

## Lecture 2 Card Placement

Mike Lawrence wrote a great book, "How to Read Opponents Cards" which covers this subject.

Before you play a card with the exception of a singleton appearing in dummy, stop and ask yourself some questions.

How did the bidding go?

What did the opening lead tell you?

How many points do you have?

In a suit contract experienced players usually do not under lead an Ace, it confuses partner.

AK, KQ, QJ are considered good leads.

Hand 1 N AQ10 KJ104 A109 KQ4  
S 9876542 4 Q76 65

Bidding. W 1nt N Double E 2 H S 2 S  
P 4 S P P  
P

Opening lead. C J covered by Q and East's Ace.  
Questions.

How many points do you have?

Can you place every high card left outstanding.

Hand 2 N K874 83 J74 Q1083  
S AQJ103 A54 Q8 K54

Bidding. S 1S W 2H N 2S E 3H  
S 3S P P P

Opening lead H6 N 3 E play K

How many points do you have?

What is W heart holding?

Does W have both AK of diamonds?

What high cards does E have?

Who has the club A?

Hand 3 N KQ4 10 86 876 KQJ4  
S A10982 73 KJ A1083

Bidding. W 1H N P E 2H S 2S  
P 4S P P  
P

Opening lead. H K then H A and then H to E Q

How many points do you have?

East showed 3[points in Hearts can he have the D A?

Hand 4 N AJ84 AK3 Q1095 Q4  
S Q10973 Q4 K4 7632

Bidding. E 1C S P W P N double  
P 1S P 3S  
P 4S P P  
P

Opening lead West leads the C A and then the 8 of C to E. E then plays the 10 H.  
How many points do you have? Who has the D A? West passed so how many more points can he have?  
What is the missing key card?

Hand 5 N AQ42 87 KJ86 Q10 4  
S KJ1072 10 10 4 KJ983

Bidding. N 1D E P S 1S W P  
2S P 4S P  
P P

Opening lead. H 2  
Who has the H A?  
How many H does W have?  
How many H does E have?  
What hearts does W have?  
Who has the D A?  
Who has the C A?

Hand 6. N Q7643 K5 962 Q65  
S 9 AJ10964 AK3 942

Bidding W 1S P 1NT 2H  
P P P

Opening lead. D J  
How many points do you have?  
Winners and losers  
Who has the D Q?  
What does the S situation look like?  
What does the C situation look like?  
Who has the S A?

Hand 7. N J764 AK10 Q10 4 765  
S 10 J98765 K85 AKJ

Bidding. W 1S N P E 2S S 3H  
P 4H P P  
P

Opening lead S5, E took the A and lead the 10 C back  
Who has the SK? Who has S Q?  
How many points so you have?

Who had D A?  
 Who has C Q?  
 Hand 8 N 76 72 Q1092 AKJ83  
           S A54 Q73 AKJ83 62  
 Bidding. W P N P E P S 1D  
           Double redouble 2H 4 D  
           P 5D P P  
           P

Opening lead Spade Q  
 Winners and losers  
 How many points do you have?  
 Who has the S K?  
 What is happening in H's?  
 What does it take to make this hand?

Hand 9 N K754 83 A87 Q 642  
           S AQ962 KJ4 53 953  
 Bidding E 1H S 1S W 2H N 2S  
           P P P

Opening lead D J  
 Winners and losers  
 How many points do you have?  
 Who has the D K and Q?  
 Who has H A?  
 Club situation?

Hand 10 N J102 Q108 KQ 96432  
           S K3 KJ76543 1043 A8  
 Bidding E 1S S 2H W 2S N 3H  
           P P P

Opening lead West leads D9, E returns S6 now what?  
 Winners and losers  
 Points  
 Club situation?  
 Who has S A?

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