

Suit Contract Surround Play Defense

Key Point: Surround Play refers to dummy's cards

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Few players have studied this area of defensive play, and its relationship to the handling of card combinations...Partner led the ♦2, you winning with ♦A and pausing for thought. The fear is that declarer would dump heart losers on dummy's clubs, hence you immediately shift to the ♥2. South played low. Partner played ♥K, forcing out ♥A...Declarer still made his contract because we failed to use "surround play" defense..Where did we go wrong class??

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At trick two, the ♥10 is correct lead (before trump is pulled and clubs are established). The ♥8 and ♥Q “surround dummy’s ♥9. This play can not cost and may be essential. South covers with ♥J, playing low won’t help. Later, West gets in with ♠K to lead thru dummy’s ♥9 and ♥7 defeating declarer.!!

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Declarer took your ♣J with his ♣A, cashed the ♥AK then ruffed a heart in dummy. Declarer now led a club. You cashed your ♣KQ...What do we do now class?? Leading a heart creates a ruff and sluff...

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Its time for that “surround play” again...!! Lets examine each diamond to determine the “correct” diamond return....Very Good Class...!!

No OLLI Bridge this fall....I'll be taking a break from teaching....