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This week we watched the first 28 minutes of the Mr Bridge / Bernard Magee DVD "Leads". It deals with which card to lead from a suit with any particular holding. The next part deals with selecting which suit - another week.

Opening Leads are covered in RWPB, see page 192 (suit) and 212 (NT).

See Bridge magazine 151 page 40.

<https://www.mrbridge.co.uk/library/pdf/151.pdf>

See also an article by Bernard Magee

[https://www.mrbridge.co.uk/library/Opening\\_Leads\\_1.pdf](https://www.mrbridge.co.uk/library/Opening_Leads_1.pdf)

See also Andrew Robson's book "Opening leads"

Put ISBN [978-1494386764](#) into Amazon.



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## Week 11 Play

### Play

Divide yourselves into pairs and then into tables.

This week I may ask you to move.

NS have the pair number of their table, N has his back to the screen.

EW have the pair number of their table plus 8.

When you have played a hand, pass it to the next numbered table in sequence. The highest numbered table passes to table 1.

And one last thing – **as part of the learning process** – I would like the partner of whoever has just bid to take whatever action is **standardly required** (announcing 1NT to be 12-14 points, ALERTing a conventional bid, ...) – **AND ALSO** to give a brief **description** to the other three players on **what the bid means**.

**Any questions?**

**Tea / coffee & biscuit. (20p)**

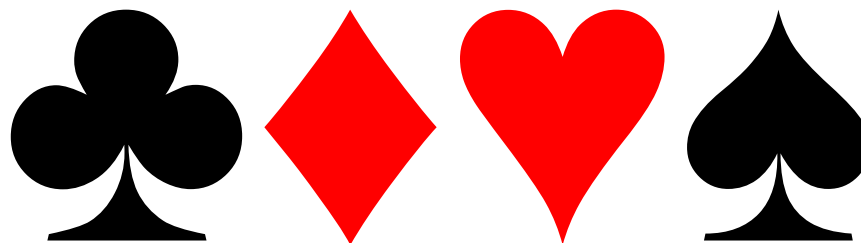
**PLAY**



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The end

Week 11 set hand  
references follow.



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## Week 11 Travellers (yet again)

### Contracts box

When you fill in the travellers, several of you have developed a bad habit of **filling** the box with the contract as bid, leaving no space for the result (tick, +1, -1). It would work better if you wrote carefully and only used the left hand half of the box for that and then the right hand half could have the result.

Thus 

3NT <sup>+1</sup> x
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 is WRONG, the "+1" must not encroach on the row above.

Try 

3NTx+1
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 instead.

Think ahead.

Perhaps write down what you are going to have to write and see how large it is so you can adjust your writing for the actual form.

Sigh.

And where did this "write the result above the contract" come from? Just write it along the line as up to seven characters – one of which might be a tick ✓

Next session, I shall ask that I check every traveller as it is being written.



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## Week 11 Set Hands

### Set hand sources

All hands this week come from

[AR:Leads = A Robson, Opening Leads](#)

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Blue results from travellers

Red results are reference results.

Boards as played are rotated compared to the book / DVD presentation (which mostly make South dealer). Rotation defined by position of A♠.

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For each board the reference opening lead hand is presented and the 4 preferred leads (according to BM) shown.

For ALL these hands the reference result is that the contract is defeated. Poor opening leads or poor play would permit declarer to make the contract.



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## Week 11 Set Hands

### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source				Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
1	N	None	AR:Leads#1				A♠=N
1	9	4S+2	N 12	480	-	Awful. Maybe caused by N not S?	
2	10	4S+1	S 11	450	-	Awful.	
3	11	4S-1	S 9	-	50	Yes	
Ref		4S-1	S 9	-	50		

S:T2                    10 (Top of doubleton)  
H:KQ52                K (Top of honour sequence of 2 against a suit)  
D:62                    6 (Top of doubleton)  
C:A9832                A prefer another suit. (Don't underlead A against a suit)

*Do we need to study this deal?*



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### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
2	E	N/S	AR:Leads#2	A♠=E			
1	9	3NT+1	E 10	-	430	Awful	
2	10	3NT=	E 9	-	400	Bad	
3	11	3NT=	E 9	-	400	Bad	
Ref		3NT-1	E 8	50	-		

S:J9642                    4 (Fourth highest to an honour)  
H:J8                        J (Top of doubleton)  
D:T86                      8 (MUD – Treat non-sequence 10 as spot card)  
C:AKQ                      A (Top of honour sequence of 3 against NT)

*No defender managed to defeat the contract. Do we need to study this deal?*





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### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
3	S	E/W	AR:Leads#3				A♠=W
1	9	3NT+1	S 10	430	-		Awful
2	10	3NT+1	S 10	430	-		Awful
3	11	3NT=	S 9	400	-		Bad
Ref		3NT-2	S 7	-		100	

S:AQ2                    2 (Low to an honour)  
H:J75                    5 (Low to an honour)  
D:K942                  2 (Fourth highest to an honour)  
C:T53                    5 (MUD – Treat non-sequence 10 as spot card)

*No defender managed to defeat the contract. Do we need to study this deal?*



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### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
4	W	All	AR:Leads#4				A♠=S
1	9	3NT-1	W 8	100	-	Yes	
2	10	3NT=	W 9	-	600	Bad	
3	11	3NT+1	W 10	-	630	Awful	
Ref		3NT-1	W 8	100	-		

S:QT87                    7 (Fourth highest to an honour)  
H:9863                    8 (Near top of rubbish)  
D:982                      8 (MUD)  
C:92                        9 (Top of doubleton)

*Do we need to study this deal?*



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### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
5	N	N/S	AR:Leads#5	A♠=S			
1	9	3NT-1	N 8	-	100	Yes	
2	10	3NT-1	N 8	-	100	Yes	
3	11	3NT+1	N 10	630	-	Awful	
Ref		3NT-1	N 8	-	100		

S:JT965

J (Top of honour sequence of 3)

H:AT2

2 (Low to honour – you may underlead A in NT)

D:AK

K (K from doubleton AK)

C:653

5 (MUD)

Against NT, lead

AKxyz

Fourth highest to honour

AKxy

Fourth highest to honour

AKx

Low to honour

AK

Normally Top of Doubleton, **except for AK**

A

No choice with a singleton, unlikely lead to NT



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### Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
6	E	E/W	AR:Leads#18			A♠=S
1	9	4S-1	E 9	100	-	OK – not as good as Ref
2	10	4S-1	E 9	100	-	OK – not as good as Ref
3	11	4S-2	E 8	200	-	Yes
Ref		4S-2	E 8	200	-	

S:A84                    A prefer another suit. (Don't underlead A against a suit)  
H:97542                7 (Near top of rubbish)  
D:9432                 4 (Near top of rubbish)  
C:3                      3 (Singleton)



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
7	S	All	AR:Leads#21			A♠=N
1	9	4S=	S 10	620	-	Hmm, not contract requested.
Ref		4H-1	S 9	-	100	
S:	J93		3	(Low to honour)		
H:	J4		J	(Top of doubleton – Partner will expect the 10, poor)		
D:	QJ3		Q	(Top of honour sequence of 2 against a suit)		
C:	T8653		8	(Near top of rubbish – Treat non-sequence 10 as spot card)		

*Boards 8 & 9 were not played, they were AR:Leads#23 and AR:Leads#39.*