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This week we watched the last 20 minutes of part one of the Mr Bridge / Bernard Magee DVD "Leads". It deals with which suit to choose

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

See also Andrew Robson's book "Opening leads"

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



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Week 13 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)

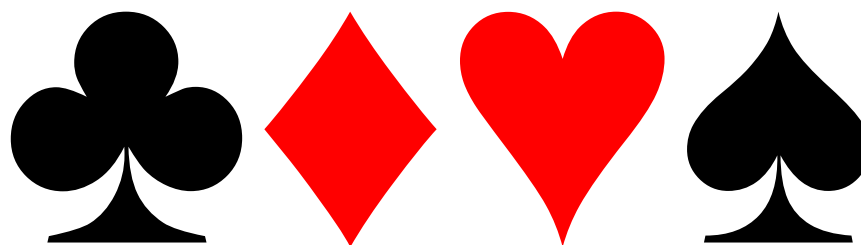
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The end

Week 13 set hand
references follow.



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Week 13 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 preferred lead (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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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
1	N	None	AR:Leads#7				A♠=N
1	9	3NT-2	N 7	-	100	Ok	
2	10	3NT+1	N 10	430	-	Awful	
3	11	3NT+1	N 10	430	-	Awful	
Ref		3NT-3	N 6	-	150		

Bidding 1NT (-) #3NT (-) / - (-)

S:KQT74

H:K4

D:852

C:742

With no suit info from bidding, lead top of broken sequence (KQ-Txx) of longest & strongest suit.



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source				Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.
2	E	N/S	AR:Leads#19				A♠=S
1	9	4H-2	E 8	100	-	Excellent	
2	10	4S-1	E 9	50	-	<i>Surely a bad record: 4H-1?</i>	
3	11	4H=	E 10	-	420	Bad	
Ref		4H-1	E 9	50	-		

Bidding 1H (-) #4H (-) / - (-)

S:AK52

H:6532

D:4

C:KJ74

Against a suit lead top of honour headed sequence of 2+ (especially A from AKxx).



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	AR:Leads#14			A♠=S
1	9	3NT=	S 9	400	-	Awful
2	10	3NT-1	S 8	-	50	Ok
Ref		3NT-2	S 7	-	100	

Bidding 1C (-) 1H (1S) / #2NT (-) 3NT (-) / - (-)

S:Q92

H:T63

D:T964

C:652

Lead partner's suit (S). Low from L3 to honour (Qxxx).



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
4	W	All	AR:Leads#24				A♠=W
1	9	4S+1	W 11	-	650	Awful	
2	10	4S=	W 10	-	620	Awful	
3	11	4S-1	W 9	100	-	Yes	
Ref		4S-1	W 9	100	-		

Bidding 1S (-) #3S (-) / 4S (-) - (-)

S:8

H:9432

D:AT865

Don't underlead A

C:T94

Not S (L1trump). Not D (Don't underlead A). Near top from rubbish H looks very poor. C have honour headed sequence of 2+ (T9x).



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
5	N	N/S	AR:Leads#26				A♠=N
1	9	4S=	N 10	620	-		Awful
2	10	4S+1	N 11	650	-		Awful
3	11	4S-2	N 9	-	100		Ok
Ref		4S-2	N 8	-	200		

Bidding 1S (-) #3S (-) / 4S (-) - (-)

S:T2

H:A3

D:J9765

C:QT75

Do not underlead A, but A from Ax: AH plausible but fails.

Fourth highest from L4 clubs to two honours (Q-T) succeeds: 5C.

6D probably also good.



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
6	E	E/W	AR:Leads#9			A♠=E
2	10	2S-1	E 7	100	-	Not expected contract. NS ok.
3	11	1NT+2	E 9	-	150	Wrong contract, & result
Ref		3NT-2	E 7	200	-	

Bidding 1S (-) 2D (-) / 2NT (-) 3NT (-) / - (-)

S:Q983

H:AK53

D:52

C:Q73

Recommended lead here is 3H which in this case works poorly.

In this case AH is recommended as it guarantees a look at dummy whilst retaining a H master. *No idea how you were meant to determine this lead.*



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#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.			
7	S	All	AR:Leads#27				A♠=S
1	9	3NT-1	S 8	-	100	Yes, wrong contract.	
2	10	4S=	S 10	620	-	Awful	
3	11	4S=	N 10	620	-	Awful	
Ref		4S-1	S 9	-	100		

Bidding 1NT (-) 2C! (-) / 2H (-) 3NT (-) / 4S (-) - (-)

S:K82

H:J432

D:76

C:A972

Unbid suits are D & C. Can't underlead AC and don't want to lead AC, so top of doubleton 7D, E ducks his AD. W wins later and leads 2nd D showing out.

Boards 8 & 9 were AR:Leads#10 and AR:Leads#40.