

We started with :

(declarer)	(dummy)
AKQ3	7654
KQ32	J1098
KQ	876
643	AK

Two rounds of diamonds were played and when we drew trumps we discovered an opponent had a certain winning trump { they still held the J10 Sp }. This was the position.

(declarer)	(dummy)
Q3	76
KQ32	J1098
void	8
643	AK

In this sort of situation you have to avoid putting an opponent in control of the trump suit ie you mustn't draw one round of trumps leaving the opponent with the winning trump. What you must do is to stop drawing trumps and { for the moment} leave an opponent with two trumps. *Don't worry ! They will only be able to make one of their trumps.* You must switch your attention to the suit that you will make tricks from when it is established .Here it is the Hrts suit. Leaving trumps alone you play the K Hrts. Probably the Ace will be played , but if it isn't , you continue by playing the Q Hrts. Eventually the Ace will be played and the remaining Hrts will be winners.

The opponents have the lead of course but you will be able to win the lead straight back and when you do ,you now draw one more trump leaving the opponent with their one winning trump.

The two methods of dealing with bad trump breaks are :-

- (i) when you have enough tricks to make your contract , *draw trumps, leaving just the one winning trump the opponents hold outstanding.*
- (ii) when you don't have enough tricks to make your contract , *draw trumps but leave two trumps the opponents hold outstanding.* Develop the side suit to make tricks before reverting to drawing *one more round of trumps.*

Here is the full hand that necessitated playing method (ii)

	J1098	
(declarer)	A5	(dummy)
AKQ3	J932	7654
KQ32	982	J1098
KQ		876
643		AK
	2	
	764	
	A1054	
	QJ1075	

