

Jim's Lessons Week 4 Hand #1 – Play of Hand - Discard Losers Right Away

Contract: 4♥ doubled by East

Lead: Q♦

Source: Puritan Bridge Club Open Pairs Game of Tuesday May 30, 2017.

Play of Hand - Discard Losers Right Away (even before playing trump if playing trump will lose the lead).

Board 27

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 4 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ 10 5

♠ K 6 5
♥ K 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ A K Q

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| | N | | ♠ 10 9 |
| W | | E | ♥ J 10 9 7 6 5 |
| | S | | ♦ A K 3 2 |
| | | | ♣ 2 |

♠ Q J 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q
♣ J 9 8 7 6 4 3

| Contract | Lead | Made | Scores | | Matchpoints | |
|----------|------|------|--------|-----|-------------|------|
| | | | N-S | E-W | N-S | E-W |
| 4♥ x E | ♦ Q | -2 | 300 | | 7.00 | 0.00 |
| 4♥ W | ♣ 10 | -2 | 100 | | 6.00 | 1.00 |
| 4♥ W | ♦ 7 | -1 | 50 | | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 4♥ E | ♦ Q | -1 | 50 | | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 4♥ E | ♣ 10 | -1 | 50 | | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 4♥ E | ♦ Q | 4 | | 420 | 2.00 | 5.00 |
| 4♥ W | ♦ 6 | 5 | | 450 | 1.00 | 6.00 |
| 4♥ W | ♣ 10 | 6 | | 480 | 0.00 | 7.00 |

Contracts & Results of Puritan Bridge Club Game

Makeable Contracts: W 4♥; W 3N; W 5♦; E 3♥; E 4♦; NS 2♣; NS 1♠; Par -420

| Bidding: | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|------|----|-------|
| | | | P | 1NT*1 |
| | P | 2D*2 | 3C | P |
| | P | 3H | P | 4H |
| | Dbl | P | P | P |

South did not find the killing lead. He knew that his partner North had to have some quick tricks and probably the ace of hearts. The killing lead is the queen of spades denying East the chance of discarding one of his spade losers. Declarer won the ace of diamonds but did not play clubs right away (discarding one of the spade losers)

Instead declarer played a heart won by North and then North gave South a diamond ruff. East guessed to play the king of diamonds which was ruffed by South. Now South led the queen of spades covered by the king of spades and won by North's ace. North now played his jack of diamonds and then played another spade to South's jack. Down 2 doubled.