


2nd and 3rd Hand Defensive Play

1. 3rd Hand Defensive Play

In the following eight examples below, your hearts and North's hearts are displayed. In each case the contract is 4♠ by NS and partner makes the opening lead. The card played from dummy at trick one is in underlined in blue. Which Heart card do you play?

What do you play on the lead?


a) **North**
(Dummy)
♥763

 **East (You)**
♥AJ5

West leads ♥4

Answer:


b) **North**
(Dummy)
♥QJ965

 **East (You)**
♥K8732

West leads ♥4

Answer:


c) **North**
(Dummy)
♥K93

 **East (You)**
♥AJ5

West leads ♥4

Answer:


d) **North**
(Dummy)
♥T63

 **East (You)**
♥QJ9

West leads ♥4

Answer:


e) **North**
(Dummy)
♥Q63

 **East (You)**
♥K105

West leads ♥4

Answer:

f) **North**
(Dummy)
♥T63

 **East (You)**
♥KQ2

West leads ♥4

Answer:

g) **North**
(Dummy)
♥ A63

East (You)
♥ K95

West leads ♥4

Answer:

h) **North**
Dummy
♥ A63

East (You)
♥ 982

West leads ♥4

Answer:

2. 2nd Hand Defensive Play

The contract is 3NT for all these examples and declarer is leading from Dummy and the card is Underlined in blue. Which heart do you play in each example?

g) **North**
(Dummy)
♥ J1073

East (You)
a) ♥K92
b) ♥KQ8
c) ♥A842

a)

b)

c)

h) **North**
Dummy
♥ J73

East (You)
a) ♥A54
b) ♥Q64
c) ♥Q92

a)

b)

c)

3. 2nd Hand Defensive Play

The contract is 4♥ and in each case, South (Declarer) leads J♥ from their hand. Which heart do you play in each example?

g)

West (You)
a) ♥Q64
b) ♥Q6
c) ♥K10
d) ♥K542

North
(Dummy)
♥ A73

a)

b)

c)

d)