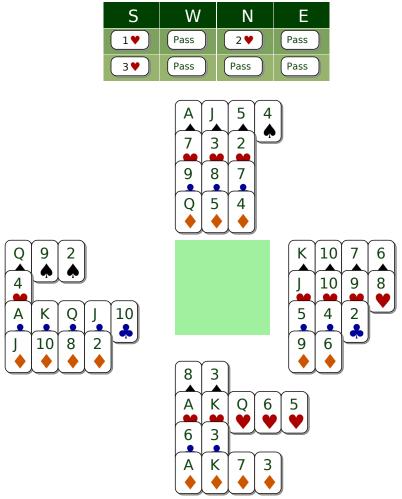


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In tennis, a lob requires sending a ball above and behind the Opp. In bridge, the Lob Play forces the Opp to duck a trick. In a suit contract, it requires playing in a secondary suit towards an honor in Declarer's hand. If the Opp trumps you play a low card, if he doesn't you play your honor. If Opp trumps, its with his values and your eliminate a loser in the secondary suit.

Example: You are the Declarer in South, playing a 3 ♥ contract and can only afford to lose 4 tricks. You can't avoid losing 2 ♣ and 1♠ and 1 trump tricks. How can you avoid losing a trick in ♦ ?



Exercise 4609 After 2 rounds of trump, play A,Q ♦, then small ♦ from the Dummy towards the King in your hand. If East trumps, you then play a low losing ♦. If East doesn't trump, you play K ♦ and get your 9th trick!