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# This Week in Bridge Better Card Play – Blocking and Unblocking Suits

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### **Unblocking Our Suits as Declarer**

- Get the Honor(s) Out of the Short Side First
  - o Ax
  - $\circ$  Kx
  - o Qx
  - AKx
  - o KQx
  - o KJx
  - o QTx
- Overtaking Honors
  - o KQ
  - o QJ
- Intentionally Blocking Our Suits
  - Need Transportation to a Hand

#### **Unblocking Our Suits as Defender**

- Visualize the suit
- Leading a "high" spot card
- Returning a "high" sport card not always following "standard return count"
- Careful with a 5-4 fit (and you have the 4-card suit)

### **Blocking the Opponent's Suit**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Low
- False-Carding
- Bad Spot Cards for Opponents