

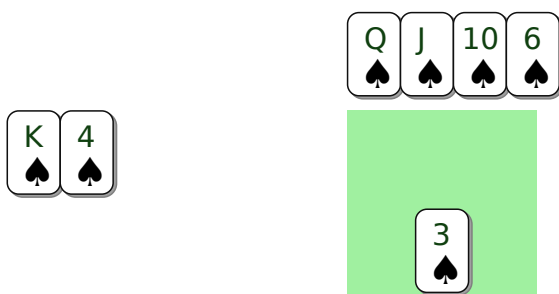


## Defending in the trump suit when in 2nd position

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When the declarer's line holds a minimum of 9 trump cards, follow this simple rule : never play your honor when in 2nd position (either before or after dummy). And be ready not to hesitate...play quickly, otherwise the declarer will know where the missing honor is..! That's a strict but simple rule ! Example :

| S    | W    | N   | E    |
|------|------|-----|------|
| 1 ♠  | Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass |     |      |



Exercise 4573 The declarer plays 3 of trump towards dummy. You sit after him and hold K and 4. Should you play your K ? NO, never, obviously your partner has the Ace.. and it may be stiff !



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Check the solution !

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K  
♠

QJ106

♠♠♠♠

4  
♠

3  
♠

A  
♠

9

8

7

5

2

♠♠♠♠♠

Solution (4573) When the declarer holds the Ace, he usually plays dummy's Q in order to try to capture the K. When he plays a low card from his hand, it's most probably because he hasn't got the Ace.. your partner has it...and it may be a singleton. So, even though you are in 2nd position, don't cover the first card..play a low card !