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{S}

P

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{W}

2C

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{N}

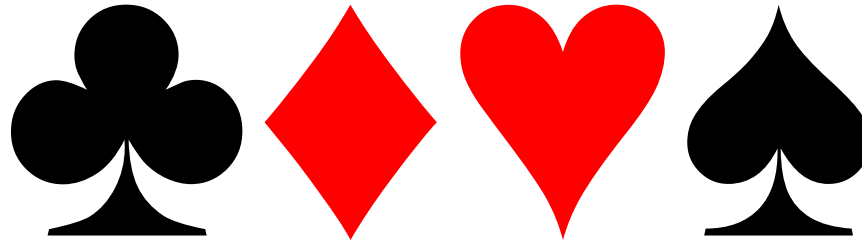
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Week 7 Welcome



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What does {W} know?

{E} has L5+H, L4+D and 12..19Pts.

{W} has a H fit and a D fit, so a double fit. Therefore re-evaluate hand.
(Initial evaluation was 11hcp, 12Pts (+1 L5C).)

12Pts + 3(L1S, 135) = 15Pts.

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2S as Fourth Suit Forcing is possible to get more info and say we are going to game.

But why not just bid the better game of two fits: 4H or 5D. #4H.

(Don't bid 3H. {E} may pass if only 12 Pts. Go straight to game to say "this far and no further".)



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Last Week's Tournament

Tournament is a fancy way of writing "a normal session" at a Duplicate PAIRS bridge club. But we did have kids' party trophies as an award for first place!

The pairs

#	N/E	S/W	Rank	%
7	PaG	VCW	(1)	63.3%
2	LBS	MK	(2)	54.2%
8	GL	AL	(3)	51.7%
5	AG	PN	(4)	50.9%
1	RF	SW	(5)	50.7%
4	AE	ST	(6)	46.7%
3	JR	CR	(7)	43.4%
6	DC	PeG	(8)	39.1%

The event

5 rounds of 2 boards per round from 12 boards.

All 12 boards were shuffled and dealt by the players just before the session began.

Both {EW} and {NS} moved.



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Week 7 Opening leads

This week we will watch Part 1 of Bernard Magee's free covid seminars on Opening leads. Each is about 20 minutes. There are four of them.

They are:

- **BMOS~003_OpeningLeads-Part1(Level)**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEBVN_tsNG0
- BMOS~004_OpeningLeads-Part2(Suit)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7MuF67nFlw>
- BMOS~005_OpeningLeads-Part3
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXcjvcE7pjk>
- BMOS~006_OpeningLeads-Part4+FrozenSuits
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45doevBNBPY>



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Week 7 Play

Play

Play as if "Duplicate Pairs".

{NS} have the pair number of their table, {N} has his back to the stage.
{EW} have the pair number of their table plus 8.

Play boards in sequence. Have an incoming pile and an outgoing pile.
Pass outgoing to next lower numbered table – Table 1 to highest table.

Some boards have instructions on card. **The appropriate people should read each card at the time it says and follow its instructions.**

If you play a board twice, record the second play on the traveller using your pair numbers PLUS TEN (eg 1 v 9 becomes 11 v 19)

*If you wish to fill in a personal results card, they are available here.
They are commonly used at duplicate clubs.*

Don't forget to describe partner's bids and plays to the table.

Any questions?

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (25p)

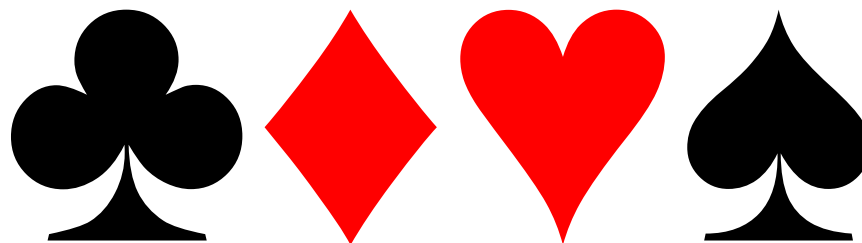
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Week 7



The end

Week 7 set hand
references follow.



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Week 7 Set hands

Set hand sources

AR:BL~OL Andrew Robson: Bridge Lessons ~ Opening Lead

BM:LQ Bernard Magee: Lead Quiz

PM:WWPYC Paul Mendelson: Winning Ways to Play Your Cards

PM:RWPB Paul Mendelson: Right Way to Play Bridge

BMOS~nnn Bernard Magee Online Seminar ~ nnn

Note that these set hands are designed to fail.

If the defenders get it wrong, then declarer will get a good score (typically contract making).

If the defenders get it right, then declarer's score will be worse, often just by one trick.

So bad defence will allow say 4S=, whilst good defence limits declarer to 4S-1.

There is one board where the results are 3NT+2 or 3NT+1.

After their auction, each table was asked to play using the **reference auction**.



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Set hand abbreviations

Bd	Board	Number of the board. Rarely may include a colour! Eg 5red or 5blue.
Dlr	Dealer	(NESW).
Vul	Vulnerability	(None NS EW All).
Rotn	Rotation	Defined by one card, usually A♠. Mostly different to source publication.
Dcl	Declarer	(NESW)
OL	Opening Lead	
Trk	Tricks	(0..13)
NS# EW#		Score for NS or EW
NS% EW%		Percentage of NS and EW
Ref	Reference result	(Sometimes there may be more than one)

Blue results as played.

Red results are reference results.



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BdDir Vul **Source** **Rotn**
 1 N None AR:BL~OL#1 A♠=N

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	4S-1	S	3C	9	-	50	33%	67%
2 10	4S-1	S	8C	9	-	50	33%	67%
3 11	4S+2	S	6D	12	480	-	100%	0%
Ref	4S-1	S	KH	9	-	50	33%	67%

Note that each row in the per-cent columns adds to 100%.

*Note that each per-cent column adds to (4rows * 50%) = 200%.*

This is a suit contract and the best bookish lead is top of an honour headed sequence of 2+ cards. Here {W} has H:KQxx, so lead KH.

The 3C and 8C are poor leads as they both **underlead AC**, don't do that. 6D is top of a doubleton and is rarely a good lead.



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Week 7 Set hands

BdDir Vul **Source** **Rotn**
 3 S EW BM:LQ#187 A♠=S

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	3NT-1	N	5C	8	-	50	17%	83%
2 10	3NT=	N	AC	9	400	-	83%	17%
3 11	3NT=	N	??	9	400	-	83%	17%
Ref	3NT-1	N	3H	8	-	50	17%	83%

At each table, one pair beat 2½ out of the other 3 pairs.

$$100 * (2\frac{1}{2} / 3) = 83\%$$

The travellers for table 3 were confused about the opening lead card. One said ?C, three said 6C (impossible as not held by {W}). I leave that field undefined (??).

This contract was NT, so to lead top of an honour headed sequence requires 3 cards. C only has C:AKxxx. H is the unbid suit, so lead 4th highest to 1+ honours, hoping it isn't a frozen suit (*to be covered later*).



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BdDir	Vul	Source	Rotn
4 W	All	PM:WWPYC#34	A♠=E

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	4S-1	E	2H	9	100	-	75%	25%
2 10	4S=	E	KH	10	-	420	0%	100%
Ref	4S-1	E	KH	9	100	-	75%	25%



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BdDir Vul **Source** **Rotn**
 5 N NS PM:WWPYC#35 A♠=S

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	3H-1	N	9S	8	-	100	33%	67%
2 10	4H-1	N	9C	9	-	100	33%	67%
3 11	4H=	N	JC	10	620	-	100%	0%
Ref	4H-1	N	JC	9	-	100	33%	67%

It is normal to lead top of a sequence. With C:JT9x, lead JC rather than 9C. The value of the lead is the same as here JC = 10C = 9C.

9S: Top of a doubleton is generally a poor lead.



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6 E	EW	pm:rwpbPG187	A♠=N

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
3 11	2S-1	E	QH	7	100	-	50%	50%
Ref	2S-1	E	QH	7	100	-	50%	50%

Only 1 table played this, but it looks like it was played correctly. :-)



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7 S	All	BMOS~006#6 var	A♠=S

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
3 11	3NT+2	S	4S	11	660	-	100%	0%
Ref	3NT+1	S	2H	10	630	-	0%	100%

The variation was to swap 9D & 10D. *This ensured the formulaic method of determining "Points" we use gave the same answer as the original video.*

At the table this board is a "defenders fail". They allowed declarer the extra trick.

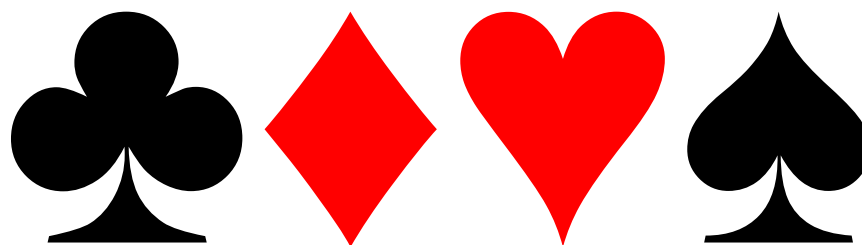
In the video, the opening lead was the honour 10H (because the 9H is with it). But the book rules say you need a sequence of 3 against NT. Hence we used 2H, low to 1+ honour. It actually seems to play out the same. The S lead was from a frozen suit (*to be covered later*).



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The very end