

Play of the hand: Ruffing in Dummy

Extra Tricks by Using Dummy's Trumps

- When playing a suit contract, declarer may be able to use the power of the trump suit to trump losers in the dummy.
- Whenever dummy has a shortage in a side suit, try and score extra tricks by ruffing with dummy's trumps.
- You need to do this before drawing trumps.

Example – A Grand Slam

Contract: 7♠ Lead: ♣Q

<i>Dummy</i>	<i>Declarer</i>
♠ J643	♠ AKQ102
♥ 5	♥ A32
♦ AQ87	♦ K42
♣ K432	♣ A9

- You have eleven sure tricks. This is a scary contract as you need 2 more tricks.
- Thankfully dummy has a shortage in the heart side suit. So plan to ruff the two small hearts with trumps in dummy.
- Declarer needs to do this while there are still trumps in dummy.
- Declarer should win the first trick with ♣A, play ♥A and ruff the small heart with dummy's ♠3. Back to hand with a trump and now ruff the ♥2 with dummy's ♠J.
- Declarer now draws the opponents' trumps.
- Declarer can count five spade tricks, three small heart ruffs in the dummy, three top diamonds, the ♥A and two top clubs.
- **This makes 13 tricks – Hallelujah!**