

You are in 3 Spades - you have been pushed a little with the opponents bidding up to the three level in Diamonds.

{declarer)	{dummy}
AQ1087	5432
A93	Q107
A7	43
K54	Q1062

The K diamonds is led which you win. Now what ?

If we could get to dummy we could try the spade finesse but there is no sure way to get access to dummy.

Well perhaps the opponents can be enlisted to come to our aid.

At trick two we lead a diamond ,*throwing -in* the opponents.

Now whoever wins the diamond will presumably have to lead a new suit .. NB if they carried on with diamonds that would allow us to have a ruff and discard which would be good for us ! ... so they will have to switch.

Now just about *any* suit they now lead will be to our benefit.

Do you see that giving the opponents the lead at an opportune moment can never hurt us and *may* be helpful (to us).

Instead of guessing which suit to lead/play we get the opponents to open up a new suit for us.

One more hand. A modest 2 Spades.

{declarer)	{dummy}
KQ87	A432
AK3	876
K75	J32
J54	K86

A Heart is lead which we win. Next we draw trumps in 3 rounds. We are a little stuck now as to which suit/suits to try next.

Before committing ourselves one way or another we can try a *throw-in*. Play the K Hrts and then lead a third Hrt which an opponent will win.

Now an opponent is on lead and it will be for them to guess which suits *they* should lead.

It may well be that they (i) simply make a mistake and make a bad lead (!) or (ii) are forced to make a lead which automatically assists us.

At any rate it is a good technique to *throw in* an opponent the lead when you are stuck and see what they lead. Sometimes they will come to your aid.

