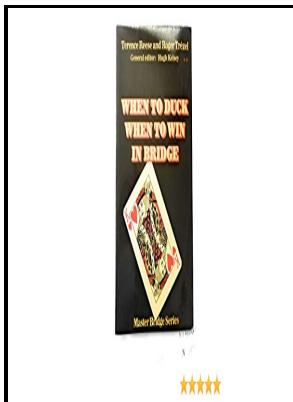


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Duck

One common scenario is when dummy has KQ10 and you hold Axx behind dummy. It is only with weaker equals like QJ and T9 where you play high to clarify the position.

When To Win or Duck

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When to Duck: When to Win in Bridge

North, as a defender with A K 4 3 2 and no outside entries, may do well to hold up on the first or second round of the suit, especially in a notrump contract. Setting up a trick for declarer is far worse than clarifying the suit position for partner. If you understand the principles in this lesson, you will make the right decision more often and defeat a lot more contracts.

Notes from Kantar's Modern Bridge Defense

The only hope to cash out is in diamonds East could have A-J-x but that is a slim chance. This rates to be a safe unblock because it is the only time a queen is led against notrump without the jack the other standard queen leads are from sequence led by QJTx, QJ9, and A QJ. This gives the defense four tricks down one.

Defensive Ducking

West should duck smoothly to have an effect and this puts declarer at a crossroad. If dummy has a long suit and no side entries, you should duck your winner for as many rounds as you think declarer has cards. If dummy has the queen, third hand must give count so that the opening lead

knows if the ace is cashing.

Duck (bridge)

This is to distinguish between holding ace-king and merely leading the ace in the suit your side is strongest in, often a good lead.

Notes from Kantar's Modern Bridge Defense

The appearance of dummy makes it clear the defenders will be able to cash whatever tricks they are entitled to, so East should win the A. Partner obliges, and declarer wins the third spade, discarding a club from dummy.

Ducking (play 2d)

See the next section for more on 4. The diamond suit is worth studying.

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