

'Learn by Play' Example Hands all played from South

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Here are three examples of No Trump contracts. Each example needs a different method of play to make the contract. (Ignore the possible bidding for now)

<p>Hand 17 NORTH=dealer</p> <p>♠ 5 3 ♥ A 9 7 6 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ K Q J 10</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 6 4 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A 4 3 2</p>	<p>North (D) West East South</p> <p>♠ 8 7 2 ♥ J 10 4 3 ♦ Q J 10 3 ♣ 9 5</p> <p>♠ A K 9 ♥ K 5 2 ♦ A 9 5 4 ♣ 8 7 6</p>	<p>3NT by South Lead is the Queen of Spades</p> <p>How do you play the hand?</p>
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<p>Hand 21 NORTH=dealer</p> <p>♠ A Q J ♥ K 9 5 4 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K 9 7</p> <p>♠ K 7 6 5 ♥ J 8 ♦ Q J 10 8 2 ♣ J 6</p>	<p>North (D) West East South</p> <p>♠ 9 8 3 ♥ Q 10 7 3 ♦ 4 3 ♣ Q 10 8 2</p> <p>♠ 10 4 2 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ K 9 5 ♣ A 5 4 3</p>	<p>3NT by South. Lead is the Queen of Diamonds</p> <p>How do you play the hand?</p>
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<p>Hand 24 WEST=dealer</p> <p>♠ K 9 3 ♥ A Q 10 7 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ J 8 4</p> <p>♠ J 8 7 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ Q J 10 5 4 ♣ K 5 2</p>	<p>North West (D) East South</p> <p>♠ Q 6 5 4 ♥ J 5 4 3 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 3</p> <p>♠ A 10 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ Q 10 9 7 6</p>	<p>3NT by South Lead is the Queen of Diamonds.</p> <p>How do you play the hand?</p>
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Solutions & comments (Hand 17 only here)

Opening Lead?

Queen of spades, top of sequence, hoping to set up some spade tricks. The lead also looks 'safe'. Note that if you chose 4th highest then you give South an easy Spade trick with the nine

Declarer Play

South must play on clubs to set up club tricks, before using A & K in other suits. This 'keeps control'

Possible thought process. 'I have A & K combination in three of the four suits so can make 6 tricks if I cash my winners. I need to find a way to win 3 more tricks and the K Q J 10 will give me three tricks after the Ace is gone