

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of several playing cards scattered on a surface. Visible cards include the 3 of diamonds, 9 of clubs, 8 of diamonds, 6 of diamonds, and 2 of clubs. The cards are slightly overlapping and angled, creating a sense of depth.

# Declarer Strategy: Combining Chances

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Let us explore the idea of trying more than one thing in order to make the contract.

While we will talk about chances and percentages, it is not critical you know those numbers. The technique still works.



# finesse

Leading a little card, towards a card,  
with which you hope to win a trick



W	N	E	S
	1♦	P	1♠
P	2♠	P	4NT
P	5♠	P	6♠
P	P	P	

# # 1

	<b>North</b> ♠ KQ76 ♥ AQ94 ♦ 862 ♣ Q5	
<b>West</b> ♠ 82 ♥ K1063 ♦ QJ10 ♣ J863		<b>East</b> ♠ 9 ♥ J872 ♦ 9743 ♣ K1094
	<b>South</b> ♠ AJ10543 ♥ 5 ♦ AK5 ♣ A72	



# # 2

W	N	E	S
			1♦
P	1♠	P	2NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			

	<b>North</b> ♠ A654 ♥ 2 ♦ 654 ♣ A7432	
<b>West</b> ♠ Q107 ♥ J9843 ♦ J ♣ Q1098		<b>East</b> ♠ J98 ♥ K10765 ♦ Q1098 ♣ J
	<b>South</b> ♠ K32 ♥ AQ ♦ AK732 ♣ K65	

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	1♦	P	1♠
P	2NT	P	4♣
P	4NT	P	6NT
P	P	P	

# # 3



	<b>North</b>	
	♠ AK62 ♥ KQ5 ♦ QJ3 ♣ 975	
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>
♠ 1083 ♥ 10984 ♦ 42 ♣ KJ84		♠ Q974 ♥ 32 ♦ 8765 ♣ 1062
	<b>South</b>	
	♠ J5 ♥ AJ76 ♦ AK109 ♣ AQ3	



# # 4

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
			1♥
P	1♠	P	3♥
P	4♥	P	P
P			

	<b>North</b> ♠ AJ32 ♥ Q63 ♦ 65 ♣ K1073	
<b>West</b> ♠ 109 ♥ 87 ♦ AQ984 ♣ 9652		<b>East</b> ♠ KQ84 ♥ 94 ♦ J732 ♣ QJ4
	<b>South</b> ♠ 765 ♥ AKJ1052 ♦ K10 ♣ A8	

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
			1♦
P	1♥	P	2NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			

# # 5



	<b>North</b>	
	♠ A5 ♥ J1043 ♦ 9865 ♣ AQ8	
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>
♠ J10986 ♥ Q6 ♦ K7 ♣ 7532		♠ KQ7 ♥ 98752 ♦ 42 ♣ 964
	<b>South</b>	
	♠ 432 ♥ AK ♦ AQJ103 ♣ KJ10	





The take away lesson:

Rather than put all your hopes on one play, look for an additional opportunity to improve your chances for success.



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