

# Solution 100227

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## 100227.1

♠ AT		♠ QJ
♥ KQ5432	W N E	♥ AJ86
♦ K62	S	♦ AJ43
♣ AQ		♣ JT4

North leads a ♥T against your 6♥ contract. You play ace from dummy and South follows. How would you play this contract?

### Solution:

You should try to find a line in which you can take all your chances. Here we should clear all the trump, finesse the ♣ first because even if it lost to North, he can do no harm to your contract. If the finesse holds, then you can cash ♣A to see if ♣K drops, then play ♦A, ♦K and lead another small ♦ towards the jack. You win if diamonds are 3-3, Q doubleton, or Q is in North's hand. And your last chance is the spades finesse. If the club finesse lost, then you can cash the ♣A and use the ♣T to discard a diamond. Play ♦K and ♦A and ruff another diamond to see if ♦Q drops. Again, your last chance would be the spade finesse.

## 100227.2

This is a problem from the match I played against Hsinchu Tsinghua University in September, 2008.

♠ 3		♠ KJ
♥ QJ765	W N E	♥ AKT3
♦ Q4	S	♦ AT972
♣ KQJ87		♣ A3

**Notes:** Please check the original problem to see the bidding sequence.

North leads ♠A and continues another ♠. You discard a diamond under ♠K and play ♥A from dummy. Surprisingly North fails to follow a heart. How would you play this contract?

### Solution:

It seems tricky here, but all you need to do is ruff (or overruff if needed) 2 rounds of diamonds. You can discard the other 2 diamonds under your strong club suit after you draw all the trump.