

DISCUSSION HAND #1

Smith
Echo
(with notes)

(dummy)

♠ A65

♥ QT7

♦ J53

♣ KQ84

(you)

♠ JT84

♥ A843

♦ 962

♣ 73

The bidding was 1NT-3NT. Partner led ♦4.

DISCUSSION HAND #2

(dummy)

♠ AKJ32

♥ K4

♦ QJT

♣ K83

(you)

♠ T7

♥ J9762

♦ K6

♣ QJ52

The bidding was 1S-1NT (forcing), 2NT-3NT.

You lead the ♥6. Dummy wins the K. Partner follows with the 8 of hearts, and declarer plays the 3.

Declarer plays the Q of diamonds from dummy. Partner plays the 2 and declarer plays the 3.

What do you play now?

*Q of clubs - partner did not
Smith echo*

DISCUSSION HAND #3

(dummy)

♠ QT2

♥ 76

♦ Q654

♣ AQJ4

(you)

♠ KJ64

♥ QJ5

♦ 987

♣ T82

The bidding was 1NT-3NT. Partner led ♥4.

Play the J of hearts
— then use Smith echo
to tell partner you have
a good card left in
hearts.

DISCUSSION HAND #4

(dummy)

♠ QT2

♥ 76

♦ Q654

♣ AQJ4

(you)

♠ AJ64

♥ J93

♦ 987

♣ T2

The bidding was 1NT-3NT. Partner led ♥4.

Play the J of hearts.
— then don't use Smith
echo — to warn partner
you have poor hearts left

DISCUSSION HAND #5

(dummy)

♠ Q3

♥ A653

♦ A76

♣ QT97

(you)

♠ AJ962

♥ T8

♦ J982

♣ K6

The bidding was 1NT-2♣, 2♦-3NT.

You lead the ♠6.... dummy plays the Q, partner plays the 8, declarer plays the 7.

Declarer plays the 10 of clubs from dummy. Partner plays the 8, declarer plays the 4, and you win your K.

What do you play now, and why?

The full hands are:

♠ Q3
♥ A653
♦ A76
♣ QT97

♠ AJ962
♥ T8
♦ J982
♣ K6

♠ T854
♥ Q942
♦ Q5
♣ 832

♠ K7
♥ KJ7
♦ KT43
♣ AJ54

Play the A of spades
— declarer has the K
— yet partner did Smith echo
— she must have long
spades

DISCUSSION HAND #6

(dummy)

♠ 5432

♥ 9

♦ AQJT7

♣ AJ4

♠ J8

♥ QT53

♦ K53

♣ 8763

The bidding was 1♦-2♣, 2♦-3NT.

Partner leads the ♥4..... dummy plays the 9, you put up your Q, and declarer wins the K.

Now declarer leads the ♦4, partner plays the ♦2, and declarer finesses dummy's Q. You win your ♦K.

What do you play now, and why?

The full hands are:

♠ 5432

♥ 9

♦ AQJT7

♣ AJ4

♠ AQT9

♥ J8642

♦ 962

♣ 5

♠ J8

♥ QT53

♦ K53

♣ 8763

♠ K76

♥ AK7

♦ 84

♣ KQT92

Partner did not Smith echo
— his hearts are weak
— only hope is spades
— so, lead the J of spades
— Bingo!