

## Defense Lesson 1

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The following hand was played on BBO (online) 57 times. 2♠ made 110 20 times and 140 16 times. 2♠ was set 7 times.

You, West, have

♠ 1085  
♥ 984  
♦ Q103  
♣ AK86

The bidding goes:

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	2♥	P	2♠
All Pass			

What do you lead?

What tasks does the declarer need to do:

- draw trump
- ruff in the short trump hand
- establish long suit
- Optimize entries and transportation.

Do you expect a ruff?

Which suit is more likely to have the points to your left and not your right.

I led a trump and East won the King♠ and played a small club

East had

♠AK7  
♥J10752  
♦52  
♣J72

Did North-South go down or make 110 or 140?

Here is the whole deal:

	♠	J6432		
	♥	A3		
	♦	J876		
	♣	95		
♠	1085		♠	AK7
♥	984		♥	J10752
♦	Q103		♦	52
♣	AK86		♣	J72
	♠	Q9		
	♥	KQ6		
	♦	AK94		
	♣	Q1043		

Declarer played a small club forcing my King. I cannot attack diamonds so I played the Ace of clubs and then a small one.

**Notes:**

It should be noted, with limited transportation one should not lead a suit where the finesse works for the declarer.

The defensive partners must also categorize suits which can be led by only one side and those that can be attacked from either side.

Attacking a suit (hearts or clubs) that may result in discards for the declarer is also risky.

The Best Defense:

A trump lead by West and a switch to diamonds by East.

If South ducks, West wins the Q♦ and then returns a diamond.

Declarer is welcome to pitch a club on the hearts to make 110.