



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 ?

S	W	N	E
			5♣
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

A	Q	6	4
5	4	3	2
K	6		
K	6	4	

J

7	5							
▲	▲							
A	K							
♥♥	♥							
10								
●								
A	J	9	8	7	5	3	2	
♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	

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.