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# Reversing the Dummy

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Suppose you are playing in a heart contract with this trump suit:

♥ Q J 9



♥ A K 10 8 3

You start with five trump tricks. If you take one ruff in dummy, with the shorter trump holding, you will bump that total to six. What if you take a ruff in the long trump holding instead? This will produce no direct benefit. You will still score only five trump tricks.

Suppose, however, you could somehow take three ruffs in the South

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