

BRIDGE FACTS

AK74 2 NT Feature Ask
1062 3 NT
K5
KQ104

Q1095		J62	PASS
A8	PASS	QJ973	
J62	PASS	94	
J973		A82	

83
K54 DEALER – 2 Diamonds
AQ10873 3 Hearts
65

2 NT asks for an outside feature (ace or King), 3 Hearts shows the A or K of hearts.
Lead is the Q of hearts. Play this hand.

73 2 Clubs (Stayman)
K874 3 NT
KQJ10
Q52

KJ854		Q62	PASS
A652	PASS	1093	
763	PASS	A94	
4		9873	

A109
QJ DEALER – 1 NT
852 2 Diamonds
AKJ106

Lead is the 5 of spades, partner plays the Q, South ducks, partner returns the 6 (remaining count), South ducks and you win the Jack. What do you lead at trick 3 and why?

TIPS/FACTS: When declarer ignores a strong suit in dummy that is lacking 1 honor, assume declarer has the honor. If he doesn't, that would be the first suit he'd be leading – the rule of 'Unattended Strong Suits.'

When there is a short side suit in dummy and declarer draws all of dummy's trumps, the inference is that declarer doesn't have any losers in that suit. 'It's safe to discard that suit.'

AQ74 3 Hearts
10432
KJ5
75

965
VOID PASS
Q83
10986432

K1082
KQ8 DEALER – 1 NT
964 PASS
AQJ

J3
AJ9765 2 Hearts (Natural)
A1072 4 Hearts
K

10 of clubs lead, East wins the A, returns a 2nd club which you ruff. Play your play??

AJ3
6 2 Diamonds
KJ972 4 Spades
Q863

864 PASS
Q10873 PASS
3
K1042

K5
J952 PASS
A864 PASS
J75

Q10972
AK4 DEALER – 1 SPADE
Q105 2 NT
A9

Partner leads the 3 of diamonds. It's clear partner has a singleton diamond. You win the Ace. Plan your defense and why?

TIPS/FACTS: When signaling encouragement with equal spot cards, signal with the highest or the highest equal.

When drawing trump, try to keep a flexible entry position after trump are drawn.

There is nothing more important than counting your sure tricks before you begin to play.

As declarer, when you can take a trick with one or two equal honors, take the trick with the higher equal. It is far more deceptive.

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