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Basic Entry Management

When dummy is short of outside entries, it will often pay you to duck an early round of the suit you are trying to establish. The idea is to preserve dummy's honor as an entry to the long cards. These are elementary positions:

♦ A 7 6 3 2



♦ K 9 5

With this first holding you cash the king, then duck a round — playing low from both hands. Providing the suit breaks 3-2, the ace will serve as an entry to the two long cards.

♦ A 10 8 5 4



♦ 7 6 2

In this position you duck the first two rounds, then cross to the ace.