

## Pre-lesson Quiz: Opening leads against notrump contracts

This quiz is a little warm-up for Friday's lesson on opening leads. Ask yourself what big cards declarer is likely to have, how many tricks you need to set the contract, whether you expect partner to take any tricks for the defense, ....

1. The opponents have bid as follows: 1NT - 2NT - 3NT while you and partner pass throughout. Your hand is:

♠75      ♥JT9      ♦K942      ♣A764

(a) What help might partner be able to provide?

(b) What is your opening lead, and why?

2. The bidding has gone 1NT - 3NT, while you and partner pass throughout. Rank the following opening leads from best (1) to worst (7). The underlined, bold card is the standard lead from that holding in a suit.

953

Q985

KQT3

AQ82

JT9

AQ872

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3. If the bidding had gone 2NT - 4NT - 6NT, would your rankings in 2 above change in any way?