



## Leading against a NT contract, after an overcall

**The overcall by your partner gives you important information.**

- Doubles of artificial bids (Stayman and Texas transfers in particular), are lead directing doubles.
- An intervention in a suit by your partner shows a nice suit with at least 5 cards.
- Your partner doubles a 3 NT contract :
  - If no suit has been named by the opps, he is asking for a lead in a Major, a priori ♠
  - If the opps did bid one or more suits, He is requesting a lead in the suit bid by the dummy.

| S    | W    | N    | E    |
|------|------|------|------|
|      |      |      | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 ♣  | X    | 2 ♦  |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass |      |      |      |



|    |   |   |   |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|
| Q  | J | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | ♠ |
| 9  | 5 | ♥ | ♥ |   |
| 7  | 4 |   |   |   |

Quiz 3916 9 ♣ Doubling a conventional bid asks for a lead in that suit . 2 ♣ is Stayman.... ♣ lead then !

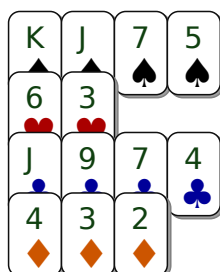
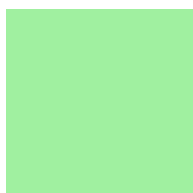


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### Leading against a doubled 3NT contract : The opps have not named any suit

- The double requests a lead in a Major, a priori ♠.  
Mais but carefully look at your hand first !
- If you have 5 cards or high honors in ♠...Your partner must be asking for a ♥ lead. (He cannot have a nice 5 cards suit in ♠....)

| S    | W    | N    | E    |
|------|------|------|------|
|      |      |      | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT |
| Pass | Pass | X    | Pass |
| Pass | Pass |      |      |



Quiz 3919 6 ♥ The opps have not named any suit : The doubles is asking for a lead in a Major.... Here, there is no ambiguity : with a Jack and 5 cards in ♠, you know your partner wants a ♥ lead!

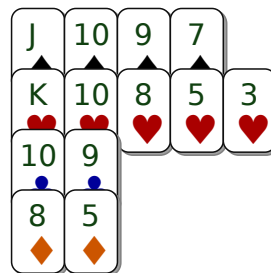
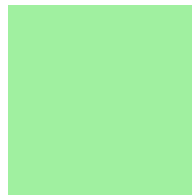


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### Leading against a doubled 3NT contract : The opps have bid one or more suits

The double then requests a lead in the first suit named by the dummy.

| S    | W    | N    | E    |
|------|------|------|------|
|      | 1 ♦  | Pass | 3 NT |
| Pass | Pass | X    | Pass |
| Pass | Pass |      |      |



Quiz 33921 8 ♦ The double requests a lead in the first suit named by the dummy...respect his wishes!

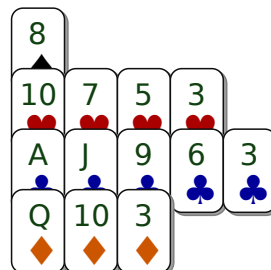
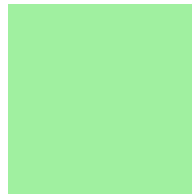


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**Your oartner named a suit in a bidding sequence that ended with a 3 NT contract bid by the opps**

- In principle, choose, of course to lead in your partner's lead that must be nice and have at least 5 cards.
- Nevertheless, you should carefully examine your hand...slf you have a singleton in your partner's suit and a nice long suit of your own...Choose the latter You'll play in your partner's suit later if beneficial... of establish your own suit.

| S    | W    | N    | E    |
|------|------|------|------|
|      |      |      | 1 ♦  |
| Pass | 1 ♥  | 1 ♠  | 1 NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |      |



Quiz 3922 6 ♣ The opps are likely to have more ♠ than your camp and your ♣ is formidable. Start with ♣  
...Your partner will understand that you have a chicane or singleton in ♠