

Bridge Quiz 3

Trick One Play at No Trump

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South is playing a 3NT contract and West makes an opening lead of the Spade 4.
What is played from Dummy, North?

1. ♠J5 North
 ♠Q76 South

2. ♠K6
 ♠Q87

3. ♠K6
 ♠Q102

4. ♠A2
 ♠10987

5. ♠AJ5
 ♠K76

6. ♠Q87
 ♠52

7. ♠A32
 ♠65

8. ♠J3
 ♠K76

9 ♠J3
 ♠A106

10 ♠J3
 ♠AK92

11. North leads 7♠ against 3NT. Plan the play. (2A-14)

♠AK2		♠543
♥Q32		♥AK4
♦A32		♦KQ4
♣QJ109		♣5432

12. North leads 5♠ at 3NT and South plays the 7. What do you play? (2A-5)

♠A32		♠QJ10
♥A876		♥54
♦A876		♦42
♣AQ		♣KJ7432

13. North leads the ♠5 versus 3NT and South plays the 10. How do you play? (1A-12)

♠AJ		♠K43
♥AKQJ		♥432
♦7654		♦J109
♣AK7		♣6542

14. North leads 4♠ against 1NT, and South plays ♠8, how do you play the hand?

♠A762		♠53
♥AQ2		♥K54
♦A32		♦QJ1098
♣K42		♣765

15. North leads 6♠ against 3NT. Plan the play. (4B-23)

♠AK52		♠43
♥KQJ		♥A2
♦AQJ2		♦43
♣J2		♣Q1076543

Bridge Quiz 3 Answers

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South is playing a 3NT contract and West makes an opening lead of the Spade 4. What is played from Dummy, North?

1. ♠J5 North The five and you are guaranteed one spade stopper.
 ♠Q76 South They may give you your spade right away to preserve
 defensive communication.

2. ♠K6 The King. A singleton king will lose to the ace in either
 ♠Q87 defenders' hand.

3. ♠K6 The six and you are guaranteed two stoppers.
 ♠Q102

4. ♠A2 The ace. If West has led a spot card from a five card suit
 ♠10987 then East will have a doubleton honour and the suit
 Becomes blocked.

5. ♠AJ5 There are seven cards higher than the 4 in N, E and S.
 ♠K76 Therefore east has one. Play low and see what it is.

6. ♠Q87 The Queen. You hope West led from AK otherwise if you
 ♠52 duck, East should put in the 9 or ten.


7. ♠A32 Duck twice to break defensive communication.
 ♠65

8. ♠J3 The Jack. Do not leave an honour hanging (singleton). If the Jack
 ♠K76 wins, lose the lead in any other suit to West to protect the
 King.

- 9 ♠J3 The three and win any honour played by East with the ace and 10-J
 ♠A106 becomes another trick.


- 10 ♠J3 The three to guarantee three not two cards in the suit.
 ♠AK92

11. North leads 7♠ against 3NT. Plan the play. (2A-14)

♠AK2		♠543
♥Q32		♥AK4
♦A32		♦KQ4
♣QJ109		♣5432


Duck once because you need either three stoppers or two stoppers and a hold-up to set up a suit missing the Ace King assuming the opponents do not make a fatal error by switching the attack suit. The defense usually can only successfully attack one suit.

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♠A32		♠QJ10
♥A876		♥54
♦A876		♦42
♣AQ		♣KJ7432


Win the Ace♠ and cash AQ♣ and lead small to the QJ♠ which will be an entry to the good clubs.

13. North leads the ♠5 versus 3NT and S plays the 10. How do you play? (1A-12)

♠AJ		♠K43
♥AKQJ		♥432
♦7654		♦J109
♣AK7		♣6542


Win the Ace♠ because you need the K♠ as an entry to the thirteenth club. Your only chance for a ninth trick is if the clubs break 3-3. Diamonds will never get set up against any defense before opponents cash setting tricks.

14. North leads 4♠ against 1NT, and South plays ♠8, how do you play the hand?

♠A762		♠53
♥AQ2		♥K54
♦A32		♦QJ1098
♣K42		♣765

Win the ace. A club switch from South could be deadly. North led his lowest spade so he only has four and spades cannot hurt you.

15. North leads 6♠ against 3NT. Plan the play. (4B-23)

♠AK52		♠43
♥KQJ		♥A2
♦AQJ2		♦43
♣J2		♣Q1076543

Win Ace and play J♣. Win the return of a heart in West's hand because the defense will attack dummy's entry to all those clubs. Lead out the 2 of clubs and the ace of hearts will allow you to play the good clubs.