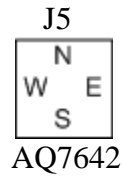


The example is from Hugh Kelsey's "Winning Card Play".



To acquire 5 tricks Kelsey suggests playing the Ace at trick one guarding against a singleton King on both hands. Running the analysis gives the following result.

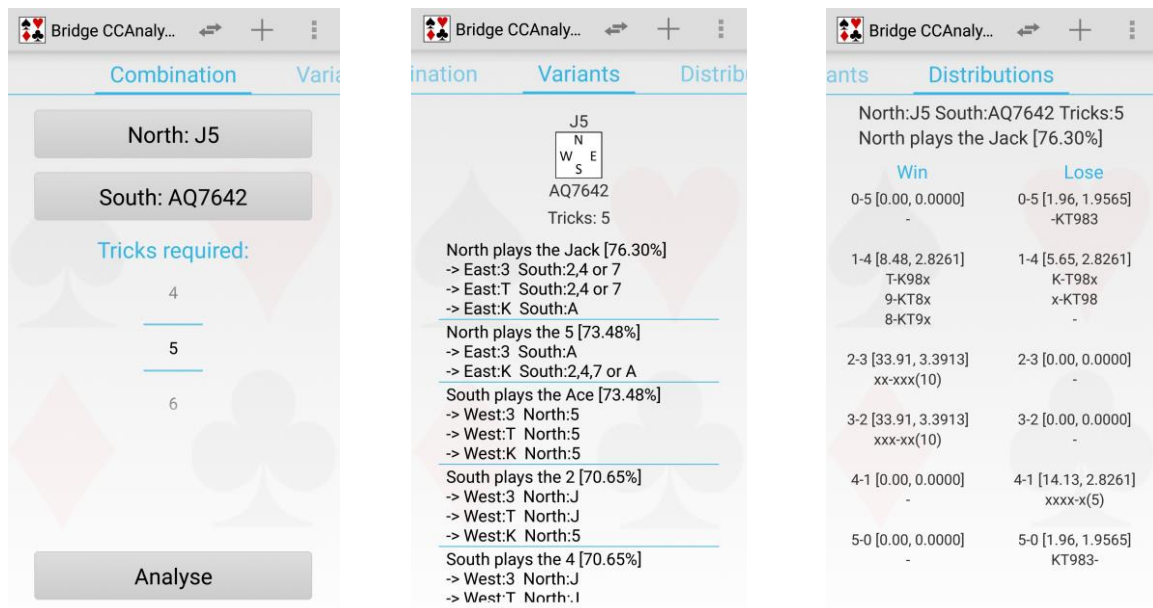


Figure 1

According to the analysis it is a better chance to run the Jack. We can compare the two variations on the compare page (press \leftrightarrow).

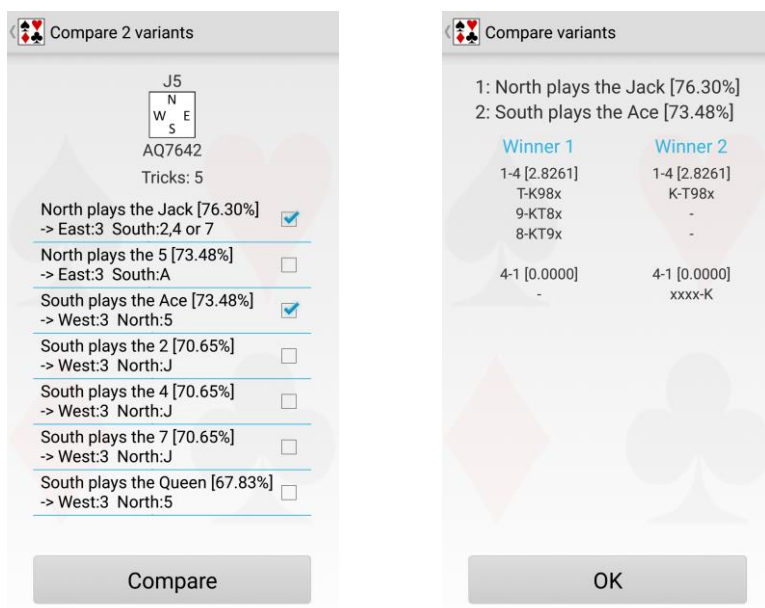


Figure 2

Running the Jack is losing to the 2 distributions with singleton King in either hand but is winning against the 3 distributions with a singleton 8, 9 or 10 in West. After for example J-K-A-T followed by 5-3-7 or J-K-A-T followed by 5-8-Q only one trick is conceded.

If we swap South's 6 with the 3 the best play is now to play the Ace in round 1. Playing the Jack is an inferior choice since the 6 in East gets promoted in the distributions where West holds a singleton T, 9 or 8. After for example J-K-A-T followed by 5-8-Q-blank the 96 in East ensures two tricks against the 7432 in South.

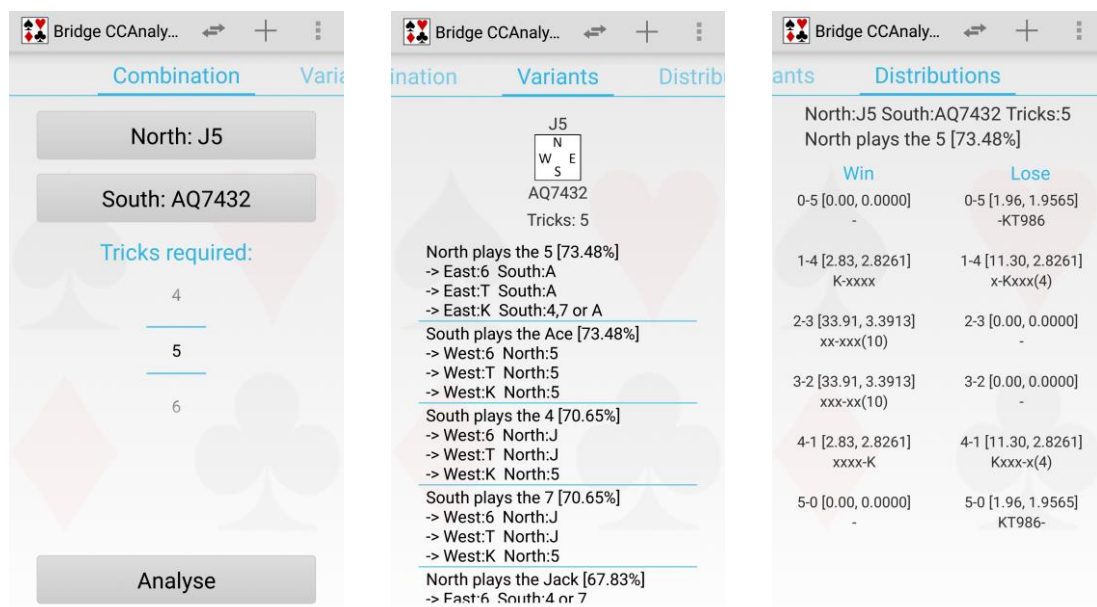


Figure 3