

Watson Bridge Index

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Surrounding Play

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If the dummy to your right has 10xxx and you have KJ98. The surrounding play is to lead the Jack. You have the K-9 still surrounding the 10 when partner leads the suit.

If the dummy to your right has Jxxx and you have KQ109. The surrounding play is to lead the King. You have the Q-10 still surrounding the Jack when partner leads the suit.

Against Notrump. The dummy to the right has Jxxx and you have AQ109. Lead the Queen. That is the surrounding play.

The surrounding play is not to be confused with holding Q10xx on top of Jxxx. The person with Q10xx cannot touch the suit. In general, the defender with a touching card to one in the dummy cannot touch the suit.

If the cards touch (a defender's hand and the dummy), a defender cannot touch.
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If you have K10x sitting on top of QJx and the declarer plays the Queen then the Jack, you cover the second one when the Jack is surrounded.

Partner leads a singleton club against 4♠. The dummy has KJ975 and you have AQ1086 on top of the dummy. You generally cannot play the suit unless partner is sure to have a singleton and a ruff sets the contract. When a player has a suit to his right totally surrounded, the suit must be played by someone else.