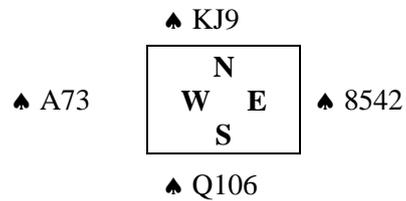
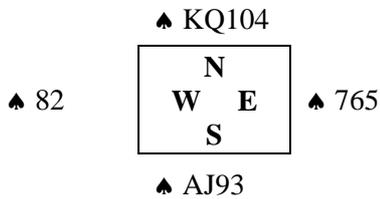




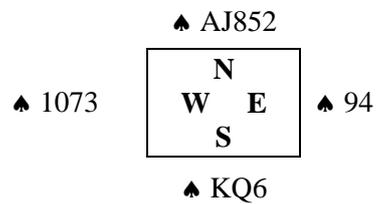
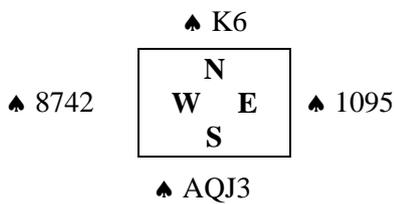
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Establishing and Cashing the Work Suit



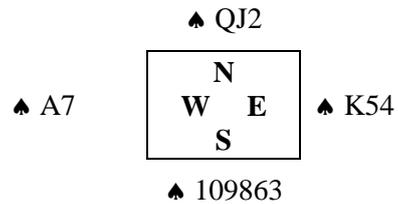
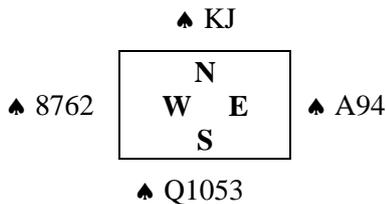
How many tricks can we make in these spade suits?

Does it matter in which order we play the cards?



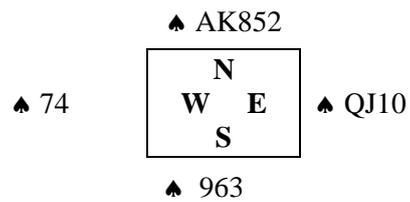
How many tricks can we make?

What happens if we start with the ace?



How many tricks?

How should we tackle these suits?



How many tricks can we make from this suit?

And from this one?

How many need we lose?

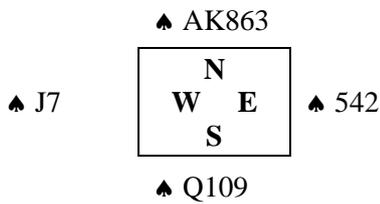
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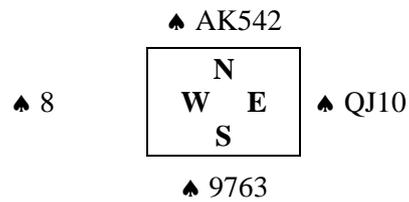
If we **must** lose one – *lose it early*



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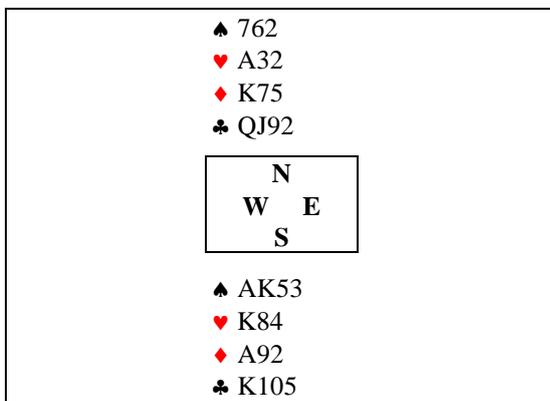


How many tricks can we make from this suit?
How many need we lose?



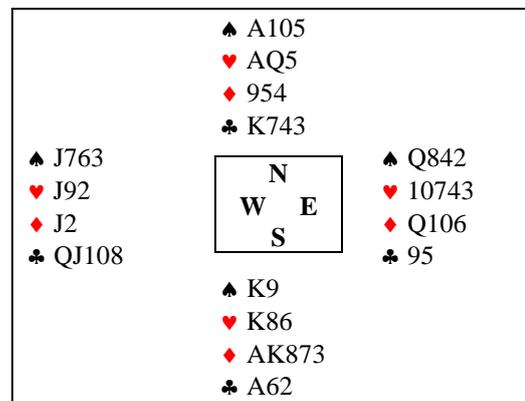
And from this one? How many need we lose?
Even with small cards play **high** from the short hand first – *beware blockages*

Examples of Establishing and Cashing the Work Suit



South plays in 3NT
West leads ♥Q. Win ♥A in dummy (or ♥K in hand.)
Start on the Work Suit: drive out ♣A (short hand first)
defender who wins will probably play another heart.
You have **established** 3 club tricks to go with the aces and kings in the other 3 suits. 9 tricks for 3NT

If you start by playing out aces and kings in the other suits you **establish** winners for the defence.
Now when you play clubs the **defenders** have tricks to cash and you may not make any club tricks.



West leads ♣Q, top of a sequence
South might win ♣A and cash honours for 9 The tricks.
A better declarer thinks “aces and kings will not run away” and sets about the work suit, diamonds
At least 1 trick must be lost, so he **ducks** one round. A defender wins and returns a club to dummy’s ♣K. South takes ♦A, ♦K and finds the suit divided 3-2. Now declarer has two length tricks in diamonds to add to his top tricks and makes 11 tricks altogether



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The Work Suit in a Trump Contract: Establishing Length Tricks by Ruffing

♠ KQJ4	♠ 92	♠ 10763									
♥ 96	♥ A853	♥ J2									
♦ 852	♦ A10764	♦ QJ9									
♣ Q1073	♣ A6	♣ K854									
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South plays in 4♥

West leads ♠K, top of a sequence. South wins ♠A and draws trump, cashing ♥K then low to ♥A.

East and West both follow suit, so the trump are all drawn. Diamonds are the Work Suit, so South plays to ♦K (**high card in the short hand**), back to ♦A and trumps a diamond. When everybody follows dummy's last two diamonds are winners. Declarer crosses to ♣A and cashes them, discarding 2 spades (or 2 clubs).

One last loser can be ruffed in dummy for 12 tricks

Should declarer have bid slam, since he made 12 tricks?

♠ J109	♠ A652	♠ Q8									
♥ KJ105	♥ 8	♥ Q943									
♦ A9	♦ KJ654	♦ 10872									
♣ QJ105	♣ A32	♣ 984									
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South plays in 4♠.

West leads ♣Q. South wins with ♣K to keep ♣A as an entry to dummy later.

He draws 2 rounds of trump, leaving the defence with one trump winner. Now he tackles the Work Suit, diamonds, leading ♦Q from the short hand. West takes ♦A and plays ♠J (drawing two for one), then a club to ♣A. Declarer cashes ♦KJ, then ruffs the fourth diamond in hand to establish 1 length trick. Now ♥A and a heart ruffed in dummy lets him cash the long diamond for 10 tricks.