led the 5.

e.g

Q108 <u>5</u>	----- -----	K7 <u>6</u>	AJ <u>9</u>
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