



# Consider a Deceptive Defence

### East-West Game. Dealer North.

♠ 8 5 4 2  
♥ 8  
♦ A K J 9 2  
♣ J 9 7

♠ K 6  
♥ 9 6  
♦ 10 8 4  
♣ K Q 10 6 5 4

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	pass	4♠
All pass			

WHAT CALL do you make with the North cards as a passed hand in response to partner's 1♠ opening?

As a passed hand you can make a jump-shift response of 3♦. This shows a good five-card diamond suit, primary support for partner's spades and invitational values and gives a better description of your hand than just bidding 3♣, allowing partner to judge the final contract more accurately.

West leads the three of clubs to your ten

and declarer wins with the ace. The three of diamonds is played to partner's five, and dummy's ace and a low trump to the queen and partner's ace. West continues with the two of clubs, which you win with the queen. How do you defend with the East cards?

This is the position you have reached:

♠ 8 5 4  
♥ 8  
♦ K J 9 2  
♣ J

♠ K  
♥ 9 6  
♦ 10 8  
♣ K 6 5 4

Declarer must hold the ace of hearts for his bidding, so the only chance to defeat 4♠ must come from a third trump trick. It appears as though declarer has two doubletons in the minors, so therefore holds five trumps. If he holds the queen and jack of trumps as it seems, there is no legitimate play to defeat this contract but you can at least put him to a guess. If you

continue a third round of clubs and declarer is missing the ten of trumps, he will have to make a decision about which card to ruff with.

What does declarer know about the club layout? You know that partner led a doubleton, but does declarer? From declarer's point of view partner might have led from K-6-5-3-2. Returning a low club on the third round will help to reinforce this illusion and may persuade him that it is safe to ruff low.

This was the full deal:

♠ 8 5 4 2  
♥ 8  
♦ A K J 9 2  
♣ J 9 7

♠ A 10  
♥ Q J 5 4 3 2  
♦ Q 7 5  
♣ 3 2

♠ K 6  
♥ 9 6  
♦ 10 8 4  
♣ K Q 10 6 5 4

♠ Q J 9 7 3  
♥ A K 10 7  
♦ 6 3  
♣ A 8

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### Heather's Hints

- When considering the layout of a suit, you may find yourself in a position where you have more information than your opponent. Consider playing a deceptive card if you can be sure that it won't fool your partner.
- When you are a passed hand, you can make a fit-showing jump to show an invitational hand with a side suit. Since your hand will be very likely to be dummy, there is little to be lost by revealing this information, and partner may find it useful to judge whether to go for game, or even slam. □