

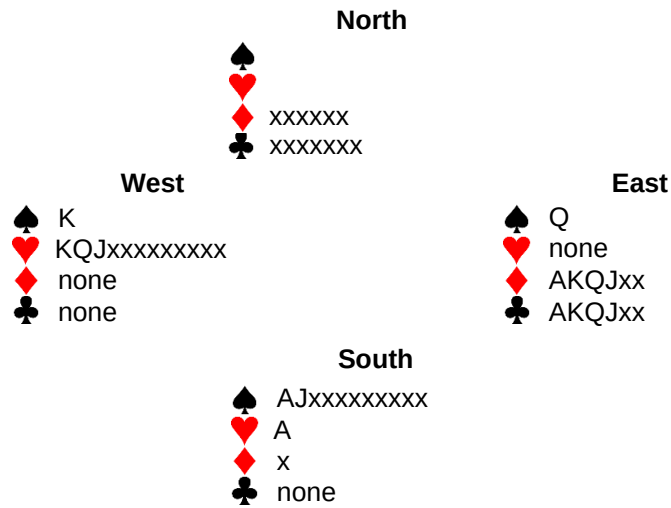
Puzzle Corner 2018 – Answer
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J/F 1 No Trump Bridge Rev

The most high card points a defensive partnership can have and still not be able to defeat 6 No-Trump is 31. For 3 No-Trump it is 34 and for 1 No-Trump it is 36. As a broad generalization, East will have the largest share of the defensive points, so East must not be allowed in.

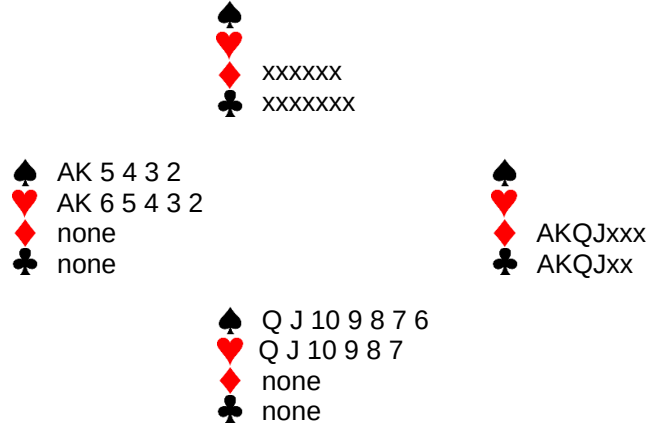
6 No-Trump: 31 defensive points

- South captures the initial lead, runs his spades and ♥A and loses the low diamond as the last trick.



3 No-Trump: 34 defensive points

- Regardless of the order of play, West will capture his ♠AK and ♥AK for four tricks; South will capture the rest with spade and heart leads for 9 tricks.



1 No-Trump: 36 defensive points

- Regardless of the order of play, West will capture his four aces and two kings for six tricks. If he under leads them on an early trick, South's queens will capture East's jacks. South will capture the remaining tricks with spade and heart leads for 7 tricks.

