

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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When you have to guess which defender has the ace and which has the Queen without any other clues from the bidding or play. guess that the defender with the better hand has the ace.

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S 1S

W 2H

N DBL (Responsive showing 9+ points and 4+ cards in diamonds and clubs.)

E 4H (4+ hearts and 7-10 points)

S 5C (16-22 points, and 4+ clubs. 15 hcp + 3 for the singleton in the opponents suit with 4 card trump support = 18 points)

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The defense takes their heart trick, and I ruff a heart. I pull trump. The only decision is how to play the spades. If either defender has the Ace and the Queen it doesn't matter what I do.

But if one defender has the Queen and the other the ace, the educated guess is to play the defender with the most outstanding high card points for the ace. So, I finesse East for the Queen, making the contract.

