


Lesson 3 leads against majors

Board 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 8 7		♠ J 9 4
♥ J 4 2		♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ A Q 4 3		♦ 9 2
♣ 10 8 4 2		♣ A K 6 3
♠ A K Q 2		♠ J 9 4
♥ 8 6	♥ Q 10 7 3	♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ K 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 2	♦ 9 2
♣ Q 9	♣ A K 6 3	♣ A K 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	All pass	

2 ♠ by South

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♣ 10	5	<u>K</u>	9
2. E	♦ 9	7	<u>Q</u>	10
3. W	♣ 2	7	<u>A</u>	Q
4. E	♦ 2	6	<u>A</u>	J
5. W	♦ 4	♠ 10	<u>♠ J</u>	5
6. E	♣ 6	♥ 6	4	<u>J</u>
7. N	♠ 3	9	<u>K</u>	8
8. S	<u>♠ Q</u>	7	5	4
9. S	<u>♦ K</u>	3	♥ 5	♣ 3
10. S	<u>♦ 8</u>	♥ 2	♥ 9	♥ 3
11. S	♥ 8	4	<u>K</u>	7
12. N	♥ A	10	<u>♠ 2</u>	J
13. S	<u>♠ A</u>	♣ 8	6	♥ Q

Made 2 — NS +110

Board 2

West Deals


Both Vul

	♠ K 7 2	
	♥ 4	
	♦ K 9 7 6 5	
	♣ 9 8 7 5	
♠ 6 5 3		♠ Q J
♥ Q J 10 6 5	W N E	♥ A 9 3 2
♦ J 4	S	♦ A Q 10 3 2
♣ A Q 6		♣ 4 3
	♠ A 10 9 8 4	
	♥ K 8 7	
	♦ 8	
	♣ K J 10 2	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥	All pass
3 ♥ by West			

Best lead here is 2 spades showing that you have an honour. Note that partner's overcall should show 2 honours. Do you count A10 as 2 honours? Some pairs do, some don't. It is a good idea to know what your partner thinks.

Board 3
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A 6 5 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ K 9 5 2 ♣ 7 6		♠ K 8 4 ♥ Q ♦ Q 8 7 3 ♣ J 10 9 5 4	♠ Q 7 3 2 ♥ A J 10 6 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 2
♠ J 10 9 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ A Q 8 3			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

4 ♥ by East

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. S	♠ J	<u>A</u>	4	2
2. W	♦ 2	Q	<u>A</u>	4
3. E	♥ 10	3	<u>K</u>	Q
4. W	♥ 4	♣ 4	<u>A</u>	8
5. E	♥ J	9	5	♦ 3
6. E	♦ 10	6	<u>K</u>	7
7. W	♠ 5	<u>K</u>	3	9
8. N	♣ J	K	<u>A</u>	6
9. S	♣ Q	7	5	2
10. S	♠ 10	6	8	Q
11. E	♠ 7	♣ 3	♦ 5	♣ 9
12. E	♥ 2	♣ 8	<u>7</u>	♣ 10
13. W	♦ 9	8	<u>♥ 6</u>	J

Made 4 — EW +620

Board 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K Q J 8	♠ 6 4	♠ 10 9 2
♥ 9 6 5 3	♥ 2	♥ K Q J 10
♦ A 5	♦ Q 8 7 6 4 3	♦ 10
♣ K Q	♣ A J 4 2	♣ 9 8 7 6 5

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♥ A 8 7 4		♥ K Q J 10			
♦ K J 9 2		♦ 10			
♣ 10 3		♣ 9 8 7 6 5			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

4 ♠ by West

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. N	♥ 2	10	<u>A</u>	3
2. S	♣ 10	K	<u>A</u>	5
3. N	♦ 7	10	K	<u>A</u>
4. W	<u>♠ 8</u>	6	2	3
5. W	<u>♠ K</u>	4	9	5
6. W	♦ 5	3	<u>♠ 10</u>	2
7. E	♣ 6	3	<u>Q</u>	2
8. W	<u>♠ J</u>	♦ 4	♣ 7	7
9. W	♥ 5	♦ 6	<u>J</u>	4
10. E	♣ 8	♥ 7	<u>♠ A</u>	4
11. W	♥ 6	♦ 8	<u>Q</u>	8
12. E	♣ 9	♦ 9	<u>♠ Q</u>	J
13. W	♥ 9	♦ Q	<u>K</u>	♦ J

Made 5 — EW +450

Perhaps South should lead back a heart at trick 2. They know that North can't have an honour because they can see all the other honours in dummy or their own hand. Leading a heart back at trick 2 for a ruff will hold the contract to 10 tricks