

Jim's Lessons Week 2 Hand #1 3rd seat play

**Board 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A Q 7 5  
♥ Q 7 6 3  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 5 4



♠ 9 3 2  
♥ J 10 8 2  
♦ K J 4  
♣ A 9 8

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	

4 ♥ by North

Contract	By Lead	Made	Scores		Pairs
			N-S	E-W	
4 ♥	N	♦ 7	4	620	11 vs 7
2 ♥	S	♦ Q	3	140	1 vs 9
3 ♥	N	♦ 10	-1		100 3 vs 2
3 ♥	N	♦ 10	-1		100 10 vs 5
4 ♥	N	♦ 10	-2		200 2 vs 11
4 ♥	N	♣ J	-2		200 4 vs 4
3 NT	N	♦ 6	-2		200 8 vs 1
4 ♥	N	♣ J	-3		300 9 vs 3

Results of the Puritan Bridge Game appear above.

**Source: Puritan Bridge Club Grass Roots Game Wednesday May 31, 2017**

Lead: 6 ♦

Play of Hand: Declarer played low from dummy (South) and West played the queen losing to declarer's ace.

A trump was led to dummy's jack losing to West's king. West returned a diamond and declarer won the

ace and played his queen of trump. East rose with the ace of hearts, West following suit and East then led another diamond but alas West had no trump to play and declarer discarded a losing club.

**Lesson for Defender:** Do not play the queen looking at the jack in dummy unless declarer plays the jack.

**Lesson for Declarer:** Do not play the jack as the defender may play the queen anyway. You can take the finesse later (usually)

**Exception:** If you will not have the opportunity of taking the finesse later than take it on the opening lead.

**Extra Comment:** Declarer then led a heart to the ten in dummy and then played a spade toward his ace/queen.

Here declarer made a decision not to take the finesse the first time and played the ace of spades. He then entered dummy with the ace of clubs and led another spade. When West failed to play the king (unlikely if they had the high spade) on this 2nd play of a spade declarer remembering that East had a lot of diamonds and might be short in spades did not play the queen of spades but played low losing to East's doubleton king of spades. This made declarer's queen good and he could cross ruff the rest of the hand making 10 tricks.