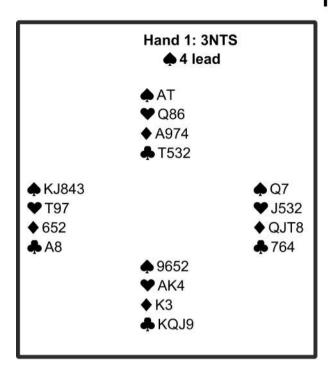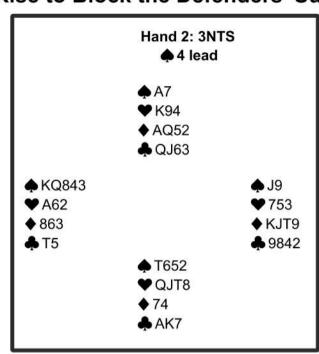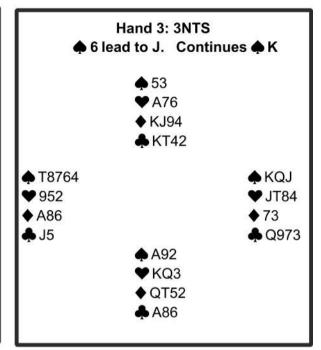# Blocking Plays

Rise to Block the Defenders' Suit

Hand 1: 3NTS
♠ 4 lead

♠ AT
♥ Q86
♦ A974
♣ T532

♠ KJ843
♥ T97
♦ 652
♣ A8

♠ Q7
♥ J532
♦ QJT8
♣ 764

♠ 9652
♥ AK4
♦ K3
♣ KQJ9

Hand 2: 3NTS
♠ 4 lead

♠ A7
♥ K94
♦ AQ52
♣ QJ63

♠ KQ843
♥ A62
♦ 863
♣ T5

♠ J9
♥ 753
♦ KJT9
♣ 9842

♠ T652
♥ QJT8
♦ 74
♣ AK7

Hand 3: 3NTS
♠ 6 lead to J.   Continues ♠ K

♠ 53
♥ A76
♦ KJ94
♣ KT42

♠ T8764
♥ 952
♦ A86
♣ J5

♠ KQJ
♥ JT84
♦ 73
♣ Q973

♠ A92
♥ KQ3
♦ QT52
♣ A86

A Few Ways to Block Declarer's Suit

Hand 1: Rise to Block Declarer's Suit
If dummy has no side entries:

AJT32

K54   Q96

82

Hand 2: 1NTS
♦ lead, South wins second round with K.
♠ to Q, then ♣ J and East plays … ?

♠ AQ853
♥ 94
♦ J63
♣ KJT

♠ K76
♥ A7
♦ Q9852
♣ 984

♠ J94
♥ KJT65
♦ AT
♣ Q75

♠ T2
♥ Q832
♦ K74
♣ A632

Hand 3 3NTSX
♦ 8 lead to Q. ♣ switch.

♠ Q65
♥ Q752
♦ J75
♣ J53

♠ K973
♥ 6
♦ AKT83
♣ AQ2

♠ T87
♥ T9843
♦ Q2
♣ 964

♠ AJ4
♥ AKJ
♦ 984
♣ KT87

Block the Defenders' Suit Deceptively

Hand 1: 3NTS
♠ 6 lead won with Dummy's 9

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              ♠ AJ95
              ♥ J5
              ♦ 973
              ♣ AQT2

♠ QT864                    ♠ 72
♥ 87                       ♥ Q6432
♦ A862                     ♦ KQ4
♣ 95                       ♣ KJ4

              ♠ K3
              ♥ AKT9
              ♦ JT5
              ♣ 8763
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Hand 2: 1NTS

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              ♠ 95
              ♥ 932
              ♦ QJ86
              ♣ KT42

♠ KT74                     ♠ Q82
♥ AJ                       ♥ KQT85
♦ K75                      ♦ T942
♣ J863                     ♣ 7

              ♠ AJ63
              ♥ 764
              ♦ A3
              ♣ AQ95
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Some Unblocking Plays

Hand 1: 3NTS
♥ Q lead, A, … ??

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              ♠ JT
              ♥ A3
              ♦ KT874
              ♣ K985

♠ K642                     ♠ Q93
♥ QJ85                     ♥ K92
♦ QJ9                      ♦ 6532
♣ J3                       ♣ T72

              ♠ A875
              ♥ T876
              ♦ A
              ♣ AQ64
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Hand 2: 3NTS
♠ 5 lead. Declarer wins and plays ♣ A

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              ♠ 93
              ♥ 97642
              ♦ K54
              ♣ 952

♠ AJ854                    ♠ T62
♥ QJT                      ♥ 854
♦ QJ2                      ♦ T987
♣ Q3                       ♣ JT6

              ♠ KQ7
              ♥ AK
              ♦ A63
              ♣ AK874
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