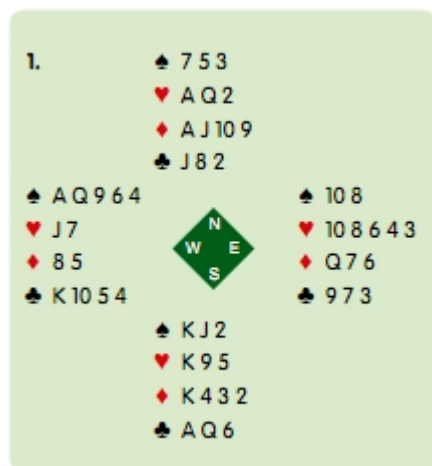


MrBRIDGE LIBRARY ARTICLE

Thanks to MrBridge

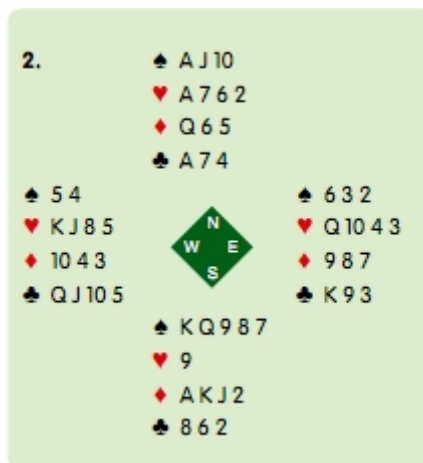
Plan your Play – Mar 2017 – original - [Here](#)

By David Haggett



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

You know from the rule of eleven that East has at least one more spade and there is an obvious danger if he ever gains the lead. So, after winning the opening lead with the ♠J, play a diamond to the ace and run the jack. If it wins you can make an overtrick by later taking a club finesse, but even if it loses, you are safe because West cannot lead a spade without giving you your ninth trick and you can always establish a ninth yourself by taking the club finesse into the safe hand.



You are declarer in 6♠ and West leads the ♣Q. How do you plan the play?

It really does look as though there are only eleven tricks available, but the twelfth is always there as long as trumps break 3-2. Win the opening lead and play the ace of hearts and ruff a heart. Enter dummy with a trump and ruff another heart. Then repeat the process one more time. You won't have any more trumps in hand by this time, but you will still have one in dummy and you can reach there with the diamond queen to draw the last trump, throwing a club from hand. It is a complete dummy reversal and in all you will make six trump tricks, one heart, four diamonds and a club.