

Ground work in declarer play

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J85
AQJ6
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Dealer South
Game All

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

QS is led to the 2,5 and K.

You lead 3C to the 9,J and 2 – what now?

You have 4 diamond tricks and 2 in each of the black suits but there will not be time to set up a heart. Therefore you must hope for a third trick in clubs. That will require a 3-3 split or a doubleton ace with West. In the latter case you will have to lead the suit from the South hand again and it seems natural to cross to the KD. If you do,however,and the AC goes up second time ,the suit will be blocked and your spade entry will be removed prematurely.

Your best chance,therefore is to hope for a second entry in diamonds. Cash A and Q of diamonds and if a defender shows out you need a 3-3 club split. If the diamonds break 3-2,however,you can afford to overtake the JD and still enjoy a further entry with the 7D.

The full deal:

	862	
	J85	
	AQJ6	
	KJ4	
QJ109		7543
A742		K93
1084		95
A9		10862
	AK	
	Q106	
	K732	
	Q753	