

Another variation. A small club is led against 4Sp.

	{dummy}	
	K106	
	J8	
	KJ2	
	K754	
3Clb ----->		Q32
		K53
		Q654
	AJ987	AJ9
	AQ2	
	10987	
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Some will no doubt take the view that the K clubs is a dead duck anyway and so they will play the K. This is a mistake.

If you play the K of course it gets beaten by the Ace and the opponents will continue leading clubs; suppose though you play low instead.

Actually there are all sorts of possibilities now ....

i) the next player *may* play the Ace { its been known }- and so your K will win shortly -or

ii) the next player may play the Jack { good play } BUT then play the Ace ( which you ruff) --or

iii)the next player may play the Jack and then lead something to your advantage {a lead of a diamond or heart or spade would all be helpful !!} or ...

at any rate if you start by *not* playing your King then there will be chances that that King may make later in the game.

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Perhaps you have a Queen in the dummy ....

	{dummy}	
	K106	
	Q87	
	KJ2	
	Q754	
JClb ----->		532
		K53
		Q654
	AQJ87	AK8
	A2	
	A987	
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All the old arguments apply ; *if you play the Q then there is no possibility of making a trick in the suit; if you play low then possibly the Q might yet make a trick.*

On this hand the declarer may organise to ruff out the A + K and so promote the Q in that way. NB on the lead of the J you duck;on the continued lead of the 10 you duck again.

Finally you will be in a position to trump a diamond and establish the Q as a winner.

