

Here are 3 lead problems for you. Then see what happened.

1. MPs, Love All.

The bidding was swift –

1D by North – 1H by South / 1NT rebid by N – 4H / All Pass.

Choose a lead.



2. Africa Trials, IMPs. All Vul.

W	N	E	S
			1♣
P	2♣*	P	2NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			

W	sebt. neufissa
♠ J76	
♥ 9842	
♦ AK653	
♣ Q	

*2♣ was an inverted raise (10+, club support, no major). **Your lead?**

3. BBO robot game. Love All.

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♣
1♦	1♠	P	P
X	P	2♥	2♠
P	P	3♠	P
4♥	P	P	P

S	newmoon
♠ A84	
♥ Q104	
♦ Q42	
♣ KJ93	

QUIZ: Your lead this time?

3. Here are the full hands –

D 1	N Robot ♠ Q1093 ♥ 73 ♦ KJ9 ♣ Q1074	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>1♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♦</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>P</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>2♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S		P	P	1♣	1♦	1♠	P	P	X	P	2♥	2♠	P	P	3♠	P	4♥	P	P	P
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W Robot ♠ 76 ♥ A986 ♦ A10765 ♣ A8		E Robot ♠ KJ52 ♥ KJ52 ♦ 83 ♣ 652																								
	S newmoon ♠ A84 ♥ Q104 ♦ Q42 ♣ KJ93	4♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0																								

A club lead would have defeated this contract since declarer has to lose a trick in each suit. Leading an unsupported ace meant that declarer discarded the ♣8 on a spade.

Lesson:

“I will not lead unsupported aces, even in partner’s suit”

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