



The Lightner Double

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It's a double against a slam in a suit, which asks Partner to lead in an unnamed suit or to find an unusual lead. Partner has to exclude :

- leading in the slam suit
- leading in a suit in which the Opps have a fit
- leading in an unbid suit

Most of the time, the player on lead needs to find a void in his P's hand.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	X	4 ♠	5 ♥
5 ♠	7 ♥	X	Pass
Pass	Pass		

A	Q	10	6	5	3	K	Q	10	8	8	7	2
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

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A Lightner double against : A killer lead. Lead ♦ : if your partner's void is in ♣.. you'll make a ♣ trick !



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An example of a Lightner Double

S	W	N	E
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	5 ♣	5 ♦
6 ♣	6 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Q ♠	Q ♥	8 ♥	5 ♥	4 ♥	3 ♥	2 ♥	Q ♣	9 ♣	7 ♣	4 ♣	3 ♣	2 ♣
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Your Partner bids a Lightner Double which means : "find my void when you lead". Lead 8 heart which is a preference signal for ♦