

No, Nos

We play so many boards in bridge that things such as points, plays, leads etc average out. So, if we keep doing the perceived correct thing it will pay off in the long run.

Take Board - 1 Deep Finesse (Double Dummy) promises eleven tricks by N and ten by S in a heart contract. No matter the lead the contract is stiff. Set up the third club for a spade discard and you only have three losers.

Sometimes you cannot see the wood for the trees, and this can lead to a poor score. Give a man a chance to go wrong and he will inevitably take it.

To do this, don't give a trick away on the lead, be passive, especially if Partner is known on the bidding to have few points.

East must find a lead from

- ♠ A942
- ♥ 932
- ♦ 54
- ♣ AQ82

To me the obvious lead is a heart, it seems safest. Next best is a diamond, though I prefer not to lead small doubletons, it invariably picks up Partner's honour card for declarer.

Bridge wisdom states in uncontested auctions

1 Do not lead unsupported Aces

2 Do not lead an Ace when holding AQ

On this hand it just makes it too easy for declarer. Two declarers managed to go off in 4♥ on a passive lead.

Stick to this advice and in the long run your scores will improve.