

## Play Lesson 4: Developing Tricks, Trump Techniques

**Discarding Losers:** With Trump, Can effectively discard losers;  
Will Ruff Sooner!

Look at this example:

Contract: 4♣ Lead: ♣K	♠ K 10 8 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ 7 5 2	♠ 4 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ J 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6 4			
♠ 7 6 5 ♥ K 7 6 4 ♦ 10 6 ♣ K Q J 10	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q J 9 3 2 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A 9 3
N					
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Let's see how discarding a loser works in a complete deal.

Contract: 4♥ Lead: ♦K	♠ Q 4 3 ♥ 8 7 5 2 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ A K 7	♠ 10 9 6 5 ♥ K ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ Q J 9 6 2			
♠ 8 7 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ K Q J 10 ♣ 10 8 5 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K J ♥ Q J 10 9 6 3 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ 3
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Here is an example of establishing an extra winner using the finesse.

Contract: 2♣ Lead: ♥Q	♠ J 10 8 2 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ A J 4 ♣ 7 6 5	♠ A 6 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ 10 9 6 5 ♣ A Q 9 3			
♠ 9 4 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ Q 8 7 2 ♣ K 10 8	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 7 5 3 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ K 3 ♣ J 4 2
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Ruffing Losers:

Don't Pull Trump Too Soon!!

May need to ruff losers in the short trump Hand

Crossruff: Make all trump separately

Contract: 4♥  
Lead: ♠Q

♠ A 7 6 5  
♥ A Q 7  
♦ J 7 6 5 3  
♣ 3

♠ Q J 10 9  
♥ 5 3  
♦ K 4  
♣ Q 10 7 5 2

♠ 8 2  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ A Q 10 8  
♣ K 9 8 6

♠ K 4 3  
♥ K J 10 9 8  
♦ 9 2  
♣ A J 4

Contract: 4♥  
Lead: ♦K

♠ J 6 2  
♥ K Q 10 7  
♦ A 8 6 4 2  
♣ 5

♠ K 7 4  
♥ 6 5 2  
♦ K Q 10 7 5  
♣ 8 3

♠ A 10 9 3  
♥ 4 3  
♦ 9 3  
♣ K Q J 9 6

♠ Q 8 5  
♥ A J 9 8  
♦ J  
♣ A 10 7 4 2

## Managing The Trump Suit:

**The Trump Suit Is Like Any Other Suit:**  
 Promote High Cards, Develop long suit winners, use Finesses

**However, Don't Pull Trump if ruffs are needed!**

**Don't Lose Control!**

Let's see how this helps on the following deal:

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

### When to Draw the Outstanding High Trump

Declarer doesn't always leave a high trump outstanding. Drawing it may be necessary to maintain control. Consider this deal:

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

Play Deal #10 (4-1):

North (D)

Bidding: 1♠-X-3♠-P-4♠-P-P-P

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

Lead: ♣K

Count Losers, Must discard ♣ on ♦'s, Before Trump Play!

Play Deal #11 (4-3):

South (D)

Bidding: P-1♦-X-P-1♥-P-2♥-P-P-P

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

Lead: ♦A

Count Losers, Must Ruff ♦ (or ♠), Duck a ♥ to maintain control

Play Deal #12 (7-4):

West (D)

Bidding: P-1♠-P-2♥-P-2♠-P-3♠-P-4♣-

P-4♥-P-4♠-P-4NT-P-5♠-

P-6♠-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ A Q 10 8 6 4 2					
West	♥ 9 3					
	♦ J 5					
	♣ A 6					
♠ 3		♠ 7				
♥ J 5	<table border="1"><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	E	W	S	♥ Q 10 7 6
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W	S					
♦ 8 6 4 3 2		♦ A 10 9 7				
♣ K J 10 7 2		♣ 9 8 5 3				
	♠ K J 9 5					
	♥ A K 8 4 2					
	♦ K Q					
	♣ Q 4					

Lead: ♣8

Count Losers, Must Discard ♣, Pull Trump & Set Up ♥'s