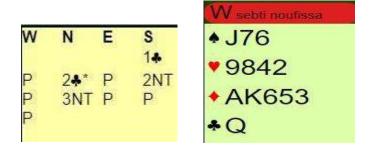
Here are 3 lead problems for you. Then see what happened.

MPs, Love All.
The bidding was swift –
1D by North – 1H by South / 1NT rebid by N – 4H / All Pass.
Choose a lead.

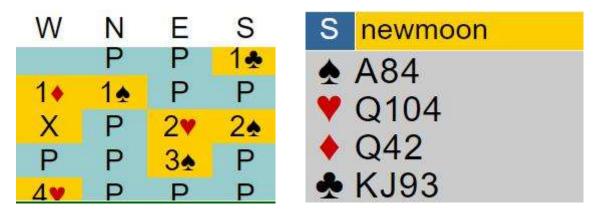


2. Africa Trials, IMPs. All Vul.



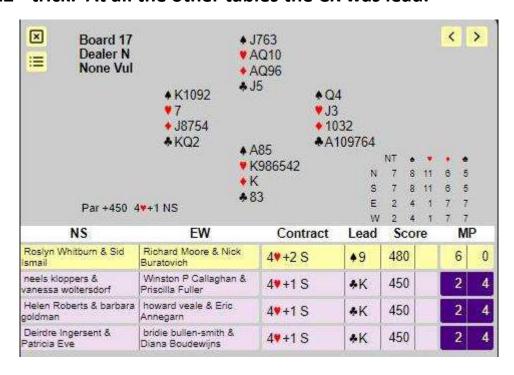
^{*2♣} was an inverted raise (10+, club support, no major). Your lead?

3. BBO robot game. Love All.



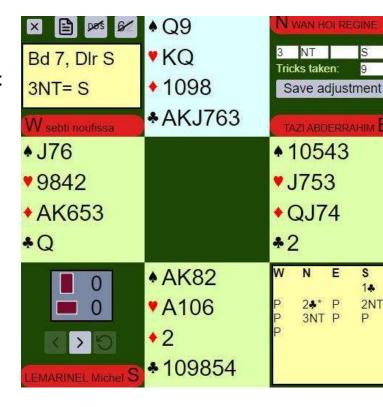
QUIZ: Your lead this time?

1. In this covid-era event West led the S9 which was a disaster when East followed with the queen. Declarer simply drew trumps then parked two clubs on the diamonds. A spade up from hand ensured the 12th trick. At all the other tables the CK was lead.

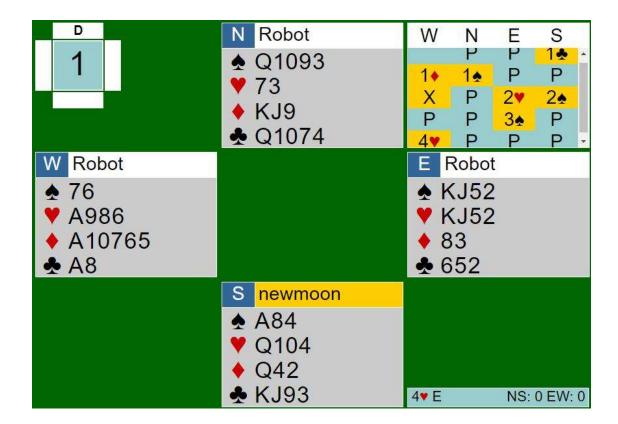


2. A funny thing happened when this West chose the ◆A for the lead. East encouraged and West followed with the king. East completed a peter then found that the diamonds were blocked in her hand. The 5th diamond never saw the light of day!

The 4th highest lead - ◆5 - would have been better!



3. Here are the full hands -



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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