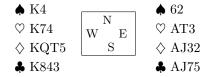
Problem 100209

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100209.1



How should West play 3NT on a ♣T lead?

Solution:

West should duck the first round of \clubsuit if South didn't cover the \clubsuit Q, to keep the spades safe before the nineth trick is developed. Later you can try if clubs split or the spade finesse. If South covers by the \clubsuit Q, then you should win by the \clubsuit A. You already have 2 hearts, 4 diamonds and 3 clubs.

100209.2



How should West play 3NT on a $\blacklozenge 2$ lead (most likely 4th from the suit)?

Solution:

West should win the spades in his hand and play small diamonds from both hand to keep the connection (or do so after $\Diamond K$ is played first). If West failed to do so, you may only have 2 diamond tricks if the diamonds is 4-1 (Work this situation out by yourself!).