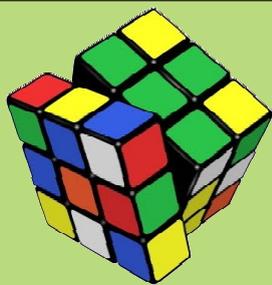


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## Bidding forum

You are South, first to speak

♠ A 3  
 ♥ A J 10 7  
 ♦ Q 6  
 ♣ A J 6 4 3

What do you open?

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## It's Your Lead

Here are two opening lead problems.

### 1. Teams, South deals, EW vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT
pass	2♣	pass	2♥
pass	3NT	all pass	

West to lead from:

♠ QJ1063 ♥ J82 ♦ 83 ♣ A94

### 2. Teams, North deals, NS vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	2♣	pass	2♠ <sup>1</sup>
pass	3♦	pass	3NT
all pass			

1. Fourth suit forcing.

West to lead from:

♠ 985 ♥ AJ2 ♦ 83 ♣ QJ1083

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## Card Play Problem

Dealer North, EW vulnerable

♠ A Q 7 6  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ J 10 5  
 ♣ A Q 10 9 5

♠ K 5 4  
 ♥ K 3  
 ♦ A K 9 6 2  
 ♣ J 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♣	pass	1♦
pass	1♠	pass	3NT
all pass			

A good case can be made for bidding 3NT directly over 1♣ on the South hand and indeed, many good players would do so.

West leads the ♥Q to his partner's ace and East returns the ♥5 to your king.

How do you continue?