


## Good Leads and Bad Leads

<u>Good leads</u> (lead the underlined card)	<u>Bad leads</u>
<p><u>A</u>KQxx, <u>K</u>QJx, <u>Q</u>J10xxx (top of sequence)  <u>x</u> (singleton, not trump &amp; not in notrump)            Suit your partner bid            Long suit, e.g. KT8<u>7</u>4 or Q97<u>5</u>42            (4<sup>th</sup> from longest suit against notrump)  <u>A</u>Kxxx, <u>K</u>Qx, <u>Q</u>Jxx, <u>J</u>10xx (touching honors)            Kxxx<u>x</u>, Kxx<u>x</u>, Qxxx<u>x</u>, Jxxx<u>x</u> (e.g. K95<u>3</u>2)  <u>xx</u> (top of doubleton, e.g. <u>8</u>4)  <u>xxx</u> (top of nothing, e.g. <u>9</u>52)</p>	<p>Axxxx, Axxx, Axx            (lead <b>A</b> if you must)            AQxx, AQx,            KJxxx, QTxxx            (<i>tenace</i> holdings)              Trump (usually)            Declarer's 2<sup>nd</sup> suit</p>

**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)

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