

Jim's Lessons Week 2 #2 Setting Up A Suit

Board 10

East Deals ♠ 9 7 3
 Both Vul ♥ K Q J 8 3
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ K Q 2

♠ A K 8 6 5 ♠ 4
 ♥ 10 9 4 2 ♥ A
 ♦ Q 4 ♦ A K J 10 8 7 5
 ♣ A 3 ♣ J 10 8 6

♠ Q J 10 2
 ♥ 7 6 5
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 5 4



EW 6♦; EW 5N; EW 2♠; EW 3♣;
 Par -1370

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	4 ♦	6 ♦	All pass
6 ♦ by East			

Contract	By Lead Made	Scores		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
5 ♦	E ♠ Q	5	600	7	0
3 NT	W ♥ K	5	660	4.5	2.5
3 NT	W ♥ K	5	660	4.5	2.5
3 NT	W ♥ K	5	660	4.5	2.5
3 NT	W ♥ K	5	660	4.5	2.5
3 NT	W ♥ K	6	690	2	5
6 ♦	E ♦ 3	6	1370	1	6
2 ♥×	N ♠ 4	-5	1400	0	7

Lead: 3 ♦

Since they had gone by 3 NT, East decided to bid 6D. Declarer must play very carefully to make this slam. In reality the opponents on this hand led the queen of spades and declarer was able to ruff a club loser and discard a club loser on one of dummy's high spades.

You were not that lucky. You got the diamond lead. If you try to ruff clubs the defenders might be able to play another diamond and deny you from ruffing any clubs at all.

Did you make a mistake on the first trick? Do you know what mistake that would have been? Were you able to set up dummy's suit? Were you able to reach the suit after it was set up?

Object of Lesson: A winning trump is often needed as transportation to set up a side suit. Be careful when you decide to play it (trick 1?) probably not.