

Solution 100306

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♠ A5		♠ KQ63									
♥ AT6		♥ KQ2									
♦ AQT74	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr></table>		N		W		E		S		♦ J982
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♣ K62		♣ Q5									

North leads a ♣7 (4th from best) against your 3NT contract. How would you play this contract?

Solution:

Your best chance is to play as North holding ♣A. So play ♣Q at first round. If ♣Q holds, then the contract is secured by a safe ♦ finesse into a less dangerous defender. Even if East wins with the ace, you can still try the ♦ finesse later.

100306.2

♠ A5		♠ KQ63									
♥ AT6		♥ KQ2									
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♣ K62		♣ Q5									

North leads a ♣7 (4th from best) against your 3NT contract. How would you play this contract?

Solution:

The cards lie slightly different than the previous problem. You should play low from both hands and wait until the last round to win the club trick. You have to hope club splits or east starts with only 3 clubs. So, again, you can secure your contract by a finesse in diamonds.