

Join me as East for this deal from the NABC Senior Swiss Teams. Our defensive signals: upside-down attitude and count, reverse Smith echo, and give count on partner's lead. (These are all non-standard agreements.)

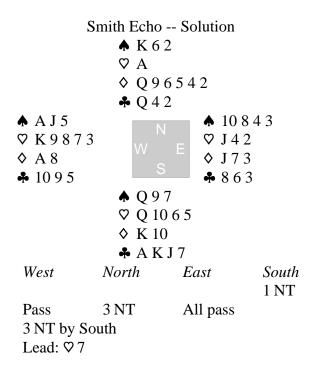
Standard count would be low from an odd number. Playing upside-down, we put the  $\nabla$  4 (high) under dummy's ace.

Declarer calls for a small diamond from dummy. Plan the defense.

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This is not a trick question -- we keep our mitts off that jack! Playing Smith echo, we show attitude toward partner's lead by our play in diamonds.





There is one scenario where we can do the nasty to declarer - and this is it! Follow (smoothly) with the  $\lozenge$  3. This is an encouraging signal -- reverse Smith echo is compatible with upside-down attitude signals. Declarer fatally guesses to play the  $\lozenge$  K, won by partner's ace. Partner duly leads another heart,  $\spadesuit$  2,  $\heartsuit$  J,  $\heartsuit$  Q, leaving this heart situation:

Declarer cannot make the contract without another diamond trick. We get in with the  $\Diamond$  J and push a heart through. We take three hearts, two diamonds and a spade: two down.

In all the years I have been playing Smith echo, this is one of the few times I have seen it applied successfully.