



Ducking on the lead in a NT contract

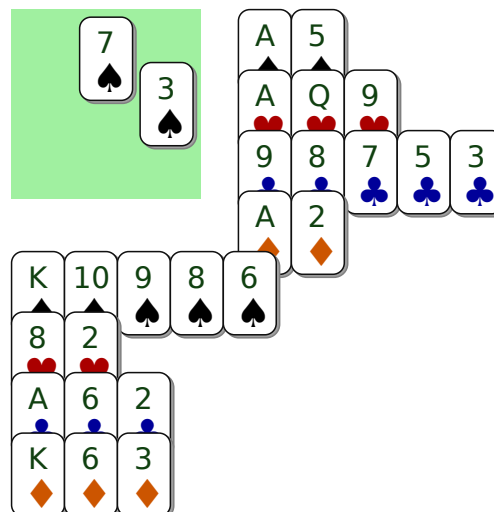
You are player n°3. Your partner leads your suit, giving his count (odd/even).

Most of the time, the declarer holds one or two stopper(s) in your suit...and you don't have many entries !
You should duck on the 1st trick :

- When the declarer has one stopper only, and you have no side entry
- When the declarer has two stoppers, and you have one side entry only

In both cases, you need your partner to be in hand later in the game...
he is the one to replay your suit !

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
1 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	



Exercise 27351 Your partner leads your suit. How can you make 3 ♠ tricks when West holds QJx ? Don't play your K on the 1st trick. When your partner is in hand, he replays ♠. You even have a side entry (Ace ♣) to cash your remaining ♠.

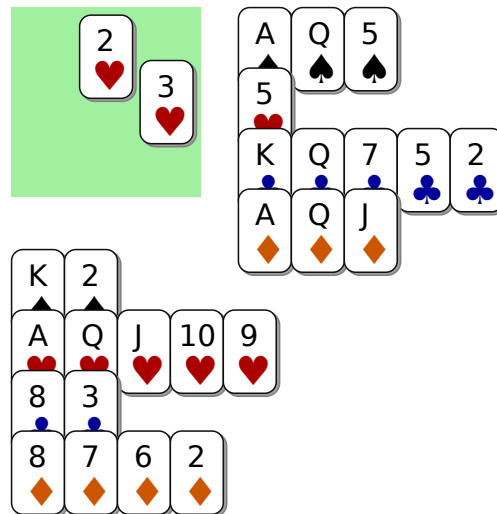


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Example

You are South. Your partner leads your suit : 2 ♥ . Should you take the 1st trick, or duck ?

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
1 ♥	1 NT	Pass	3 NT



Exercise 27350 Your partner leads odd/even.. therefore he has 3 cards. And the declarer holds the K 3rd. You have no side entry. Don't play your Ace, play your 9. Your partner has cards to replay your suit later on.