

Dummy
♠AQJ2
♥Q72
♦KQJ32
♣K

You
♠5
♥K4
♦1065
♣AQ97432

<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>
1D	2C	2S	P
4S	P	P	P

Despite your aversion to leading aces against a suit contract, you choose the Ace of clubs as the least of evils lead. Your partner follows with the J of clubs. Plan the defense.

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The Answer

Why did partner play the J of clubs? Is she showing count, a club holding headed by the J10, or does it have some other meaning?

Your best hope is that it is a suit preference signal for the higher of the non-trump suits, hearts in this case. So, play the K of hearts, hoping partner has the AJ, or at least the A. Your play is rewarded as the K holds. You play another heart, partner winning the A and playing a third heart which you ruff.

Your brilliant defense is rewarded, as you are the only ones on BBO to defeat the contract! Declarer has the A of diamonds and the K of spades, and would make 5 against any other lead by you.