Establishing a long suit

Tricks from a long suit

Not only is it possible to make tricks with honors but it's also possible to make tricks with low cards.

- If you have many cards in a suit it's possible to establish this suit.
- in the example below you have 10 ♠ cards(6+4) you're always going to make 6 tricks.
- You're only missing 3 cards which will drop under your A,K and Q.the 9,8 and 7 will each make a trick.

A K Q 9 8 7 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠   6 5 4 2 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

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Your team have 10 cards : There are only 3 missing which will drop under the A,K and Q. You will always make 6 ♠ tricks. The 3 honors, then the 9,8 and 7 respectively, giving you a total of 6.
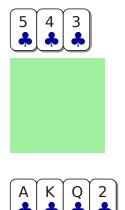
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The number of tricks you can establish from your long suit depends on how the distribution lies between the Opps.

If your team has 7 in a suit, as in the example below, you are missing 6 cards. It's often possible that they can be evenly distributed between the Opps :

- 3 - 3 : avec A K Q you'll always make the 4th trick with the 2
- 4 - 2 : You'll never make the 4th trick with the 2

5♣ 4♣ 3♣

A♣ K♣ Q♣ 2♣

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If the missing cards are 3-3, you'll always make a trick with the 2♣ a total of 4.

5♣ 4♣ 3♣

A♣ K♣ Q♣ 2♣

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If the cards lie 4-4 with the Opps!
You'll never be able to make a 4th trick.

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Note :

Remember : it's possible to establish a trick from a long suit. It's a no risk maneuver

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