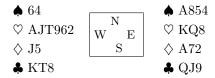
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The bidding goes:

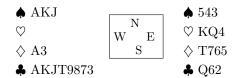
West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	1NT	Pass
$3 \heartsuit$	3♠	$4 \heartsuit$	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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 \spadesuit if possible. You can ruff (or overruff) the third round \spadesuit in your hand, clear the trump and pitch your \diamondsuit loser on \spadesuit A.

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How should West play $6\clubsuit$ on a \diamondsuit 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 $\Diamond A$, then A and lead A to A Q. Play $\heartsuit K$, if South covers, then you can ruff it and use your last entry to the dummy, $\heartsuit Q$ pitches a \Diamond loser and take your chance at A finesse. If $\heartsuit A$ doesn't show up, then you can pitch a \Diamond loser on it. You either stealed a trick, or North, who can do no harm to your A suit, gets in with the ace. You can pitch your \Diamond loser later with your last trump entry.