Solution 100206

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100206.1

The bidding goes:

West  North  East  South
1♠  1NT  Pass
3♥  3♠  4♥  Pass
Pass  Pass

How should West play on a ♠K lead?

Solution:
Notice the bidding, then it's easy to see why you should duck 2 rounds of ♠ if possible. You can ruff (or overruff) the third round ♠ in your hand, clear the trump and pitch your ♦ loser on ♠A.

100206.2

How should West play 6♦ on a ♦K lead?

Solution:
This hand is a good example of endplay. But you must carefully protect your entry to the dummy while you are trying to clear the trump. Win by the ♦A, then ♠A and lead ♠7 to ♠Q. Play ♦K, if South covers, then you can ruff it and use your last entry to the dummy, ♠Q pitches a ♦loser and take your chance at ♠ finesse. If ♦A doesn’t show up, then you can pitch a ♦ loser on it. You either stole a trick, or North, who can do no harm to your ♠ suit, gets in with the ace. You can pitch your ♦loser later with your last trump entry.