

Tonight's topic is Opening Leads -- what the contract tells you.

At IMPs, your objective is to defeat the contract.

At Matchpoints, your objective is to get the best possible result.

You hold:

♠ 432 ♥ KQJT432 ♦ 642 ♣ A

Auction:

WEST (you)	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 ♥	Dbl	pass	2 ♠
pass	3 ♦	pass	4 ♦
pass	4 ♠	pass	4 NT
pass	5 ♦	pass	6 NT

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?

Same hand, different auction:

WEST (you)	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 ♥	Dbl	pass	1 NT
pass	2 ♣	pass	3 ♣
pass	3 NT	all pass	

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?

Same hand, different auction:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST (you)
1 ♥	pass	1 ♠	pass
2 ♣	pass	2 ♦	pass
2 NT	all pass		

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?

Another hand, you hold:

♠ KQ42 ♥ A6 ♦ 84 ♣ T9874

AUCTION:

SOUTH	WEST (you)	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	pass	3 NT	all pass

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?

Same hand, different auction:

SOUTH	WEST (you)	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	pass	2 NT	pass
4 ♥	all pass		

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?

Same hand, different auction:

SOUTH	WEST (you)	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	pass	2 ♦	pass
3 ♦	pass	4 ♥	pass
4 NT	pass	5 ♥	pass
6 ♥	all pass		

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?

Take your ♠ Q away, replace with the ♠ 5. Same auction as above, same questions.

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?

Same hand, ♠ 5 and no ♠ Q, South's last bid is 6 NT. Same questions.

What do you know about the opponents' hands?

Where are their tricks coming from?

What do you lead at Matchpoints? Why?

What do you lead at IMPs? Why?