

MINI UNIT 8 Discarding Loser on Winners ♠♥♦♣

Discard losers on winners

In a suit contract you may be able to discard a loser or losers from dummy on your other winners or *vice versa*, so that you can then ruff a loser in that suit in the opposite hand. Usually, you would do this after you have drawn trumps.

Contract 4♠ by East - Lead ♥K

♠ 982	♠ AKQ76	Win with ♥A and draw trumps first by playing ♠A and ♠K (and ♠Q if they divide 3-1; life is awkward if they divide 4-0!). Then play ♦AK (starting high from the <i>short hand</i>) and a diamond to your queen. Now play ♦J and discard the low heart from dummy – you can then ruff your heart loser and make 11 tricks.
♥ A7	♥ 63	
♦ AK6	♦ QJ33	
♣ A652	♣ J3	

Quizzes ♠♥♦♣

1)	Contract 3♠ by Declarer. How can Declarer make the contract assuming a ♣ lead?	DUMMY ♠Q 9 8 3 ♥4 2 ♦A K 6 ♣A7 5 3	DECLARER ♠K J 7 6 5 4 ♥9 5 ♦Q 3 ♣8 6 4	Losers: 1♠ 2♥ 0♦ 2♣ Winners: 0♠ 0♥ 3♦ 1♣ - likely 5 extra ♠ winners Declarer can discard a losing ♥ or ♣ on a diamond. Do not draw trumps as opponent's can win with ♠A & plays ♣s. So win lead & play ♦s & discard say a ♥ on the third round
2)	Contract 3♠ by Declarer. How can Declarer make the contract assuming a ♣ lead?	DUMMY ♠K 9 8 3 ♥4 2 ♦K J 6 ♣A7 5 3	DECLARER ♠Q J 7 6 5 4 ♥9 5 ♦Q 3 ♣K 6 4	Losers: 1♠ 2♥ 1♦ 1♣ Winners: 0♠ 0♥ 0♦ 2♣ - likely 5 extra ♠ winners Declarer can discard a losing ♥ or ♣ on a diamond once ♦A is forced out. Do not draw trumps as opponent's can win with ♠A & plays ♣s. So win lead & play ♠s & later discard a ♣ on the last ♦

SET BOARDS

<p>Board 4 ♠ 10 2 West Deals ♥ Q J 6 3 None Vul ♦ Q 7 ♣ Q J 10 7 2</p> <p>♠ A J 8 7 6 5 ♠ K 4 ♥ A 10 4 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ A 8 3 ♦ K 9 5 4 2 ♣ 8 ♣ K 9 3</p> <p>♠ Q 9 3 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ A 6 5 4</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>North</td> <td>East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 ♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1 NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 ♠</td> <td>All pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Lead: ♣ Q</p>	West	North	East	South	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	All pass			<p>East has 9 HCP so needs to bid but cannot support ♠s, & not enough pts to bid at 2 level, so bids 1NT. West repeats ♠s to show 6 in the suit & 12-15 HCP</p> <p>Theme: Finesse, discard losers on a winners</p> <p>Lead: ♣Q - (top of seq.)</p> <p>Losers: 1♠ 2♥ 1♦ 1♣</p> <p>Winners: 2♠ 1♥ 2♦</p> <p>Play: Can try ♣K but it loses to ♣A. If South returns a ♣ West can ruff. Then a low ♠ to ♠K, returning ♠4 & intend to play ♠J if South plays low. If West still has ♥A at this time E/W can deliberately lose first ♦, win next trick; play ♦A & then ♦K & use East's winning ♦s to discard ♥ losers</p>
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<p>Board 5 ♠ K 5 North Deals ♥ Q J 10 8 7 4 None Vul ♦ A Q 4 ♣ 7 4</p> <p>♠ Q J 8 7 6 ♠ A 9 3 2 ♥ A 9 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 8 5 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ 8 5 3 2 ♣ J 10 9 6</p> <p>♠ 10 4 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ J 9 6 3 2 ♣ A K Q</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>North</td> <td>East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1 ♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4 ♥</td> </tr> </table> <p>All pass Lead: ♣ J</p>	West	North	East	South	Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	<p>With a strong hand South bids ♦s knowing can show fit in ♥s later. North's ♥ rebid shows 6 cards in the suit</p> <p>Theme: do not draw trumps, discard a loser on a winner</p> <p>Lead: ♣J (top of seq.)</p> <p>Losers: 2♠ 1♥ 1♦ 0♣ = 4</p> <p>Winners: 0♠ 0♥ 1♦ 3♣</p> <p>Play: We can discard a losing ♠ on a club. Should we draw trumps - NO E/W win & play on ♠s? So play 3 rounds of ♠s discarding ♠5 from North. Now draw trumps & can later try ♦ finesse which fails.</p>
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