

	<i>North me</i>		
Dealer: E	♠ J8		
Vul: EW	♥ Q74		
	♦ AJ752		
	♣ K76		
<i>West</i>		<i>East judy</i>	
<i>barbara</i>		♠ Q9732	
♠ K1065		♥ 10853	
♥ AKJ6		♦ K86	
♦ Q10		♣ 9	
♣ AQ2			
	<i>South sue</i>		
	♠ A4		
	♥ 92		
	♦ 943		
	♣ J108543		
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	E S W N		
Bidding:	P P 1H 2D		<small>HTML Bridge Hand Layout Creator</small>
	2H P 4H		
	all pass		

AKJx opposite 10xxx

Please don't read this if you want to learn anything. (That should keep everyone interested). The best way to play this suit combination is; Playing the Ace first, in case there is a singleton Queen offside, and then cross to dummy and finesse the Jack. The chance of success is 53%. Playing the Ace and then the King only wins when the Queen is offside doubleton, not recommended.

However we learned another way on Wednesday night. After the lead of the Ace of Diamonds and a Diamond continuation won by the Queen, Declarer led a small heart towards the 10. Naturally I ducked, and waited for partner to win with the King or Ace. (Don't duck with the Ace, partner, I thought).

Partner played small! This will be a good point for future discussion, I thought. Declarer then played the Ace and King of Hearts dropping my Queen! Looks like a different discussion may have to take place.

Well played Barbara, you know which one you are!