

Chalk Talk # 7

Series of Three-Tip Talks

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<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/bridge-index.htm> has more.

Bidding Tip-Transfers

Partner has:

♠AJ ♥KJ3 ♦AJ954 ♣J87

1NT right?

You have:

♠KQ1098 ♥xxx ♦KQ1087 ♣---

		♠AJ	♥KJ3	♦AJ954	♣J87		
1NT	2♥						
2♠	3♦						
4♦	5♣	♠32	♥10987	♦32	♣Q10952	♠7654	♥AQ2
5♠	6♦			♦KQ1087	♣---	♦6	♣AK643
		♠KQ1098	♥654				

Declaring Tip-End Play

♠AJ109 ♥AQ ♦J532 ♣A109

♠Q54 ♥J1098 ♦A98 ♣654

♠32 ♥K7654 ♦76 ♣Q832

♠K876 ♥32 ♦KQ104 ♣KJ7

	S	W	N	E
1♦		P	1♠	P
2♠		P	3♣	P
3♠		P	4♥	P
4♠		All Pass		

If you try to finesse ♠'s or ♣'s, the finesse loses how do you make 4♠ cold?
Diamond lead. West wins Ace♦ and returns a ♥. What's your play?

Is the Queen always sitting over the Jack?

Defensive Tip-Signals

Partner leads Ace from $\diamond AKxx$ against $4\spadesuit$:

Your RHO, Oummy, has: $\spadesuit QJ1098$ $\heartsuit KJ76$ $\diamond 3$ $\clubsuit KJ2$

You have: $\spadesuit 32$ $\heartsuit AQ85$ $\diamond 9652$ $\clubsuit 543$

What do you play at trick one?

Although signals are Attitude first, Count second and Suit Preference third, you give the signal partner needs.

Does he need to know whether you have the Queen \diamond or not?---> Attitude

Does he need to know if you have an even number or an odd number which is used to determine whether declarer will ruff trick two? ---> Count

Does he need to know which suit to switch to? ---> Suit Preference

Attitude: A low card says you do not like the suit continued. A high card says you want the suit continued. You do not have the Queen or a doubleton so play the $2\diamond$.

Count: You high-low with an even number and play low-high with an odd number. You have an even number of diamonds but not two so play the $6\diamond$.

Suit Preference: Partner assumes you do not want trump or diamonds so a high diamond asks for the higher ranking of the two remaining suits and a low diamond asks for the lower ranking and a middle diamond says you do not care. You want hearts so play the $9\diamond$.

What signal is partner expecting and so is it the $2\diamond$, $6\diamond$ or $9\diamond$ at trick one?