



Hold-up Plays

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What is a hold-up play?

♥KQJT9

♥32

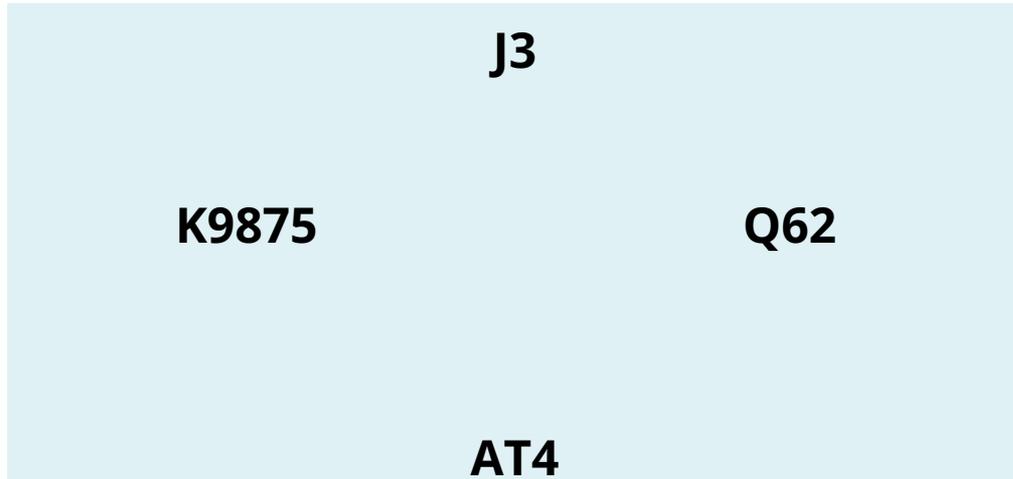
♥A87

♥654



Why should you NOT hold up?

- If winning the trick will promote an extra trick



Why should you NOT hold up?

- If this might be your only chance to make any trick in the suit
(Similar concept to last slide)



♥6

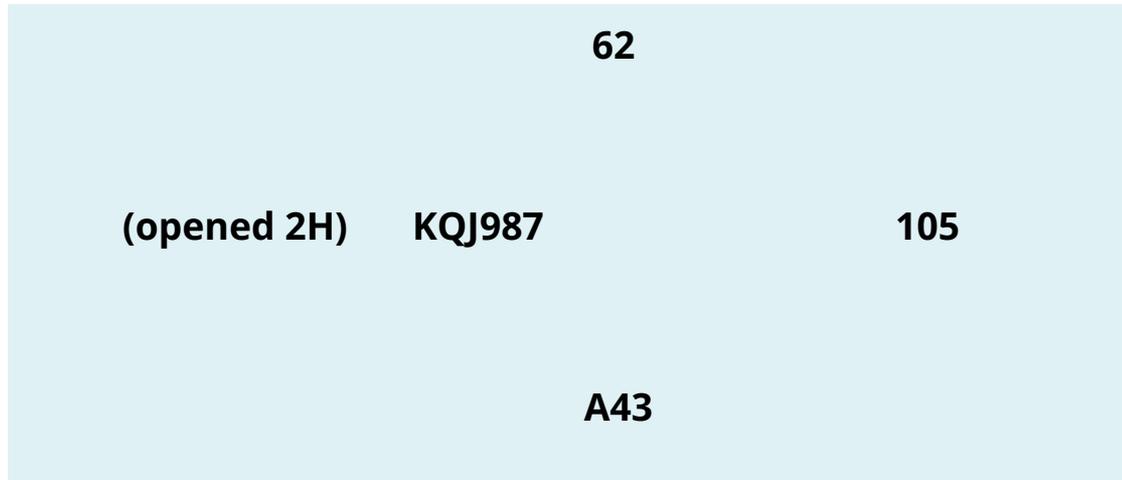
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♥KT3

♥J or ♥Q played

DO NOT hold up when...

- When you no longer need to!



DO NOT hold up when...

- When you can claim the rest of the tricks (duh)
- When after you duck, you can claim the rest of the tricks

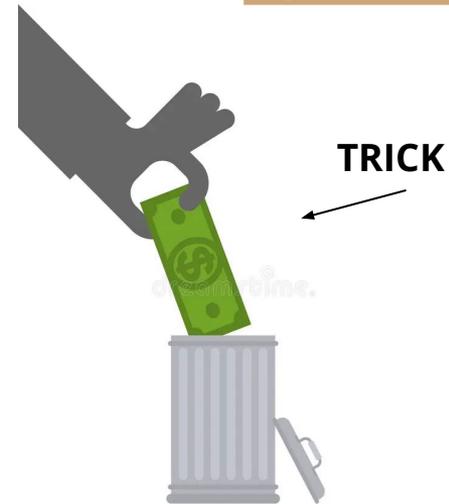
We see this
SO much!

Go for the
(pseudo)-squeeze

3NT
SK lead

xx
xxx
AKQxx
Qxx

Axx
AKx
xx
AKJ10x



DO NOT hold up when...

- When winning the trick will, or is likely to, create a **blockage** in the opponent's suit.

West
♥KJ763

Dummy
♥A5

Declarer
♥T942

East
♥Q8

