

Find the Winning Play

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When we start to play a hand, we have to do the usual. Make a PLAN at trick 1!

Use the clues from the lead or the auction to guide you if you can, and take your time before you play a card from dummy.

EXAMPLE

♠Q7

♥QJ1083

♦9542

♣62

♠KJ109865

♥—

♦A

♣AKQ74

CONTRACT 6♠

LEAD ♦K

You opened and West bid 2♦.

There are many different ways to open this hand but for now we are going to concentrate on the PLAY OF THE HAND.

After an exhausting auction, you loved your hand so much you ended up in 6♠.

You win the ♦K lead with your ♦A.

There are several lines of play, but only one winning line, to bring the contract home.

What line would you take?

♠Q7

♥QJ1083

♦9542

♣62

♠A

♥K62

♠542

♥A9754

♦KQJ108	♦753
♣J1065	♣92
♠KJ109863	
♥—	
♦A	
♣AKQ74	

If you try to draw trumps first and rely solely on the club suit breaking [36%] you will go down.

– **THE WINNING LINE** –

Notice that all your spade spots are high, you are missing just the A.

Cash the ♣A and ♣K of clubs. Ruff a club.

Come back to your hand by ruffing a Diamond and ruff a 4th club.

Ruff another diamond to your hand, to start pulling trump.

Play the ♠K . West can win but now there is no return he can make to defeat the contract.

Well done! ♣