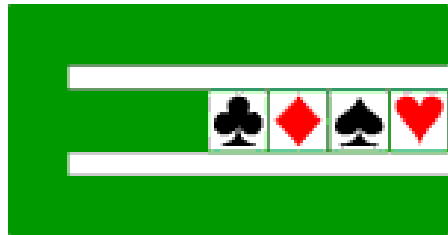


Bridge lecture – beginner



Declarer play

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Aim of declarer

- ▶ Make your contract
- ▶ Plan the play
- ▶ Try to find easiest way possible



Planing the play

- ▶ Think how many tricks you need
- ▶ Depending on contract plan accordingly



Planning the play in NT

- ▶ Count your winners (sure tricks)
 - ▶ Example:
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Making extra tricks with small cards in long suit

▶ Example:

▶ ♠ AK765

▶ ♠ Q432

▶ How many sure tricks? → 3

▶ How many more possible tricks? → 2

Forcing defender to take his high cards

▶ Example:

▶ KQJ109

▶ 432

▶ How many sure tricks? $\rightarrow 0$

▶ How many more possible tricks? $\rightarrow 4$

Finesse

- ▶ Example 1:
 - ▶ AQ2
 - ▶ 543
- ▶ How many sure tricks? → 1
- ▶ How many more possible tricks? → 1
- ▶ Example 2:
 - ▶ AQ2
 - ▶ J103
- ▶ How many sure tricks? → 1
- ▶ How many more possible tricks? → 2



Planning the play in suit contract

- ▶ Count your losers
 - ▶ Example:
 - ▶ A32
 - ▶ 54
- ▶ Try to get rid of extra losers



Discarding losers on long side suit

► Example:

Lead: ♣K

Contract: 7♠

♠ AKJ109

♥ AQ2

♦ A32

♣ 32

♠ Q87

♥ KJ103

♦ KQ54

♣ A2

Ruffing losers

- ▶ Example:
Lead: ♣K
Contract: 7♠

♠ AKJ1094
♥ AQ2
♦ A3
♣ A3

♠ Q8765
♥ KJ10
♦ K654
♣ 2

Finesse

- ▶ Example 1:
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 - ▶ 543
- ▶ How many sure tricks?
- ▶ How many more possible tricks?
- ▶ Example 2:
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 - ▶ J103
- ▶ How many sure tricks?
- ▶ How many more possible tricks?



Reminder

▶ NT

- ▶ Count your winners
- ▶ Techniques for declarer:
 - ▶ Making small cards count
 - ▶ Developing tricks in long and strong suits
 - ▶ Finesse

▶ SUIT

- ▶ Count your losers
- ▶ Techniques for declarer:
 - ▶ Ruffing extra losers
 - ▶ Discarding losers on side suit winners
 - ▶ Finesse