

## **Play Lesson 1: Making A Plan**

**P**ause to Consider

**L**ook at Winners & Losers

**A**nalyze Techniques

**N**ow Form A Plan

**Consider:**      **1) Objective**

**2) Winners in NT / Losers in Trump**

**3) NT:** Promote High Cards, Develop long suits, Finesse

**4) TRUMP:** All Above + Discard Losers, Ruff Losers (Short Hand)

**5) Plan**

### **Exercise One — The Objective**

In a contract of 3NT, the objective is to take nine tricks. In a contract of 2♣, the objective is to lose no more than five tricks. Look at the following contracts and decide the objective, counting winners in notrump and losers in a trump contract.

1) 3♣

2) 6NT

3) 4♠

4) 1NT

5) 2♦

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### **Exercise Two — Counting Winners**

Count the number of sure winners in each suit — the tricks that can be taken without giving up the lead.

DUMMY: 1) A K Q    2) A J    3) Q J 7 5    4) A 8 3 2    5) K Q

DECLARER: 4 2              K Q              A K 4 3 2    K 9 5              4 2

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### **Exercise Three — Counting Losers**

Count the number of losers that declarer has in each suit — the tricks that could be lost to the opponents. Are the losers quick or slow?

DUMMY : 1) K Q J 4    2) J 10 9 8    3) 9 8 6 2    4) A 5    5) K 6 4

DECLARER: 9 8              5 4 3 2              A 5              9 8 6 2    8 5

Losers:

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Quick/Slow:

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DUMMY: 6) Q 4 2    7) K 7 6    8) 7 4 3 2    9) K Q 5    10) A J 10

DECLARER: 9 8 3              J 10 9 3              A K J              7 4 2    8 4 2

Losers:

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Quick/Slow:

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**Hand #8 (3-3):** South(D)  
Bidding: 1NT-P-2NT-P-3NT-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ 7 6 2
South	♥ 8 7
	♦ K J 10 6 3
	♣ A 4 2
♠ Q J 10 8	♠ 9 4
♥ K 10 3	♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A 2	♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ 10 8 5 3	♣ Q 9 7
	♠ A K 5 3
	♥ A 6 4 2
	♦ Q 5
	♣ K J 6

Count Winners, Set up ♦'s with an entry

**Hand #7 (3-2):** East(D)  
Bidding: 1NT-P-2♥-P-2♠-P-4♠-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ K 2
East	♥ A 7
	♦ 9 8 6 4
	♣ Q J 10 9 7
♠ Q J 10 9 8 7	♠ 6 5 3
♥ 8 4 2	♥ K Q J
♦ A J	♦ K 7 5 2
♣ 5 4	♣ A K 6
	♠ A 4
	♥ 10 9 6 5 3
	♦ Q 10 3
	♣ 8 3 2

Count Losers

**Play Hand #1 (1-1):**                   **North (D)**

**P-P-1N-P-3N-P-P-P**

<b>Dealer:</b>	<b>♠ 7 5</b>
North	♥ 7 3 2
	♦ A Q 10 6 3
	♣ A 9 2
♠ K Q J 10 6	♠ 9 4 3
♥ A 10 6	♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ 9 7	♦ 2
♣ 10 6 5	♣ J 8 7 4
	♠ A 8 2
	♥ K 5
	♦ K J 8 5 4
	♣ K Q 3

**Play Hand #2 (1-3):**                   **South (D)**

**P-1N-P-2♦-P-2♥-P-3♥-P-4♥-P-P-P**

<b>Dealer:</b>	<b>♠ K 9 7 4 3</b>
South	♥ 7 5 4 2
	♦ 10 6
	♣ K 8
♠ J 5 2	♠ 10 6
♥ A Q 9	♥ K J 10 8 6 3
♦ A Q 8	♦ K J 5
♣ A 9 7 3	♣ 6 2
	♠ A Q 8
	♥ —
	♦ 9 7 4 3 2
	♣ Q J 10 5 4

**Play Hand #3 (1-4):**

**West (D)**

**P-1♠-P-2♠-P-P-P**

Dealer:	♠ K Q J 10 3
West	♥ A Q 5 ♦ 9 4 ♣ 8 6 3
	♠ A 7                      ♠ 9 5 2
	♥ 9 7 6 4 3 2              ♥ J 8
	♦ A J 6                      ♦ K Q 10 2
	♣ 9 4                      ♣ K Q J 10
	♠ 8 6 4
	♥ K 10
	♦ 8 7 5 3
	♣ A 7 5 2