

WHAT the CUE BID ASKS/TELLS

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KQ10974

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432	Pass		KQ95	Pass
85	Pass		J6	

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South cue bids hearts to tell North he wants to be in game and give North the opportunity to bid 3 NT with a heart stopper.

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With 2 suits bid by the opponents, South bids spades to show a stopper. North bids game because he has the heart suit stopped.

If you have both of their suits stopped, bid 3 NT.

If you have neither suit stopped, bid 5 of your minor fit.

If you have one of their suits stopped, cue bid the stopper which you hold.

Partner will bid 3 NT with the other one stopped.

104
KQJ2 1 Diamond
AK1085 2 Hearts
97 3 NT

K962
1076 Pass
Q976 Pass
A8 Pass

Q873
965 Pass
432 Pass
643 Pass

AJ5
A43 DEALER – 1 Club
J 2 Clubs
KQJ1052 2 NT

West leads the 2 of spades. Duck in dummy, East plays the Q, win the Ace.
Ducking the spade guarantees you 2 spade tricks.
By responding 1 Diamond and then bidding 2 hearts, North's shown 5 or more diamonds, 4 or more hearts, and at least an opening hand. If you only have 7-8 pts. Bid hearts first. South bids 2 NT showing a stopper in the unbid suit, (spades) and North bids game.

The best time to lead a short suit is with trump control. Ax or Kxx are great trump holdings to lead from shortness. However, if trumping will cost you a trump trick, Leads from shortness with trump holdings such as J10xx, QJ9x or K108x are counter productive.

Before playing to the first trick, review the bidding and make sure you remember the opening lead.

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

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