

When you have few entries to the dummy hand, make sure you take a finesse when you have the lead in the dummy.

When you are declarer you first identify which suits are the most important for you to lead. You should also check in all suits to see if any suit requires a special strategy such as promoting or finessing. These strategies require that the lead comes from opposite the strength in the suit. If one hand is very weak, make sure you take advantage of having the lead in the weak hand to play the strategy.

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	♠ KQ7432 ♥ ♦ K9 ♣ AQ963	P	1♠	2♥	2♠
W West		3♥	4♠	P	P
♠ A9 ♥ 1094 ♦ QJ87 ♣ KJ105	E East	P			
	♠ 10 ♥ AQ8632 ♦ A1062 ♣ 42				
	S South				
	♠ J865 ♥ KJ75 ♦ 543 ♣ 87				
		4♠ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

You are north with ♠KQ7432 ♥ - ♦K9 ♣AQ963.

After you open 1♠, east overcalls 2♥, partner south bids 2♠ (3♠ is better if your partnership plays pre-emptive raises) and west bids 3♥. With your wonderful six-five hand, you bid 4♠.

East unwisely leads ♥A and the dummy south reveals ♠J865 ♥KJ75 ♦543 ♣87. Thank you partner!

The dummy is very weak and you have a vital finesse to take in clubs. You will have problems winning the lead in the dummy's hand but may be able to force an entry to win the dummy's ♠J.

You trump east's ♥A and lead ♠K which loses to west's ♠A. West leads ♦Q and your ♦K is taken by east's ♦A. East plays a diamond to west's ♦J and you trump the third diamond in north. Now cross to south's ♠J, drawing the opponents' trump. At last you can lead a club to take the club finesse. Lead south's ♣7. After west plays low, you finesse to win ♣Q. After playing ♣A, you can trump clubs in south's hand to make your contract.