

## Let's Play - 3rd Hand High

|             |           |                       |               |             |  |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
|             |           | <b>North (Dealer)</b> | <b>Hand 1</b> |             |  |
|             |           | ♠ A Q J 8             |               |             |  |
|             |           | ♥ 5 3                 |               |             |  |
|             |           | ♦ Q 9 2               |               |             |  |
|             |           | ♣ K Q T 2             |               |             |  |
| <b>West</b> | ♠ 5 4 3   |                       | ♠ 9 6         | <b>East</b> |  |
|             | ♥ T 9 4   |                       | ♥ J 7 6 2     |             |  |
|             | ♦ A J 5   |                       | ♦ K T 6 3     |             |  |
|             | ♣ 9 7 6 4 |                       | ♣ A 8 3       |             |  |
|             |           | ♠ K T 7 2             |               |             |  |
|             |           | ♥ A K Q 8             |               |             |  |
|             |           | ♦ 8 7 4               |               |             |  |
|             |           | ♣ J 5                 |               |             |  |
|             |           | <b>South</b>          |               |             |  |

Bidding is likely to be 1C-1H, 1S-4S

If 3 of D is led, West should go up with Ace and lead back Jack of D. Defense can pick up 3 D tricks plus ace of C

## Let's Play – Trapping High Cards

|             |              |               |                      |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
|             | <b>North</b> | <b>Hand 2</b> |                      |
|             | ♠ 6 5        |               |                      |
|             | ♥ 9 7 5 2    |               |                      |
|             | ♦ Q J T 4    |               |                      |
|             | ♣ A 7 5      |               |                      |
| <b>West</b> | ♠ Q 7 2      | ♠ K 8 3       | <b>East (Dealer)</b> |
|             | ♥ Q J 3      | ♥ T 8 4       |                      |
|             | ♦ K 7 6 2    | ♦ A 9         |                      |
|             | ♣ 9 8 3      | ♣ K Q J T 4   |                      |
|             | ♠ A J T 9 4  |               |                      |
|             | ♥ A K 6      |               |                      |
|             | ♦ 8 5 3      |               |                      |
|             | ♣ 6 2        |               |                      |
|             | <b>South</b> |               |                      |

Bidding is likely to be 1C-(1S)-1NT

P should lead S6 and we should go up with S9(not the ace), losing to Q.

When partner gets in with Ace of C, should come back with another S, contract going down (one C, 4 spades and two hearts).

## Let's Play - 3<sup>rd</sup> Hand not so High

|           |  | Hand 3         |      |
|-----------|--|----------------|------|
|           |  | North          |      |
|           |  | ♠ T 9 5        |      |
|           |  | ♥ J 7 2        |      |
|           |  | ♦ K J 7 5      |      |
|           |  | ♣ A Q 5        |      |
| West      |  |                | East |
| ♠ K 8 2   |  | ♠ A 7 4        |      |
| ♥ Q 9 6 3 |  | ♥ K T 5        |      |
| ♦ 9 6 2   |  | ♦ T 4 3        |      |
| ♣ T 9 3   |  | ♣ J 7 4 2      |      |
|           |  | ♠ Q J 6 3      |      |
|           |  | ♥ A 8 4        |      |
|           |  | ♦ A Q 8        |      |
|           |  | ♣ K 8 6        |      |
|           |  | South (Dealer) |      |

Bidding should be 1NT-3NT

3 of H is likely Lead, to cover dummies Jack of H, we should insert Ten (not the King)

## Let's Play - Unblocking

|               |           |                       |           |        |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|--------|
|               |           | <u>North</u>          |           | Hand 4 |
|               |           | ♠ T 6 5 2             |           |        |
|               |           | ♥ A 6                 |           |        |
|               |           | ♦ 7 3 2               |           |        |
|               |           | ♣ J 7 5 4             |           |        |
|               |           |                       |           |        |
|               | ♠ 9 7 3   |                       | ♠ A K Q   |        |
| West          | ♥ T 4 2   |                       | ♥ 8 7 3   | East   |
| <u>Dealer</u> | ♦ K 8 4   |                       | ♦ A Q J 9 |        |
|               | ♣ T 8 6 2 |                       | ♣ A K Q   |        |
|               |           |                       |           |        |
|               |           | ♠ 9 8 4               |           |        |
|               |           | ♥ K Q J 9 5           |           |        |
|               |           | ♦ T 6 5               |           |        |
|               |           | ♣ 9 3                 |           |        |
|               |           | <u>South</u> (Dealer) |           |        |

Perhaps 2C opening followed by 3NT or simply 3NT

King of H should be the lead. Partner should overtake with the Ace. If plays low , ace will win next trick but suit is blocked.

## Let's Play – 3<sup>rd</sup> hand play, as high as necessary

| <u>North</u>          |             | Hand 5    |      |  |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|------|--|
| ♠ 6 3                 |             |           |      |  |
| ♥ 9 4 2               |             |           |      |  |
| ♦ Q J 7 2             |             |           |      |  |
| ♣ A Q J 8             |             |           |      |  |
| West                  | ♠ K 9 7 4 2 | ♠ Q J T   | East |  |
|                       | ♥ Q 7 5 3   | ♥ K T 8 6 |      |  |
|                       | ♦ A         | ♦ 9 5 4   |      |  |
|                       | ♣ 9 7 3     | ♣ T 4 2   |      |  |
|                       |             |           |      |  |
| ♠ A 8 5               |             |           |      |  |
| ♥ A J                 |             |           |      |  |
| ♦ K T 8 6 3           |             |           |      |  |
| ♣ K 6 5               |             |           |      |  |
| <u>Dealer (South)</u> |             |           |      |  |

Bidding is likely to be 1NT-3NT

On 4 of Spade lead, partner should inset Ten. Partner then knows we have the Jack and Queen. Once we take ace of D, we can then lead a small spade to Jack Partner should now return the remaining spade that we can overtake with King, clearing the deck and cash rest of our spades.

## Let's Play – Trap Dummy's high card

|               |           |              |  |               |             |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|--|---------------|-------------|
|               |           | <b>North</b> |  | <b>Hand 6</b> |             |
|               |           | ♠ Q 7 6 2    |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♥ A T 9      |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♦ 9 8 6 3    |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♣ 7 5        |  |               |             |
|               |           |              |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♠ A 9 3      |  | ♠ K T 5       |             |
| <b>West</b>   | ♥ Q 5 3   |              |  | ♥ K 8 4       | <b>East</b> |
| <b>Dealer</b> | ♦ A Q J 7 |              |  | ♦ K 5         |             |
|               | ♣ 9 4 3   |              |  | ♣ Q J T 6 2   |             |
|               |           |              |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♠ J 8 4      |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♥ J 7 6 2    |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♦ T 4 2      |  |               |             |
|               |           | ♣ A K 8      |  |               |             |
|               |           | <b>South</b> |  |               |             |

A likely bid is 1D-3NT

2 of H is a good lead. Seeing Q of H in dummy, we should keep the ace and play 9 (from a T-9). Once partner gets in with C, he will return another H. Now we will win both ace and the ten capturing the Queen. Once P gets in with his club again, will cash his jack of C, contract going off

## Let's Play – Trap Dummy's high card

|             |           |              |           |               |             |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
|             |           | <b>North</b> |           | <b>Hand 7</b> |             |
|             |           | ♠ K 5 4      |           |               |             |
|             |           | ♥ K T 9 6 2  |           |               |             |
|             |           | ♦ 7 3        |           |               |             |
|             |           | ♣ K Q J      |           |               |             |
| <b>West</b> | ♠ A J 7   |              | ♠ T 9 8 3 |               | <b>East</b> |
|             | ♥ 5 4     |              | ♥ A 8     |               |             |
|             | ♦ Q J 9 6 |              | ♦ T 5 2   |               |             |
|             | ♣ T 9 6 3 |              | ♣ A 5 4 2 |               |             |
|             |           | ♠ Q 6 2      |           |               |             |
|             |           | ♥ Q J 7 3    |           |               |             |
|             |           | ♦ A K 8 4    |           |               |             |
|             |           | ♣ 8 7        |           |               |             |
|             |           | <b>South</b> |           |               |             |

North side should reach 4H contract

Ten of S is a good lead. Seeing Queen in dummy, if low card is played from dummy, we should insert 7 of S. Later we score out Ace and the Jack and with two other aces, contract goes down

## Let's Play - Unblocking

|             |           |               |                      |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------|
|             |           | <b>Hand 8</b> |                      |
|             |           | <u>North</u>  |                      |
|             |           | ♠ Q T 6 5     |                      |
|             |           | ♥ A K 5       |                      |
|             |           | ♦ T 7 5       |                      |
|             |           | ♣ T 7 6       |                      |
| <b>West</b> | ♠ 9 4 2   | ♠ A K 8 3     | <u>Dealer (East)</u> |
|             | ♥ 6 4 3   | ♥ 8 2         |                      |
|             | ♦ A 9 6   | ♦ K Q J 2     |                      |
|             | ♣ A Q J 4 | ♣ K 8 2       |                      |
|             |           | ♠ J 7         |                      |
|             |           | ♥ Q J T 9 7   |                      |
|             |           | ♦ 8 4 3       |                      |
|             |           | ♣ 9 5 3       |                      |
|             |           | <u>South</u>  |                      |

Likely bidding is 1NT-3NT

Queen of H is the lead. We should overtake it with the ace, play the king and a small H back. If we don't overtake, suit is blocked and opponent's score ten tricks.