

**Question # 1**

Partner has overcalled Diamonds. You are on lead.

You have Diamonds Q62

What do you lead?

- 1. Diamond Q
- 2. Diamond 2
- 3. Another suit

**Question # 2**

W	E
1NT	?

Partner (East) leads Spade King on opening lead against 3NT.

The auction went

N	S
1N	3N

You hold Spades: A8

What do you play on Spade King lead?

- 1. Spade Ace
- 2. Spade 8

**Question # 3**

<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>1C</b>	<b>1D</b>	<b>1S</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>2S</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>4S</b>	<b>Pass</b>

EAST

S Q943  
H K5  
D Q8  
C AQJ62

SOUTH

S 62  
H AQ8  
D KJ10932  
C 103

North leads the suit you overcalled: Diamond Ace.

What will you play at trick one?

- 1. D Jack
- 2. D 9
- 3. D 2

# ANSWERS

## Question # 1

You lead exactly the card you would have led if partner had not bid that suit and you had decided you wanted to lead that suit.

e.g.

KQJ top of perfect sequence

KQ10 top of broken sequence

KQ52 against a suit contract, lead the K, against a NT contract, lead 2 (4<sup>th</sup> best)

K942 Now you have no sequence. Lead 4<sup>th</sup> best if you have an honour.

K82 Bottom of Something

We call this **B**ottom **O**f **S**omething

And 952. We call this top of nothing. And 9642...lead the 9. **T**op **O**f **N**othing.

Remember **B.O.S.T.O.N.** This will help you to remember which card in the suit to lead.

If partner has bid a suit and you have 3 or 4 small ones:

952 ...If you have raised her suit, you lead the 9. She will know you do not have a doubleton or you would not have raised her.

952 ...If you have not raised her, lead small. This way she knows you have 3 or more and will not think you may have an honour. So this one is the exception to the normal Top Of Nothing.

So if partner has overcalled Diamonds and you hold Q62, lead the 2.

**IF you led the Q**, partner may have

You  
**Q**62 (wrong lead)

Partner  
A10854

Declarer  
KJ7

Partner will win with Ace and now Declarer will later score the K and J. If you lead small (correct lead), partner wins the Ace, but later you can at least score the Q.

## Question # 2

You have to unblock the suit when you have a doubleton, so play the Ace. If you play the 8, partner's K wins, she now leads another one and you win the Ace. You cannot now continue with the suit. It is blocked.

If partner had led the Q and you have K8, overtake with your doubleton and then you have a small one to lead back.

## Question # 3

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You have the play the 2 to discourage partner from continuing with Diamonds, even though you have the K. The Club suit is a threat in dummy. Declarer can throw away all her losers on the C suit. So you must cash tricks now while you can. Partner is on lead for the last time...you have so many points and the opponents have 26 points (including distribution). Partner's D Ace is all she has of value.

So you signal with the D 2. Partner has to figure out whether to lead a H or a C. She seldom will lead dummy's long suit and she will not lead trump so she leads a H. You now score H Ace and Q and also now cash the D King. Down one.

You have to look at the BIG PICTURE. How do we beat them in 4S? NOT just think about the first two tricks.