DEFENSIVE THINKING

"Not my fault. I didn't do it. Blame the cat."

Listen for Declarer's points.
Listen for Dummy's points.
Make or see Partner's opening lead.
See dummy. Start counting!

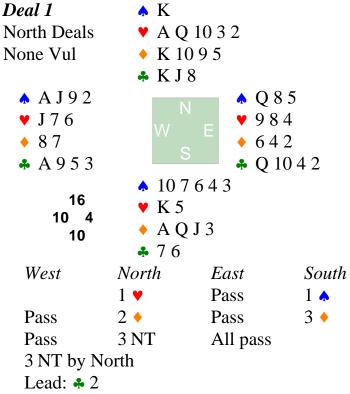
Count Dummy's points. Estimate their HCP. Estimate Partner's high-card points.

What sort of Dummy is it? Three "Kantar" types

- Long side Suit attack; take a prudent risk
- Short Suit if suit contract, maybe draw trump
- Dead (flat) defend passively; wait for tricks

Count Declarer's shape. Count your side's tricks. Count Declarer's tricks.

Where might Partner's points lie? How might you beat the contract?



Estimate their high-card points. 25-28 Estimate East's high-card points. 2-5 Count Declarer's shape. 1=5=4=3 Where might Partner's points lie?

