

# Solution 100206

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## 100206.1

♠ 64		♠ A854
♥ AJT962	W N E	♥ KQ8
♦ J5	S	♦ A72
♣ KT8		♣ QJ9

The bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
	1♠	1NT	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

How should West play on a ♠K lead?

### Solution:

Notice the bidding, then it's easy to see why you should duck 2 rounds of ♠ if possible. You can ruff (or overruff) the third round ♠ in your hand, clear the trump and pitch your ♦ loser on ♠A.

## 100206.2

♠ AKJ		♠ 543
♥	W N E	♥ KQ4
♦ A3	S	♦ T765
♣ AKJT9873		♣ Q62

How should West play 6♣ on a ♦K lead?

### Solution:

This hand is a good example of endplay. But you must carefully protect your entry to the dummy while you are trying to clear the trump. Win by the ♦A, then ♣A and lead ♣7 to ♣Q. Play ♥K, if South covers, then you can ruff it and use your last entry to the dummy, ♥Q pitches a ♦loser and take your chance at ♠ finesse. If ♥A doesn't show up, then you can pitch a ♦ loser on it. You either stole a trick, or North, who can do no harm to your ♠ suit, gets in with the ace. You can pitch your ♦loser later with your last trump entry.