Miscellaneous Declarer Play

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From BridgeMaster 2000 approximately I made up the examples, but I learned the principles from BM2000.

The Silver Offering

My phrase, but similar to BM2000 examples:3A-30, 3C-3

 ♠xxx
 ♥xx
 ♦Q3
 ♣J109876

 ♠AKx
 ♥KQJx
 ♦AJxx
 ♣AKQ

South gets a spade led against 3NT.

Every cloud has a silver lining, right?

Duck a spade and then win ace and cash AKQ♣. Now offer the J♠. If jack♦ wins, kick out the A♥. You get two spade, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs for nine tricks.

If they win the J♦ with the king, you have an entry to the clubs. You get 6 clubs, 2 diamonds, 2 spades for ten tricks

Duck Completely

a. similar to BM2000-3A-8

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♦Kx ♥xx ◆xxx ♣KQ5432
♦Axx ♥ AKQ ◆Axxxx ♣76
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duck a club completely then play to the king. With multiple entries and good transportation, play small to the king and then small to the queen.

b. similar to BM2000 3C-29

AQ5432

76

In a 3NT contract, duck a club completely, then finesse the queen If this is the trump suit, play to the ace then play small to the queen.

c.

AJxx

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Play the ace and then duck a trick (playing away from the jack), then play small to the jack.

Ruff High

♦KJ2 ♥xxx **♦**x **♣**Axxxxx **♦**A109876 ♥ AK **♦**Axxx **♣**x

Contract: 6♠
Opening Lead: Q♣

win club lead against 6 \(\alpha\). Ruff a diamond with the 2 \(\alpha\), cash two hearts, ruff a diamond with the king \(\alpha\), ruff a heart with the ace \(\alpha\) and then ruff last diamond with the Jack spades. If you ruff the third diamond with the jack \(\alpha\), East will over-ruff and play a trump, killing a cold contract.

Pop Up Invitational

similar to BM2000 3C-17 How do you play Qxx KJxx

small to the King and then small to the Jack East should hold up twice.

If West has the ace then you can hope for a three-three break

South is playing 3NT, West leads a small spade, not the lowest, and East plays the Queen. How do you play the following.

AXXX ♥KJXX ◆JXX ♣AQJ AK10 ♥QX ◆KQXX ♣K10XX

win the spade lead with the ace. Play a club to the jack and play small to the $q \spadesuit$. It wins so play to the Queen \clubsuit and play small to the King \spadesuit . It wins. So play to the Ace \clubsuit and small to the queen of hearts. You want West to lead spades again so if East is going to lead a spade through the king-ten, he is going to have to pop-up with his ace and take air. East is the danger defender. Lead through him.