

Unblocking

Unblocking is the process of playing a higher card to establish enough entries to make the necessary tricks. It sometimes can involve playing a high card in one hand so tricks can be taken in the other hand.

Sometimes a play is simple. We all know to play the ace first followed by the 4 in this sequence

A4 KQJ75

A careless play at the first trick can cause entry problems.

1. South is in 3NT

S QJ
H 876
D KQJ874
C 83

The opening lead is the 10 of spades. Plan the play

S AK2
H A532
D A
C KJ642

2. Again South is in 3NT

S 875
H 92
D AK8743
C 84

This is a very aggressive contract. The opening lead is the J of spades. Plan the play.

S A43
H A104
D 1092
C AJ75

3. Sometimes you have to overtake honors to make your contract. You are in 3NT

S A54
H KJ10953
D 82
C 95

The opening lead is the Q of spades. Plan the play

S K762
H Q
D A765
C AQ32

