

## Safety Plays

- |    | North                              | South                    |   |
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| 1. | AKxxx                              | Jxx                      | Cash A, low to Jack. Protects against Q fourth in East.   |
| 2. | AKxxxx                             | Jx                       | Low to J. Protects against Q fourth in East.  |
| 3. | AK9xx                              | Jxx                      | Cash A, low to Jack. Protects against Q fourth in either seat.  |
| 4. | AJxxx                              | K9x                      | Cash A, low to 9. Protects against Q fourth in either seat. Limits losers to one.   |
| 5. | AJxxxxx                            | K9                       | Low to 9. Protects against Q fourth in either seat. Limits losers to one. If East is void, play the K and finesse the J.  |
| 6. | KQxxx<br>(No outside entries to N) | Axx                      | Duck a round. Guarantees four tricks against 4-2 splits.  |
| 7. | AQxxx                              | xxx<br>(with side entry) | Cash A; return to South; low to Q. Protects against singleton K offside. Note: If East plays J or 10 on first round, duck the second round (restricted choice). |

Note: It's useful to understand the general principles involved in the above examples. In some cases the indicated rule still applies when the North-South cards are distributed differently. For example, example 4 still works when the NS cards are divided 4-4. Example 4 works when South has K8x against 4-1 splits when the singleton is higher than the 8. Example 6 works when North has all three top honors or any two of the top honors.