

DECLARER PLAY - WEEK 6
ASSIGNMENT

 LAST REVISED ON OCTOBER 20, 2017

READING

1. Read next week's handout titled *Playing Suit Contracts - Part 3*. Bring your questions about this material to next week's class.

EXERCISES

1. Listen to the bidding, observe the opening lead, and develop a plan to make the contract for the deal on the left.
2. Listen to the bidding, observe the opening lead, and develop a plan to make the contract for the deal on the right.

EXERCISE 1			
NORTH - DUMMY			
♠ A 9 7 4 3			
♥ A Q 7			
♦ 6			
♣ T 4 3 2			
VULNERABLE			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Dbl	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
SOUTH - DECLARER			
♠ K Q T 6 2			
♥ K T 4			
♦ A T			
♣ 8 7 6			
VULNERABLE			
Opening Lead ♣ A			

EXERCISE 2			
NORTH - DUMMY			
♠ A 6			
♥ K 8 5 3			
♦ 7 5			
♣ A J 8 6 5			
VULNERABLE			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
2♦	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
SOUTH - DECLARER			
♠ J 8 2			
♥ A Q J 7 4			
♦ A 9 6			
♣ 7 2			
VULNERABLE			
Opening Lead ♦ J			

3. Listen to the bidding, observe the opening lead, and develop a plan to make the contract for the deal on the left. (*See bidding footnote below.*)
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Exercise 3 bidding:

Without counting the high card points for the worthless singleton ♥Q, North has 11 good dummy points (8 HCP + 3 ♥ SSP). Instead of responding 2♦, North could jump to 3♠ (a limit raise) to describe a hand with 10-12 dummy points and at least four spades.

If North responds with a 3♠ limit raise, South, might pass because:

- ✓ The partnership only has 23-25 total points (13+10 to 13+12).
- ✓ South has seven sure losers and might think North could not cover four of the losers.

With the bidding sequence shown in the problem, North can risk the jump to 4♠ because the singleton ♥Q is worth more after South bids hearts, the partnership has a nine-card spade fit and because the partnership is not vulnerable.