

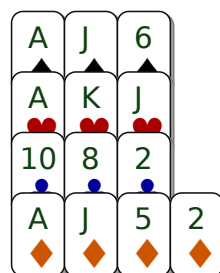
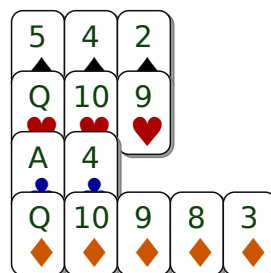


## The first trick : take or duck ...

### When playing a NT contract, should you take or duck the 1st trick...

- You can duck if you have a stopper, sometimes 2, if you think the played suit is the only dangerous one. Doing so, you are :
  - blocking the opponents' communications
  - preventing the opponent from operating his suit
- Take the 1st trick if another suit is more dangerous !
- Sometimes, you must take the trick right away in order to block the opponent's suit

S	W	N	E
1 ♦	1 ♠	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass



Exercise 27292 No Bath coup here ! Play your Ace. A ♣ counterattack would be a disaster. And you'll have to give the lead if the ♦ finesse fails.



## The first trick : take or duck ...

**When playing a NT contract, should you take or duck the 1st trick... Example**

S	W	N	E
1 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

A	J	4	
Q	2		
Q	9	7	5
K	Q	9	6

J			
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K	Q	10	
K	7	6	
A	8		
J	10	7	5
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Exercise 27293 Play a low ♥ from both sides...in order to block the opponents' communications