

locking play

North. Contract: 3NT by South.

♠ 102
♥ 32
♦ AKQJ4
♣ KJ106

♠ 8753
♥ A10985
♦ 10
♣ A32

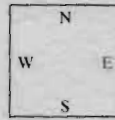
♠ AJ96
♥ KJ7
♦ 732
♣ Q84

at trick two in an effort to block the bidding and the play to the first two ♠Qxx. If South makes the mistake of ruff the suit and eventually East must get in with the ♠K. South should ruff the suit before turning his attention to

easy flow of a suit are quite common. In this case indicate that West probably declarer's best chance is to disrupt the declarer's play of the ♠10 was a little naive, and South should play the same way.

43. E-W game; dealer South. Contract: 4H by South.

♠ 5432
♥ AJ5
♦ 542
♣ K32



♠ QJ
♥ K87632
♦ AK9
♣ A7

The bidding

S	W	N	E
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West plays the ace, king and ten of spades, East following to the first round and then discarding the six of diamonds and four of clubs. South ruffs and plays the king of hearts followed by a heart to the ace, West discarding a spade on the second heart. How should South continue?

Double squeeze

43. E-W game; dealer South. Contract: 4H by South.

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The play

South should give East his trump trick to prepare the ground for a squeeze. West is known to hold the spades, and if East alone holds the diamonds the squeeze will be automatic. No doubt East will switch to a diamond. South wins, cashes his second diamond and then runs off the trumps. This will be the position before the last trump is played.

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On the ♥8 West is forced to throw a club, dummy discards the ♠5, and East must also throw a club otherwise declarer's ♦9 becomes good. The ♣A, ♣K and master ♣3 take the last three tricks.

The principle

A double squeeze involves three suits. If one opponent guards one suit exclusively while his partner controls another, then neither can guard the third. In the above example West guards spades while East guards diamonds so neither can retain control over clubs. Note, it is essential that the menace cards lie *over* the cards that guard them. Exchange the ♠5 and ♦9 and the squeeze doesn't work.

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44. Game all; dealer South. Contract: 3NT by South.

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The bidding

S	N
1♥	1♠
2NT	3NT

West leads the queen of diamonds. How should South plan the play?