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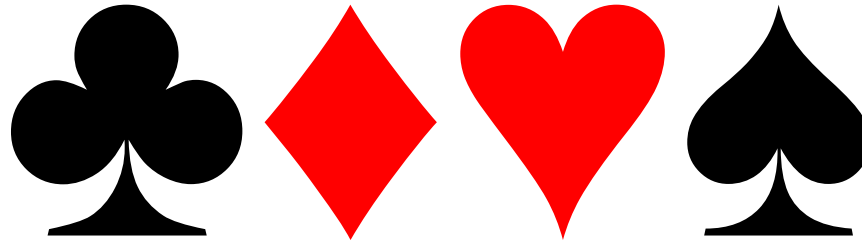
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Week 9 Welcome



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Ponder each suit.



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So H seems the best suit and we lead top of a doubleton: **JH**



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## Week 9 Opening leads

This week we will watch Part 1 of Bernard Magee's free covid seminars on Opening leads. Each is about 20 minutes. There are four of them.

They are:

- BMOS~003\_OpeningLeads-Part1(Level)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEBVN\\_tsNG0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEBVN_tsNG0)
- BMOS~004\_OpeningLeads-Part2(Suit)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7MuF67nFlw>
- BMOS~005\_OpeningLeads-Part3  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXcjvcE7pjk>
- **BMOS~006\_OpeningLeads-Part4+FrozenSuits**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45doevBNBPY>



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## Week 9 Play

### Play

**Play as if "Duplicate Pairs".**

{NS} have the pair number of their table, {N} has his back to the stage.  
{EW} have the pair number of their table plus 8.

Play boards in sequence. Have an incoming pile and an outgoing pile.  
Pass outgoing to next lower numbered table – Table 1 to highest table.

Some boards have instructions on card. **The appropriate people should read each card at the time it says and follow its instructions.**

**If you play a board twice, record the second play on the traveller using your pair numbers PLUS TEN (eg 1 v 9 becomes 11 v 19)**

*If you wish to fill in a personal results card, they are available here.  
They are commonly used at duplicate clubs.*

*Don't forget to describe partner's bids and plays to the table.*

**Any questions?**

**Tea / coffee & biscuit. (25p)**

**PLAY**

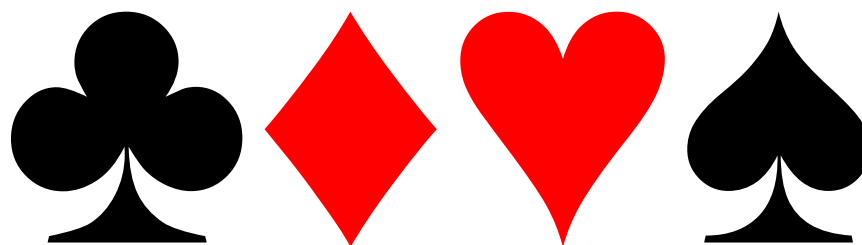




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Week 9



The end

Week 9 set hand  
references follow.



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## Week 9 Set hands

### Set hand sources

BMOS~nnn      Bernard Magee Online Seminar ~ nnn

PM:WWPYC      Paul Mendelson: Winning Ways to Play Your Cards

BM:LQ          Bernard Magee: Lead Quiz

BM:MLA        Bernard Magee: Monday Live

VB:PD          vubridge.com: Passive Defence

Note that most of these set hands are designed to fail. If the defenders get it wrong, then declarer will get a good score (typically contract making). If the defenders get it right, then declarer's score will be worse, often just by one trick.

After their auction, each table was asked to play using the **reference auction**.



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## Week 9 Set hands

### Set hand abbreviations

Bd	Board	Number of the board. Rarely may include a colour! Eg 5red or 5blue.
Dlr	Dealer	(NESW).
Vul	Vulnerability	(None NS EW All).
Rotn	Rotation	Defined by one card, usually A♠. Mostly different to source publication.
Dcl	Declarer	(NESW)
OL	Opening Lead	
Trk	Tricks	(0..13)
NS# EW#		Score for NS or EW
NS% EW%		Percentage of NS and EW
Ref	Reference result	(Sometimes there may be more than one)

Blue results as played.

Red results are reference results.



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## Week 9 Set hands

**BdDir** **Vul** **Source** **Rotn**  
 7 S All BMOS~006#6 var (see also Week 7 Bd 7) A♠=S

<b>NSEW</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Dcl</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>Trk</b>	<b>NS#</b>	<b>EW#</b>	<b>NS%</b>	<b>EW%</b>
1 9	2D+2	S	?H	10	130	-	0%	100%
2 10	3NT+2	S	6H	11	660	-	100%	0%
3 11	3NT+1	S	10H	10	630	-	63%	37%
4 12	3NT=	S	10H	9	600	-	25%	75%
<b>Ref</b>	<b>3NT+1</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>2H</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>37%</b>

The variation was to swap 9D & 10D. *This ensured the formulaic method of determining "Points" we use gave the same answer as the original video.*

6H was not held by {W}. I wonder if the board was played the wong way round?

The board instructions said to bid the deal but then to play in 3NT by {S} regardless. Table 1 did not do this.



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**BdDir** Vul **Source** **Rotn**  
 8 W None WWPYC#37 A♠=E

<b>NSEW</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Dcl</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>Trk</b>	<b>NS#</b>	<b>EW#</b>	<b>NS%</b>	<b>EW%</b>
1 9	4S+1	W	AC	11	-	450	0%	100%
2 10	4S=	W	AC	10	-	420	37%	63%
3 11	4S-1	W	AC	9	50	-	88%	12%
4 12	4S=	W	AC	10	-	420	37%	63%
Ref	4NT-1	W	AC	9	50	-	88%	12%



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BdDir	Vul	Source	Rotn
10 E	All	BM:LQ#201	A♠=W

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	3NT=	E	?H	9	-	600	12%	88%
2 10	3NT-5	E	8C	4	500	-	100%	0%
3 11	3NT=	E	JS/8C	9	-	600	12%	88%
4 12	3NT-3	E	4D	6	300	-	63%	37%
Ref	3NT-3	E	8C	6	300	-	63%	37%

The travellers for table 3 were confusing. The lead may have been JS or may have been 8C!



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**BdDir** Vul **Source** **Rotn**  
 12 W NS BM:MLA229@16:57 A♠=E

<b>NSEW</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Dcl</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>Trk</b>	<b>NS#</b>	<b>EW#</b>	<b>NS%</b>	<b>EW%</b>
1 9	3NT+1	W	JS	10	-	430	50%	50%
2 10	6NT-2	W	JS	10	100	-	100%	0%
3 11	6NT-1	W	JS	11	50	-	75%	25%
4 12	6NT=	W	JS	12	-	990	12%	88%
<b>Ref</b>	<b>6NT-</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>JS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>88%</b>

The instructions for this board were to bid the auction and then ignore it and play as if {EW} had done some wild bidding and reached 6NT.

Table 1 didn't read the instructions.



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BdDir	Vul	Source						Rotn
13 N	All	BMOS~006#2						A♠=S
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	2NT-1	N	2C	7	-	100	38%	62%
2 10	3NT=	N	6D	10	630	-	100%	0%
3 11	3NT-1	N	7H	8	-	100	38%	62%
4 12	3NT-1	N	7H	8	-	100	38%	62%
Ref	3NT-1	N	7H	8	-	100	38%	62%

The instructions for this were to aim for better result than {EW} 100.

Thus {EW} 110 is better for {EW}.

While {EW} 90 is better for {NS}.

The only pair to "do better" was Pair 2, {NS} on Table 2.





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14 E	None	VB:PD#7							A♠=W
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%	
2 10	4S-2	E	4S	8	100	-	100%	0%	
3 11	4S=	E	KH	10	-	420	0%	100%	
Ref	4S-1	E	4S	9	50	-	50%	50%	



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**Pair results:** The average of all the boards they played, sorted.

NS Pairs:

2	90%
Ref_NS	52%
3	46%
4	35%
1	20%

EW Pairs:

9	80%
12	65%
11	54%
Ref_EW	48%
10	10%

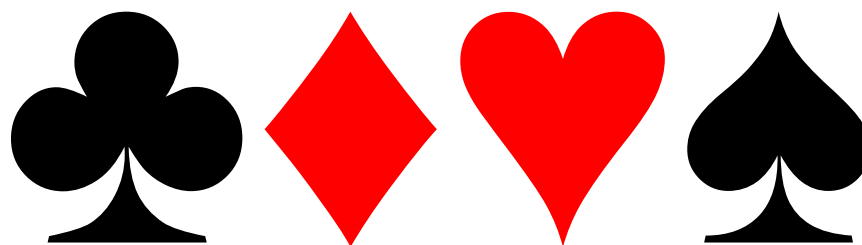
Table 1 (Pairs 1 & 9) didn't read the board instructions, so their results are strictly incomparable.



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