

# False Cards

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<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/aaDefense/Falsecards.pdf>

## Example 1

Introduction in ML's book "How to Read Opponents' Cards"

Blotting the ten (smothering the ten)

♠???	♠AJ2	♠???
♠4	♠Q9763	♠8

The Jack wins the trick and you see the 4 and the 8. How do you play the hand?

The proper way to play this is to come back to the South hand and play the Queen smothering the 10 because if it is not 108 doubleton and 8 singleton, you are losing the Queen anyways.

Mike Lawrence false-carded without pause for thought!!! and the actual hands were:

♠4	♠AJ2	♠K1085
	♠Q9763	

## Example 2:

♦ Q1086                      ♦ AJ97                      ♦ K5  
   ♦ 432

Declarer will play to the 9 and if that forces the King or Queen he will finesse the Jack the second time. You know that works so rise with the Queen and declarer will think you are splitting your honours and come back to his hand and play the jack when he thinks you are ducking with the King losing the Jack to the King and now your ten, in the pocket, wins a trick.

## References:

Lawrence, Mike, *How to Read Opponents' Cards* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Louisville, Kentucky: Devyn Press, Inc, 1973, 1986.