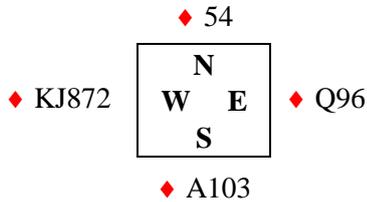


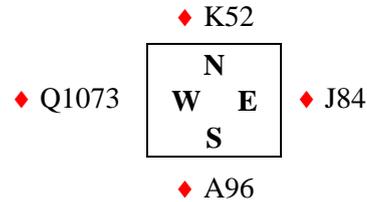


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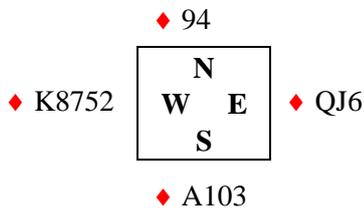
Third Hand High Play



West leads ♦2, East must play ♦Q
 Playing small gives declarer 2 tricks

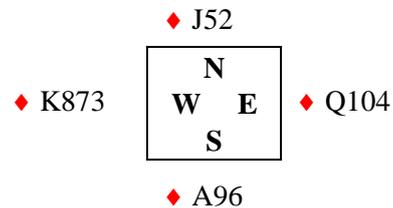


West leads ♦3, dummy plays low
 East must play ♦J



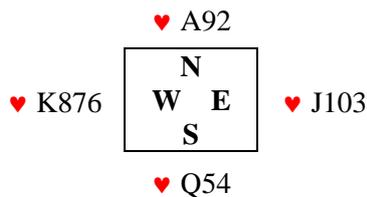
Third hand high – but lower of touching honours and lower of surrounding cards

West leads ♦2, East plays ♦J
 When declarer wins ♦A can West tell who has ♦Q?

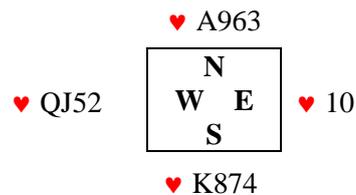


If you play ♦Q declarer takes the ace
 He leads towards ♦J and makes 2 tricks instead of 1
 ♦10 is big enough to force out the ace – save ♦Q to beat ♦J later.

Second Hand Plays Low



South is declarer and leads ♥4.
 West should play low, *not* ♥K
 Playing ♥K gives declarer an undeserved extra trick.
 ♥K is won by ♥A, and ♥Q makes a trick later
 If West plays low ♥K will beat the queen later and declarer makes 1 trick instead of 2.

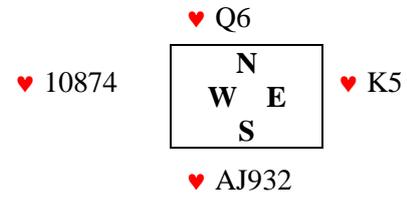
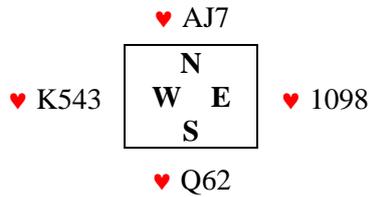


South leads ♥4. Again West should play *low*
 If he plays ♥J 'to force out ♥A' the trick is
 ♥4-♥J-♥A-♥10
 Now declarer makes 3 tricks instead of 2.
 West has *crashed* his honour with partner's 10.
 "Second in – leave it to him"



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“Cover an Honour with an Honour”



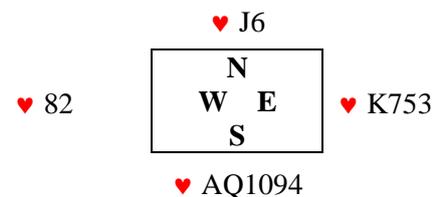
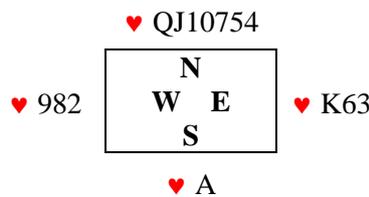
If declarer leads ♥Q (not actually the best play.... why?)
 West should *cover* with the king. Why?
 If West plays a low card, North plays ♥7 and East ♥8
 ♥Q takes the trick. Now declarer finesses ♥J and makes 3 tricks

Dummy leads ♥Q
 If West *covers* the defence take 2 tricks
 If he does not cover they make just one

What happens if West plays ♥K on ♥Q?
 North wins ♥A and East plays ♥8
 Dummy plays ♥J, East ♥9, South ♥2 and West ♥3
 Now East's ♥10 is the highest heart, and this time South makes only 2 heart tricks instead of 3

By *covering an honour with an honour* West *promotes a trick* for partner.

Remember: the purpose of covering is to *promote lower cards into winners*
there is no point in covering when your side has no high cards to promote!



If declarer leads ♥Q and West covers with ♥K the defence will make no heart tricks at all

If East covers ♥J with the king declarer makes 5 heart tricks and loses none
 If East plays low ♥J scores
 Declarer plays ♥6 to ♥10, then cashes ♥A.
 East's ♥K is the highest remaining heart and must make a trick