

## To execute a squeeze

A useful technique for declarer

### Declarer's ABC

- Make a plan!
- Count sure tricks.
- How many tricks are missing?
- How can I establish the missing trick(s)?
- If possible try to combine possibilities.

### To promote tricks

- Long suit tricks
- Extra trump tricks
- Finesse.
- Special tecniques:
  - Squeeze
  - Endplay

### What is a squeeze?

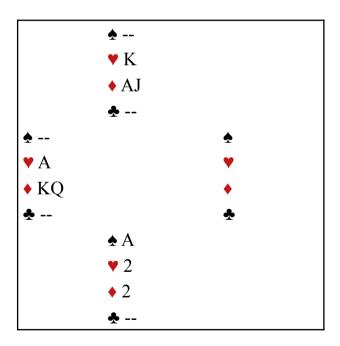
• When one of the defenders has to give up one or more of his stoppers.

### Four conditions for basic squeeze

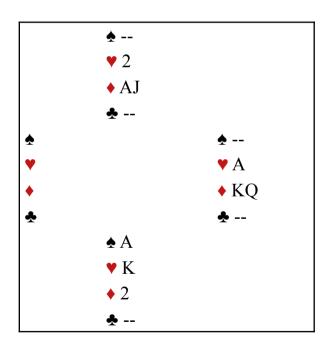
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### Examples

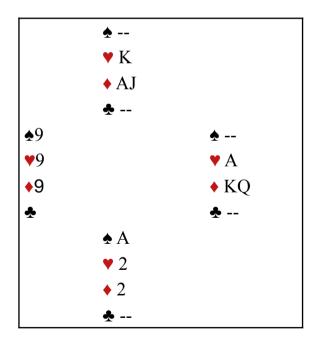
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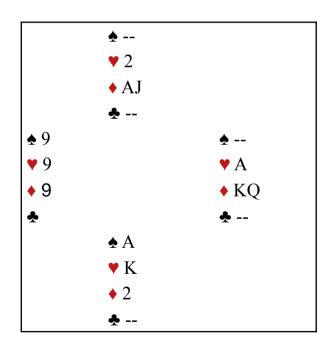
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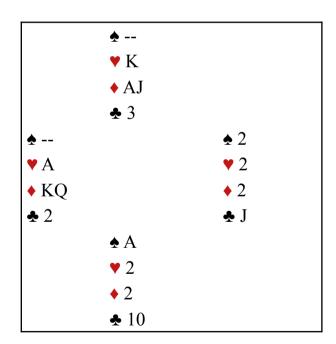
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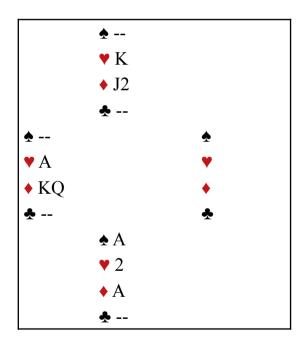
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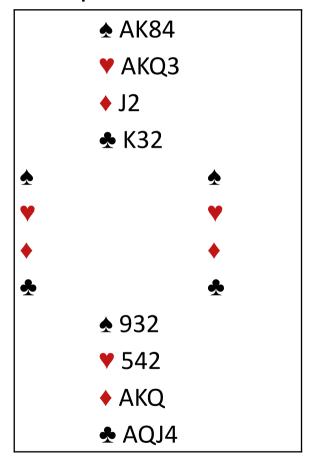


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**EXAMPLES** 



Contract: 7 NT south Opening lead: ♣ 10

Playing plan
Sure tricks:

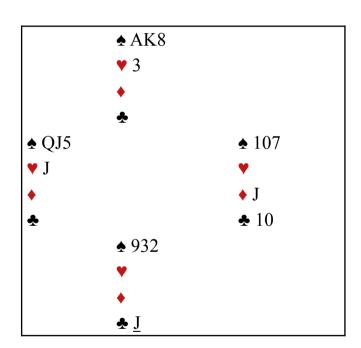
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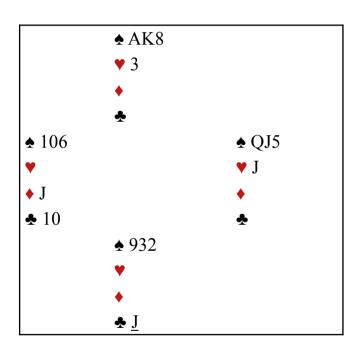
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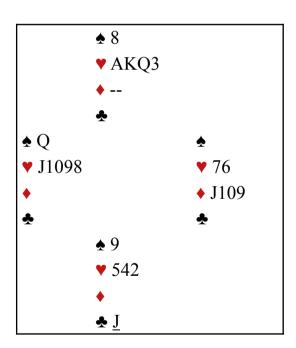
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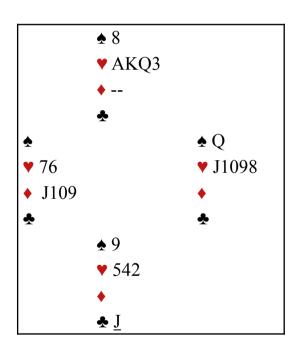
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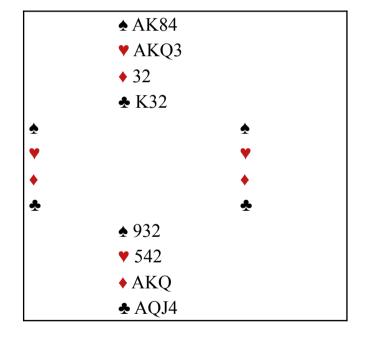
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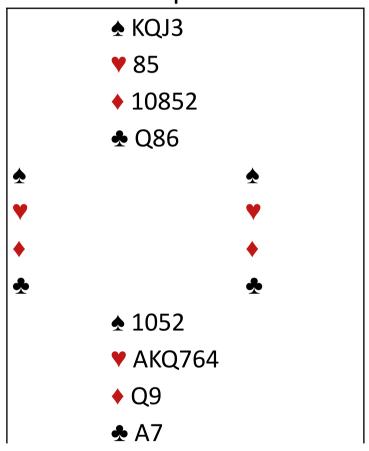








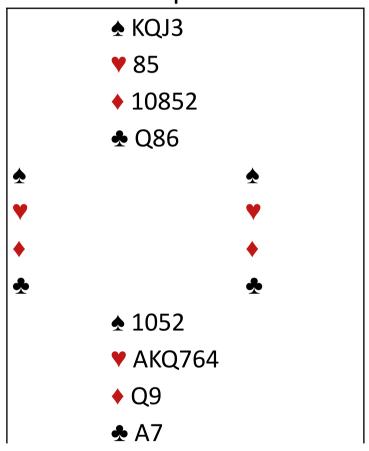




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Opening lead: ♠ 8

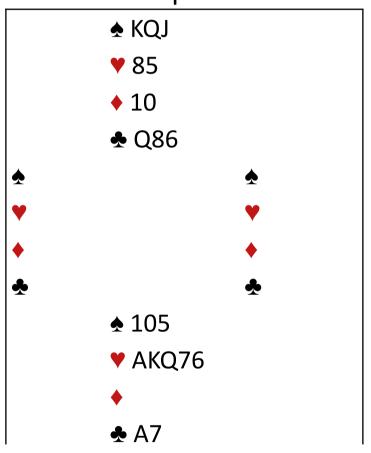
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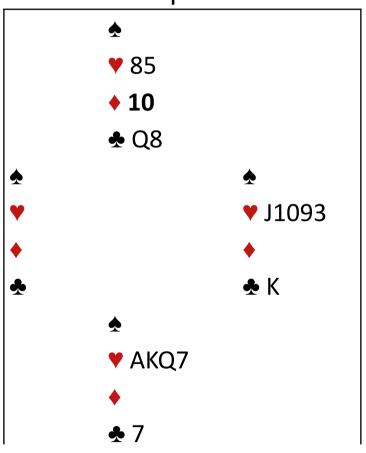
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West wins A ♠
Then switches to ♦ to A
East continues with ♦
West cashes K♦ and J ♦



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# Now you can try. Good luck!