

## Review Hands for Part Score Battles

Mentors move the guide card after each hand so South is where West was on the hand just played.

### Board 2, 8, 14, 20, 26 or 32

S – 743  
H – 972  
D – A87  
C – Q983

S – J109  
H – QJ103  
D – KQJ  
C – 765

S – Q2  
H – 86  
D – 96542  
C – KJ104

S – AK865  
H – AK54  
D – 103  
C – A2

West	North	East	South
			1S
Pass	2S	Pass	3H
Pass	3S	Pass	Pass
Pass			

### The Bidding:

- **1S** S has a strong 1S opener.
- **2S** 3+ spades, 6-9 DP
- **3H** S might just bid game, but decides instead to bid 3H asking partner to go to game if he has something useful in hearts.
- **3S** With three small hearts, N declines the invitation.

**The Lead:** D-K

**Defensive Strategy:** *E can see 12 HCP between his hand and dummy. S made a game try so should have approximately 16*

*to 18 HCP. W should have approximately 11 HCP including D-KQ. E should discourage since he has no diamond honors and would like a club switch.*

### Declarer's Plan:

Analyze the lead & think about distribution: The lead is from KQ, KQx, KQJ, Kx or singleton. K.

Count Winners &/or Losers: Losers are 1 or 2 spades, 2 hearts, 1 club and 1 diamond.

Make a plan before playing to the first card from dummy: With the diamond lead there is no way to avoid losing a trick in each suit. If spades divide 3-2 (68% chance), we can make as long as we avoid a second heart loser by trumping a heart in dummy. The challenge is the timing of that ruff. If we draw two spades first, when we lose the lead in hearts they might be able to remove dummy's last trump before we can use it.

If we play H-AK and another and hearts are the expected 4-2 split (48%), they will be able to overruff dummy on the fourth heart – that is OK if the player with three trump is ruffing and if we had no other chance we'd take that. However, there is a better way.

Win D-A and play a low heart. When you regain the lead, play S-AK followed by H-AK. As long as spades are 3-2 you will make. You don't mind if the player with the high trump over-ruffs dummy on the fourth round of hearts, you were going to lose that trump trick in any case.

You will make 3S, losing one trick in each suit. Your winners will be four spades, two hearts, one heart ruff in dummy, one diamond and one club.