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1.

♠ A 7 5	
♥ J 6 4	
♦ 9 7	
♣ K Q 7 3 2	
♠ K Q J 9 2	♠ 10 8 3
♥ K 9	♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ J 8 5 4 2	♦ Q 10 3
♣ 4	♣ J 6 5
	♠ 6 4
	♥ A 5 3 2
	♦ A K 6
	♣ A 10 9 8

You are declarer in 3NT and West leads the ♠K. How do you plan the play?

If you think you have nine easy tricks think again, for even if clubs break 3-1 the suit is blocked if the jack is in the three-card holding. Just duck the spade lead and the continuation. Then win the ♠A and throw a club from hand. Now the suit is unblocked. If West switches to another suit at trick two you still have the spade ace as an entry to dummy.

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2.

♠ 9 5 4 2	
♥ A 6	
♦ K J 5 4	
♣ 8 4 3	
♠ K 7	♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 3 2	♥ 10 9 8 5 4
♦ 10 9 7 2	♦ Q 8
♠ A Q 9 6 2	♣ 10 7
	♠ A 6 3
	♥ K Q J 7
	♦ A 6 3
	♣ K J 5

You are declarer in 3NT and West leads the ♣6 with East playing the ♠10. How do you plan the play?

You know from the Rule of Eleven that East has at least two clubs and that West presumably has the missing big ones and this leads to the Conclusion that it would be bad news to let East in. However, with only eight tricks immediately available, you are searching for the ninth and This might easily come from diamonds, given a little luck. It would be A mistake to finesse against the queen, however, in case East holds that card.