

The “Never-Ever” Suit

Want Either Dummy	Opponent	to Lead Declarer	WANT LHO Dummy	to Lead Declarer
Jxx	opposite	Qxx	xxx	A Q x
J9x	opposite	Q8x	xxx	K J x
A J xx	opposite	10xx	xxx	Kxx
K9xx	opposite	Q8x	xxx	AKJ
K9xx	opposite	Q10xx	xxx	AJ109
A J xx	opposite	K10x	Axx	K J x
A9x	opposite	K J x	xxx	Q10x
Kxx	opposite	Qxx	Axx	Qxx
A10x	opposite	K9x	xxx	K109x
Q9x	opposite	A10x		
Qxx	opposite	Axx		

Single-suit end plays involve AQ10 opposite xxx or AQ9 opposite xxx

If you do your elimination homework, those end plays will work 100% of the time. Play low to 9 or 10 (unless RHO plays jack or 10—in which case you cover with queen). LHO will be end played.

Even if you have only AQ8 or AQ7 opposite xxx, should do elimination homework. If RHO carelessly plays 2nd hand low, you can insert 7 or 8 and end play LHO for that extra trick.