**Good Leads and Bad Leads**

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| Good leads (lead the underlined card)**A**KQxx, **K**QJx, **Q**J10xxx (top of sequence)**x** (singleton, not trump & not in notrump)Suit your partner bidLong suit, e.g. KT8**7**4 or Q97**5**42 (4th from longest suit against notrump)**A**Kxxx, **K**Qx, **Q**Jxx, **J**10xx (touching honors)Kxx**x**x, Kx**x**, Qxx**x**, Jxx**x** (e.g. K95**3**2)**x**x (top of doubleton, e.g. **8**4)**x**xx (top of nothing, e.g. **9**52) | Bad leadsAxxxx, Axxx, Axx(lead **A** if you must)AQxx, AQx, KJxxx, QTxxx(*tenace* holdings)C:\Users\matt\Documents\Bridge\Teaching\Crocodile Tenace.pngTrump (usually)Declarer’s 2nd suit |

**Circle all the cards in each hand that seem like good leads.**

1. Contract is 4♥. You have ♠ KQJ6 ♥ K5 ♦ 9732 ♣ 653

2.Contract is 2♠. You have ♠ A63 ♥ 984 ♦ 7 ♣ QT7532

3.Contract is 3N. You have ♠ AK3 ♥ 984 ♦ QT7532 ♣ 8

4.Your partner bids first with 1♥ but the opponents get the contract for 3♦. You have ♠ KQ32 ♥ 1084 ♦ 7 ♣ KJ752

5.Contract is 4♠. You have ♠ 6 ♥ A874 ♦ KJ532♣ A73

**Golden Fits – Let’s have a conversation!**

Get that game bonus! **Golden Games** are 3N, 4♠, and 4♥.
\_\_\_\_\_ HCP in the deck / 13 tricks = \_\_\_\_\_ HCP / trick.
To make 3N: \_\_\_\_\_ tricks × \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Usually you can make 3N if you and your partner have **26** or more HCP (25 is often enough). Same is true for 4♠ or 4♥.

**Want 8+ cards (Golden Fit**) **in your trump suit;** otherwise try no trump. **Golden Game** is 4♥ or 4♠ with a **Golden Fit** (& 3N)

After 1N: Pass (0-7 HCP), 2N (8-9 HCP), 3N (10 HCP)
After 1♥/♠: Pass (0-5 HCP), Simple Raise (6-9 HCP), Invite Game (10-12 HCP), Bid Game (13+ HCP)

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| **3N** “Sure I have 17 HCP. So we have 25 or 26 HCP together.”**2N** (8-9 HCP)“Want to be in game?”**PASS** “No thanks. I only have 15 HCP.”**1N** (15-17 HCP) | **PASS** “I said enough.”**3♠** “I have 17 or 18 HCP. Do you have 8 or 9 HCP instead of just 6 or 7?”**4♠** “Yes, I have 9 HCP so we have 26 or 27 HCP together. Let’s be in our **Golden Game**.”**2♠** “I have 3+ spades (**Golden Fit**) and 6-9 HCP”**1♠** “I have 5+ spades and 12+ HCP.” |
| **PASS** “I’m not interested in slam.”**4♥** “Great. I have 3+ hearts and 15 HCP. That means we have 8+ hearts (**Golden Fit**) and 27+ HCP.”**1♥** “I have 5+ hearts and 12+ HCP.” | **PASS** “I said enough.”**1♠** “Who cares about diamonds. I have 4+ spades and 6+ HCP.”**4♠** “No problem about the points. I have lots. My 13 HCP and your 12-16 HCP means we have 25 – 28 HCP together.”**2♠** “Great. I have 4 spades (so we have a **Golden Fit**)” but I have less than 17 HCP.**1♦** “I have 3+ diamonds and 12+ HCP.” |