

Problem 100209

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100209.1

♠ K4		♠ 62
♥ K74		♥ AT3
♦ KQT5	W N E	♦ AJ32
♣ K843	S	♣ AJ75

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

Solution:

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

100209.2

♠ AK3		♠ 854
♥ A63		♥ K74
♦ K43	W N E	♦ QJ652
♣ AK93	S	♣ 72

How should West play 3NT on a ♠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 ♦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!).