

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

LEADING TO NO TRUMP CONTRACTS

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TOPICS

- **AIMS OF THE DEFENCE**
- **PRINCIPLES**
- **LEADS**
- **GUIDANCE FROM THE BIDDING**

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AIMS OF THE DEFENCE

- 1 TO DEFEAT THE CONTRACT**
- 2 TO LIMIT DECLARER'S TRICKS**
- 3 TO AVOID GIVING AWAY TRICKS**

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PRINCIPLES

- 1 LISTEN TO THE BIDDING**
- 2 WORK OUT THE HAND**
- 3 IDENTIFY SOURCES OF TRICKS**
- 4 COMMUNICATE WITH PARTNER**

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LEADS

**“FOURTH HIGHEST OF YOUR
LONGEST AND STRONGEST SUIT”**

**EXCELLENT – EXCEPT WHERE
THERE IS A BETTER OPTION**

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- Good solid suits
- Broken suits
- Partner's suit
- Safe leads

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**IF YOU HAVE A GOOD SUIT IT IS
USUALLY BEST TO LEAD IT –
especially if you have an outside
entry**

♠ K Q J T x

♥ x x x

♦ x x

♣ A x x

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LEAD ♠K

NB:

**TOP OF A SEQUENCE NOT FOURTH
HIGHEST**

**Lead of the K promises Q (and
probably J)**

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Bidding:

W N E S
 P 1NT

P 3NT

i.e no info. from the bidding

You hold:

♠ 5 4
♥ K Q J 3 2
♦ A 2
♣ 8 7 6 5

9

♠ K Q J

♥ 9 5 4

♦ K J 5 4 3

♣ A Q

♠ 5 4

♥ K Q J 3 2

♦ A 2

♣ 8 7 6 5

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 9 8 7

♣ J 10 4 2

♠ A 10 6 3

♥ A 10 8

♦ Q 10 6

♣ K 9 3

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BROKEN SUIT WITH INTERIOR SEQUENCE

K J T 9 x

Lead J

If partner gets in he can lead back through declarer

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LEAD PARTNER'S SUIT (ACTUAL OR IMPLIED)

If partner bids it is almost always best to lead that suit

- Though bid of NT over partner's bid MAY indicate good cover in the suit:

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♠ 5 3 2

♥ A 2

♦ A K Q J 9

♣ 7 6

♠ A 9 8 7

♥ 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 10 9 8 5 2

♠ Q J 10 4

♥ J 10 9 8 7 6

♦ 10 3

♣ A 4

♠ K 6

♥ K Q 4 3

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K Q J 3

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Bidding:

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	2♦	DBL	2♥
P	3NT		

EAST IS INVITING A DIAMOND LEAD

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SO BE WARY WHEN
OVERCALLING IF YOU ARE
UNLIKELY TO WIN THE
CONTRACT.

IF YOU HOLD **A K J T x x** YOU
WANT PARTNER TO LEAD YOUR
SUIT

IF YOU HOLD **Q J 8 7 5 3** YOU
MAY DISCOURAGE THE LEAD OF
PARTNER'S OWN BETTER SUIT

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SAFE LEADS

- AVOID SUIT BID BY DECLARER
– ESPECIALLY FROM BROKEN
SUIT
- AVOID LEAD FROM
HONOUR(S) IF PARTNER CAN
HAVE NOTHING
- LEAD SOLID SEQUENCE
- LEAD SECOND FROM POOR
SUITS

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**SO: IF DECLARER HAS BID HEARTS
ON THE WAY TO 2N/3N AVOID A
LEAD FROM**

♥ K J x x

**Let declarer open the suit and you
should make your K J**

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You hold:	N	S
♠ KJx		1♦
♥ KQxx	3♦	3NT
♦ xx		
♣ AQxx		

**The point of this hand is that with
your holding 15 points, partner is left
with nothing. Therefore, a lead away
from any of your honours is likely to
cost a trick. Lead the totally negative
diamond.**

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**IF YOU HOLD A SUIT SUCH AS:
Q J T
LEAD Q. THIS WON'T GIVE AWAY A
TRICK**

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**IF THERE IS AN UNBID SUIT AND
YOU HOLD
T 8 6
LEAD 8.
PARTNER WILL KNOW YOU DON'T
WANT THE SUIT RETURNED; BUT
YOU MAY HAVE FOUND HIS SUIT**

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ALSO

**IT OFTEN PAYS TO LEAD DUMMY'S
SECOND BID SUIT (IF NOT
SUPPORTED BY DECLARER) ... e.g.**

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Bidding:

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	2♦
P	2♥	P	2NT
P	3NT		

**South shows Diamonds and (implied)
Clubs, but hasn't supported Hearts.**

**If you don't have Hearts, partner
probably does. If you don't have a
promising long suit, Hearts may be
the best lead.**

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SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATION

(BRIDGE IS A PARTNERSHIP GAME)

**HOW CAN PARTNER HELP?
MORE ON THIS IN THE FUTURE**

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