

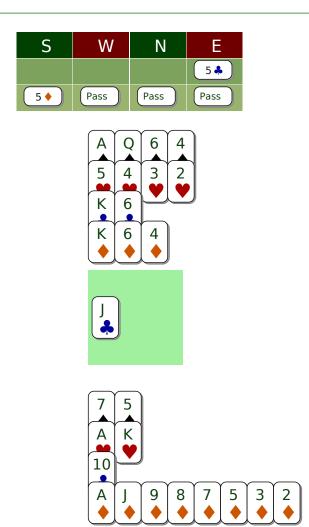
Discarding rather than ruffing

Loser on loser: discarding rather than ruffing

A technique the declarer can use in a trump contract. When you fear an overruff, discard a loser and let your opponents make the trick. When ruffing high may promote one of your opponents' trump cards... use this technique.

Example

You are S, playing 5♦. West leads J ♣, East covers the J with his Q and replays Ace ♣. Which card to play?



Exercise 27375 West may ruff on the 2nd round of . Don't ruff! If you ruff low, West will overruff. If you ruff high, you lose a trump trick. Discarding your 5 • makes you win the contract.