

Establishing a Long Suit

No Trump Contracts

In Notrump contracts you need to surrender one or more tricks in a suit in-order to setup the suit.

Example:

	DUMMY	
	♠ AK742	
	♥ A43	
WEST		EAST
♠ J93		♠ Q105
♥ J109		♥ 8765
	DECLARER	
	♠ 86	
	♥ KQ2	

Suppose You Play :

- ▶ A♠ and K♠ followed by the 7♠
- ▶ If suit breaks 3-3 then the 4 and 2 will now be good --- assuming you could get back to Dummy via another suit (i.e. you have an entry).

Another Option of Play:

- ▶ Play from declarer's hand 6♠ and duck –allowing either opponent to win.
- ▶ When you return to the declarer's hand play the remaining spade to the A♠ and K♠
- ▶ If suit breaks 3-3 the remaining cards in dummy will be good.

Good plays to make:

When dummy's suit is like AKxxx or AKxxxx across from 2 small cards in your hand --- it can be wise to duck the first round. A second option would be to finesse should dummy have AQxxx or AQxxxx or AKJxx

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Example 2:

Example:

	DUMMY	
	♠ AJ1043	
	♥ A43	
WEST		EAST
♠ K92		♠ Q75
♥ J109		♥ 8765
	DECLARER	
	♠ 86	
	♥ KQ2	

Play :

play the ♠8 and play 10 --- The Queen will take and when you get back to your hand play the ♠6. And pkey ♠J and then The Ace--- King will fall and the rest of the spades will be good.

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Trump Contracts

North
♠ 984
♥ -
♦ K1053
♣ Q87532

Contract = 4S
Lead= Q♠

Potential Losers = 1C,1 or 2 S, 2Hs

West
♠ QJ10
♥ K753
♦ Q62
♣ K94

East
♠ 53
♥ K753
♦ Q62
♣ K94

South(You)
♠ AK762
♥ QJ1098
♦ A4
♣ 6

The lead allows us to only lose 1 spade.

Play

Win the spade lead and play a high Spade .

Play the ♥Q if West does not cover discard a Club.

When you return to your hand play another Heart and discard clubs until the King of H comes out which you will ruff.

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	North		Contract = 6S
	♠ A543		Lead= ♣ 9
	♥ 7		
	♦ 92		
	♣ AQ8742		Potential Losers = 1C,1H
West		East	
♠ 86		♠ 972	
♥ QJ94		♥ 63	
♦ KJ8764		♦ Q1053	
♣ 9		♣ KJ105	
	South(You)		
	♠ KQJ10		
	♥ AK10852		
	♦ A		
	♣ 63		

The lead looks like a singleton. Decline the finesse and come up with your ♣ A

Play

Play a Heart to your hand using the ♥ A and ruff a small heart using dummy's small trump. Get back to you hand with a trump and ruff another Heart with the ♠ A.

Take out trumps and the remaining hearts are now good (QH will fall under the KH). You will make 12 tricks! ♥ A

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Finesse to Establish a long suit

North
Q876

Requirement : 4 Tricks
Missing : K J 9

South
A105432

Play

Lead a small from Dummy hand towards the Ace.

If East plays the 9 cover with the 10.

If East plays the K or J cover with the A and lead towards dummy's Queen

If East shows out (West has K J 9) cover with the Ace and play towards the Queen

