

Play Lesson 2: Developing Tricks

Promotion: Knock out opponents High Cards

Exercise One — Promotion

How many tricks do you expect to take from each of the following suits? How many times would you have to give up the lead before you could enjoy your winners?

DUMMY:	1) K Q J 10	2) J 10 9 8	3) Q 10 3	4) K 3	5) J 8 7
DECLARER:	7 6 4 2	5 4 3 2	J 7 4	Q 7	10 9 4

Exercise Two — High Card from the Short Side

Assume that an ace in another suit is in dummy. How many tricks do you expect to get from the following suits? How would you play these suit combinations? What could happen if you weren't careful?

DUMMY:	1) K J 10 9 4	2) Q J 3	3) K Q 10 3	4) J 10 5	5) Q 10 9 8 3
DECLARER:	Q 7	K 4	J 4	Q 7	K J

Exercise Three — The Division of the Opponents' Cards

If the opponents hold the following number of cards in a suit, how would you expect them to be divided between the two hands?

1) 3 2) 4 3) 5 4) 6 5) 7 6) 8 7) 9

Develop Length Winners: Pull opponents cards until they are void
Note: Distribution is important

Distribution Probabilities:

NUMBER OF MISSING CARDS	LIKELY DISTRIBUTION
3	2-1
4	3-1
5	3-2
6	4-2
7	4-3
8	5-3

The concept of taking your losses early is easier to understand by looking at a full deal. The contract is 3NT and the opening lead is the ♥Q.

Contract: 3NT	♠ A 6 4										
Lead: ♥Q	♥ K 9 6										
	♦ K 8 2										
	♣ 9 7 6 3										
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	♦ A 10 4										
	♣ K Q J 10										

A Complete Deal

Let's take a look at the development of a long suit in a complete deal. You're in 3NT and the opening lead is the ♠3.

Contract: 3NT	♠ Q 10 5										
Lead: ♠3	♥ K 7 2										
	♦ 7 5 3 2										
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Play Hand #4 (2-2):

East(D)

Bidding: 1♣-P-1♠-P-2♠-P-4♠-P-P-P

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

Lead: ♥K

Count Losers, Pull Trump, Knock Out ♦A

Play Hand #5 (2-3):

South(D)

Bidding: 1NT-P-2♣-P-2♦-P-3NT-P-P-P

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

Lead: ♣5

Count Winners, Set up ♦'s, Duck

