

A couple more hands from the YCBA Swiss pairs event- these illustrate the use of the lead indicating double. When opponents artificial bid is doubled by partner it is usually asking for that suit to be lead. Hand 1:

S	med029
♠	103
♥	9732
♦	63
♣	A7653

The opponents then commenced a convoluted bidding sequence!

North	East	South	West
	1♠ ¹	P	2♣ ²
P	2♦ ³	P	3♦ ⁴
P	4♦	P	4♥ ⁵
X ⁶	P	P	4♠ ⁷
P	5♦ ⁸	P	P
P		P	

- 1- 5 card major
- 2- Game forcing with clubs
- 3- Natural suit 12-15 points
- 4- Diamond support
- 5- Cue bid- control in hearts
- 6- Lead indicating double, asking partner to lead hearts
- 7- Choose your game partner
- 8- Diamonds to play

Unfortunately all that hard work doesn't do them any good! Cash your Ace and lead hearts:

D 1	N M27Evans ♠ 9654 ♥ AQJ64 ♦ J5 ♣ 84	W N E S P 1♠ P 2♣ P 2♦ P 3♦ P 4♦ P 4♥ X P P
W ryegc ♠ Q2 ♥ K5 ♦ A974 ♣ KQJ109		E sadnorth ♠ AKJ87 ♥ 108 ♦ KQ1082 ♣ 2
	S med029 ♠ 103 ♥ 9732 ♦ 63 ♣ A7653	5♦ E NS: 0 EW: 0

It is possible you would switch to hearts anyway after seeing dummy. As it happens 4♠ would make on a 5-2 fit.

Hand 2:

S med029
♠ 8732
♥ 93
♦ A9
♣ K10954

North	East	South	West
P	P	P	2NT ¹
P	3♣ ²	X ³	3♥
P	3NT	P	P
P			

- 1- 20-22
- 2- Stayman
- 3- Lead indicating

The full hand:

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Martin leads the J♣ for 1 down. Declarer takes 8 tricks off the top but loses a diamond and 4 clubs. The contract can still go off on other leads, but requires North to find a club switch when they get in with the diamond. Declarer does well to play diamonds immediately so that South cannot signal for a club. In fact North may well lead 4th highest which sets the diamonds up immediately.