

# Ruff Imminent

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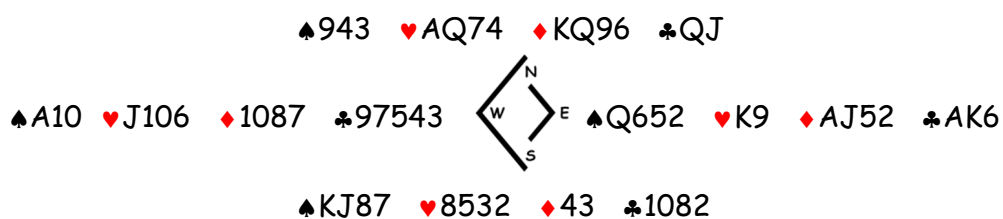
Kootenay Jewel Bridge Club

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## Board 26

East Dealer

Both Vulnerable



	N	E	S	W
		1NT	P	P
		2♦	P	2♥
				All Pass
<b>Opening Lead:</b>		♠Ace and then ♠10		
<b>Traveller</b>	<b>N-S</b>	<b>E-W</b>		
1NTE+1	120	♥5	(the correct lead-top or 2 <sup>nd</sup> top of nothing)	
1NTE=	90	♠7	(terrible tenace lead into strong hand)	
3NE-1	100	♥2	(right suit, wrong card)	
3♣W-1	100	♥Ace		
2♥S-2	200	♠Ace		

### Analysis:

The hearts should be played Ace and a small heart regardless of whether there is a ruff imminent because you know from the bidding that if West has the ♠Ace then East must have the ♥King. Furthermore when there is a ruff imminent one draws trump as fast as possible.

You should lose ♥King and a ruff, ♠Ace, 2 ♣'s and 1♦ for down 1 which should be a top board in a bigger field.

Should someone play 3♣? No a runout to a minor is done with a six-card suit and less than 4 points.

**Note:**

The ♣QJ frozen was a draw back to my hand but the rest of my points were in my long suits which were respectable. My balancing bid was sensible but aggressive. I would have been silent in direct seat of the 1NT opener.

**Note:** the lead was really good for you. It told you right away where the rest of the points were. It also told you to play the trump suit as if the ruffing warning bells went off. The wrning bells should have gone off.

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