

# Uppercuts



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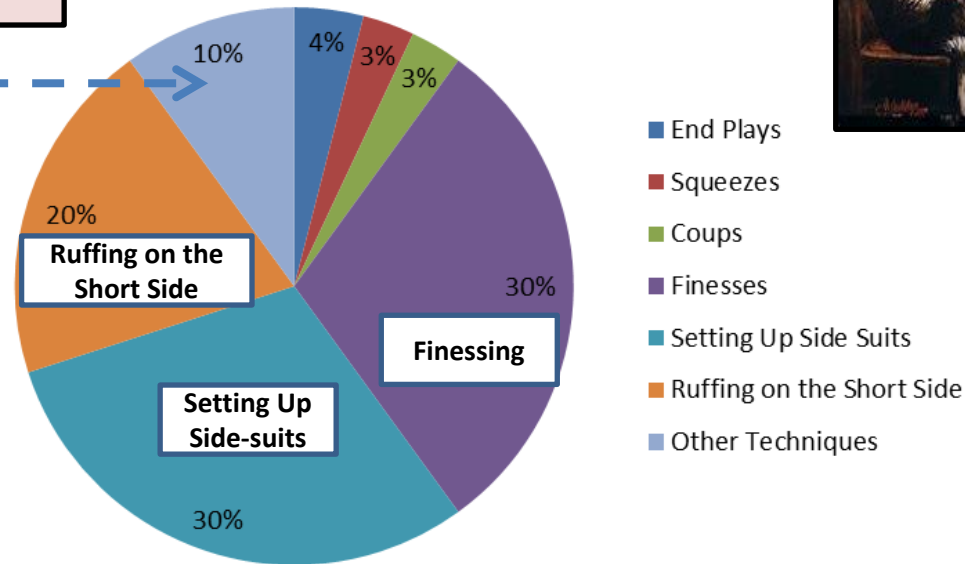
# Time for A Joke

A worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"

The survey was a huge failure. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant. And in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

# Today's Topic: Uppercuts

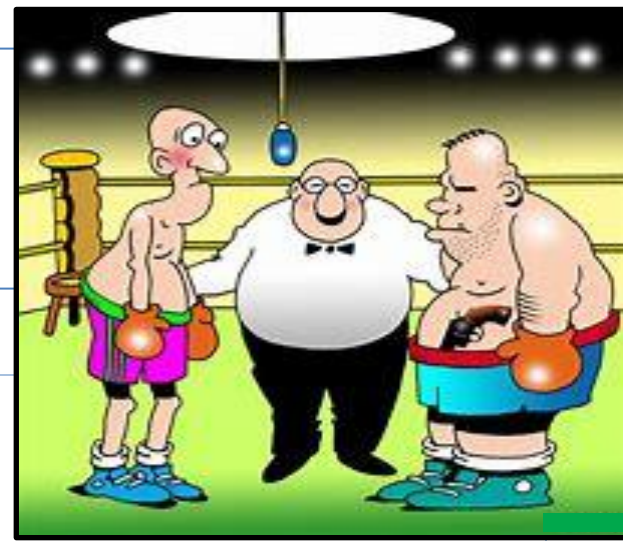
## Types of Ploys in Suit Contracts



### Other Techniques include:

- Safety Plays
- Dummy Reversals
- Unblocking Plays
- Hold Up Plays
- **Uppercuts**
- Discovery Plays
- Cross Ruffs

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## Hand #1

Contract = 4H

Lead = K♦

North  
♠ 9875  
♥ 532  
♦ 865  
♣ AKQ

West  
♠ A10  
♥ A97  
♦ KQJ432  
♣ 109

East  
♠  
♥ 8  
♦ 97  
♣ 2

South – (DECLARER)  
♠  
♥ KJ  
♦ A10  
♣ 4

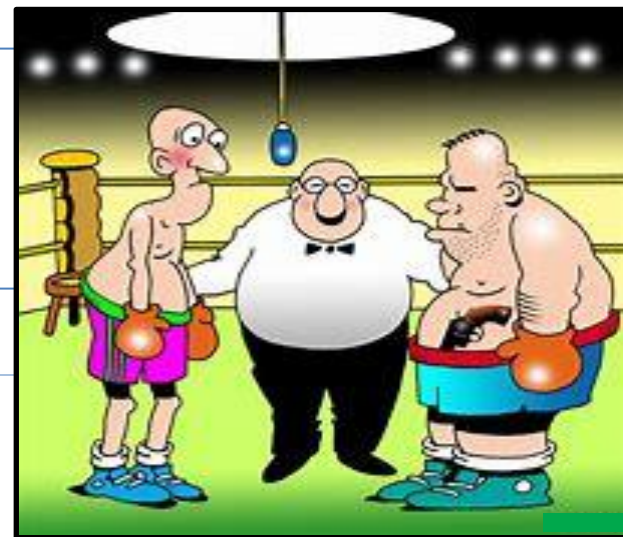
What now  
for West?

The K♦ is taken by  
declarer's ace.

Declarer gets to  
dummy with the  
Q♣ and leads the  
2♥, covering East's  
8♥ with the J♥.

West takes the A♥  
and cashes the Q♦.

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West

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♥ A97

♦ KQJ432

♣ 109

North

♠ 9875

♥ 532

♦ 865

♣ AKQ

East

♠ 6432

♥ Q8

♦ 97

♣ J7532

South – (DECLARER)

♠ KQJ

♥ KJ1064

♦ A10

♣ 864

West plays his 2♦, forcing East to ruff with his Q♥, setting up West's 9♥ – the setting trick.

# Time for More Jokes

**A son asks his mother, “Mom, the kids are laughing at me. They say my teeth are too long!”**

**The mother replies: “Oh shush! Now you’ve scratched the whole floor again!”**

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**The worst thing about parallel parking is the eyewitness.**

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**A news reporter visits a hen about a shockingly huge egg she laid recently. “This is amazing,” he tells the hen, “a two-pound egg, that’s unheard of! Do you have any goals for the future?”**

**“Yes, I’m really aiming for a four-pounder!” says the hen proudly.**

**The reporter approaches the rooster. “And you, sir, congratulations. What are your goals for the future?”**

**The rooster replies darkly, “To beat up that damn ostrich!”**

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## Hand #2



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North  
 ♠ 64  
 ♥ A7654  
 ♦ QJ92  
 ♣ J9

East  
 ♠ Q75  
 ♥ QJ103  
 ♦ K843  
 ♣ Q2

West  
 ♠  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦  
 ♣ K 85

Contract = 2S

Lead = 5♣

South – (DECLARER)  
 ♠  
 ♥ K  
 ♦  
 ♣ A76

What now for East?

South takes East's Q♣ and plays back the 6♣, trying to ruff a ♣ in dummy.

West takes his K♣ and switches to his 8♥ - 10♥, K♥.

South plays the 7♣, ruffing in dummy and East overruffs.



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Contract = 2S

Lead = 5♣

West

♠ K10

♥ 82

♦ A105

♣ K108543

North

♠ 64

♥ A7654

♦ QJ92

♣ J9

East

♠ Q75

♥ QJ103

♦ K843

♣ Q2

South – (DECLARER)

♠ AJ9832

♥ K9

♦ 76

♣ A76



East can expect another two high cards from West.

He should cash the K♦, cross to his partner's A♦.

West should then play another club, East uppercutting with his Q♠ to set up partner's K and 10 of trumps.





**Time to Play**