



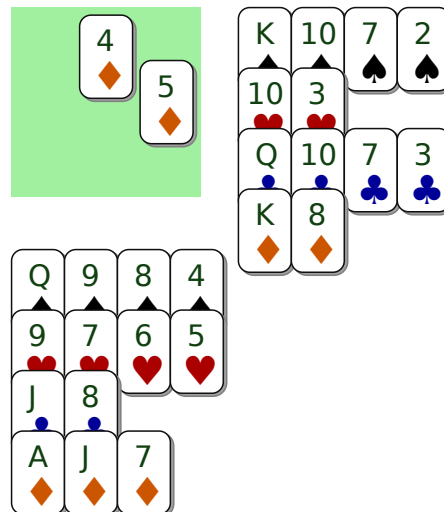
Should the 3rd player always play his higher card in a NT contract?

In a NT contract : what should the 3rd player do on his partner's low card lead ?

Most of the time, the card to play is: the highest one ! But it's not always the case.. take a moment to think about it !

Your partner leads a low card. Therefore, he is promising an honor (at least J). Take advantage of this information, and don't play automatically !

S	W	N	E
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	



Exercise Q27348 Your partner holds a ♦ honor. Looking at your hand and dummy's, you know it is Q ♦...Play J ♦ and make the trick ! Then play ♥ for your partner. He will play ♦, you'll capture dummy's K, and he contract will be defeated.

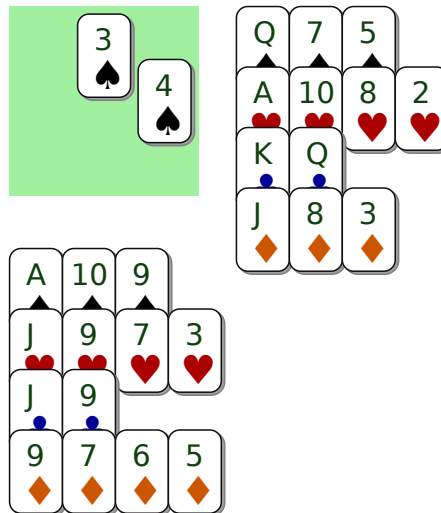


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Example

The contract is 2NT. You are player n°3. Your partner leads 3 ♠.

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Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
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Your partner holds either J or K ♠...or both. If he has K ♠, he will make it whatever happens. If you play Ace ♠, dummy will make his Q. Play 9 ♠ : you make 4 tricks when West has no honor in the suit, you give one trick only when West has an honor (2 if you play the Ace).