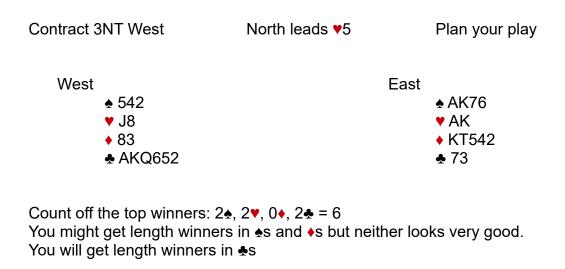
TEAMS V PAIRS

HANDS

Plan your play & bidding for Teams

Exp 1



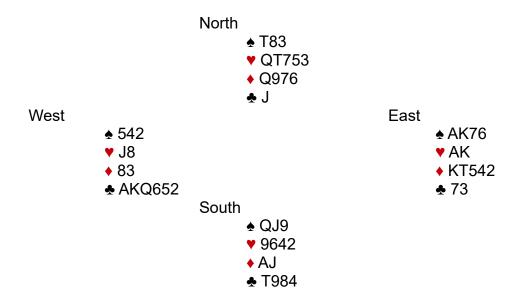
Play

You win the opening lead and start playing on your longest suit \$\.\text{s}\$. You have counted your \$\.\text{holding}\$ (8) which give defence five. As long as the clubs break 3/2 you can take six \$\.\text{tricks}\$, but you must be careful. You are missing the \$\.\text{JT98}\$, this means that if one defender is sitting with a four card suit you have a shortage of entries. How do you overcome this problem and the lack of entries into the West hand? You must **DUCK** the first round of \$\.\text{s}\$ and let the defence win.

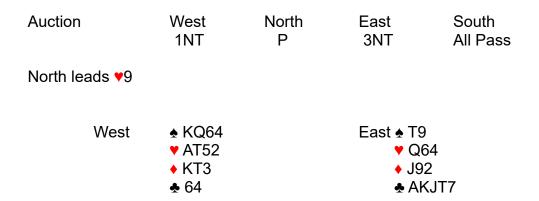
By doing this when you get back on lead later on you can run the ♣s and make your contract.

This is called a safety play.

If playing Pairs you would play the ♣ off the top hoping for an overtrick.



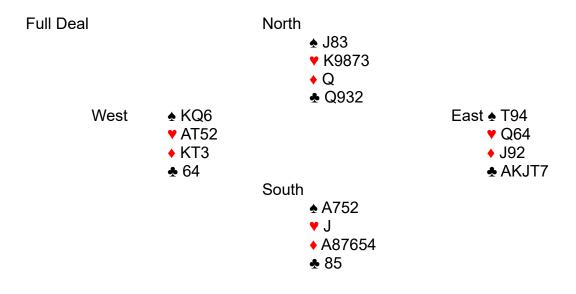
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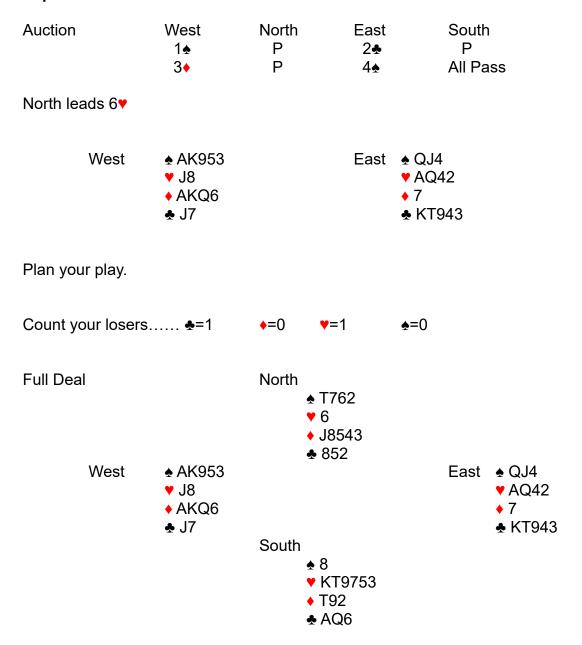
You bid a thin game in NT. Plan your Play.

Note: in pairs you would invite with 2NT (11-12) or 2♠ (11) depending on system.

You only have 3 top tricks. Your other tricks must come from ♣ finesse and leading up to KQ♠ and K♠







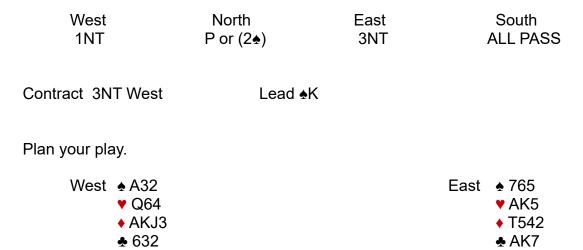
Did you spot the potential problem?

If you duck the opening lead of the ♥6 and it is a singleton your contract could go off. South would win with their ♥K, return a low ♥ which is trumped.

(Low ♥ shows wanting ♣ return)

Now a ♣ return from North and another ♥ contract is down.

Exp 4



You are in a **NT** contract so the first thing you should do is count your **off the top winners**.

You need to **duck** the first two rounds of ♠s. When West shows out on trick 3 you know that **North started with 5**♠s **and is the danger hand**.

Your only chance of making your 9th trick is in ◆s but the finesse is into the danger hand North.

For this reason we must decline the finesse and play the ◆s from the top, just in case North started with a singleton or doubleton ◆Q. Remember we can lose 1♦ trick to South as they do not hold any more ◆s.

If North started with 3♦s to the Q there is nothing we can do and our contract would go down.

Contract makes 10 tricks if you hold up ♠s and play ♦s from the top. You will go 1 off if you try the ♦ finesse. If South had started with 3♦s to the ♦Q we would just make our 9 tricks.

