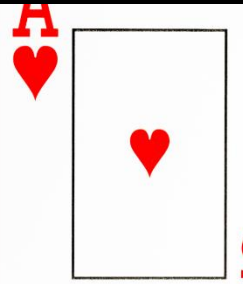


**ADORING
ACES**

BRIDGE CLASS

PART I



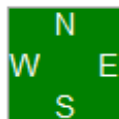
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Board 1

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 5
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ K 6 4 2
♣ A Q 5



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	2 ♣!	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♣	Dbl	3 ♥
All pass			

What's your lead and why?

Adoring Aces

Board 1

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 5	N W E S	♠ Q 6 4
♥ K Q 10 7		♥ J 5
♦ K 6 4 2		♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ A Q 5		♣ J 9 6 2

♠ 9 8 7 3 2		
♥ 8 6 4 3 2		
♦ A J 8		
♣ —		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	2 ♣!	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♣	Dbl	3 ♥
All pass			

Actual Lead: ♣ A

Suggested Lead: ♥ Q

When dummy has rebid a suit,
leading that suit indicates a singleton.

Any lead but a ♣ delivers +200 to EW.

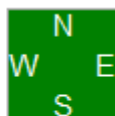
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Board 2

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 5 4
♣ A Q 9 4 2



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	5 ♦
All pass			

What's your lead? Why?

Adoring Aces

Board 2

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 4 ♥ J 10 9 8 ♦ 5 4 ♣ A Q 9 4 2	N W E S	♠ A J 8 7 6 5 ♥ K 6 ♦ Q 10 ♣ 6 5 3
		♠ K Q 3 2 ♥ A 7 4 3 2 ♦ 9 ♣ J 10 7

♠ 10

♥ Q 5

♦ A K J 8 7 6 3 2

♣ K 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	5 ♦
All pass			

Actual Lead: ♣ A

Suggested Lead: ♥ J

Bidding notes:

- (1) North's 3 ♠ bid shows a 5+ suit and accepts the game invitation.
- (2) There's too much risk for W to overcall 2 ♥.

Defensive note: South must have a strong ♦ holding and a hand unsuitable for NT.

On opening lead versus a suit contract,
when two suits have not been bid
and you hold
an unsupported Ace in one of them,
favor the other suit

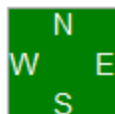
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Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ 10 8 5 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ A 3



West	North	East	South
<i>pasa49</i>	<i>shoes</i>	<i>profx</i>	<i>bonniewood</i>
		Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♦
3 ♥	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

What's your lead? Why?

Adoring Aces

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7

♥ 7

♦ A K 10 7 5 3

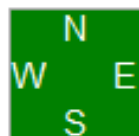
♣ K J 10 7

♠ 9 8 4 3

♥ 10 8 5 3 2

♦ 8 2

♣ A 3



West
pasa49

North
shoes

East
profx

South
bonniewood

Pass

2 ♦

2 ♥

3 ♦

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

Trick

Lead

2nd

3rd

4th

1. W

♥ 10

7

K

Q

2. E

♥ A

J

2

♦ 10

3. N

♦ A

9

4

2

4. N

♦ 5

♥ 4

Q

8

5. S

♠ 2

3

Q

6

6. N

♠ 7

5

K

9

7. S

♠ A

4

♣ 7

J

8. S

♠ 10

8

♣ 10

♥ 6

Declarer now leads the ♣ 8

What's your play? Why?

Adoring Aces

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

	♠ Q 7	
	♥ 7	
	♦ A K 10 7 5 3	
	♣ K J 10 7	
♠ 9 8 4 3		♠ J 6 5
♥ 10 8 5 3 2	W N E	♥ A K 9 6 4
♦ 8 2	S	♦ 9
♣ A 3		♣ Q 9 4 2
	♠ A K 10 2	
	♥ Q J	
	♦ Q J 6 4	
	♣ 8 6 5	

West	North	East	South
<i>pasa49</i>	<i>shoes</i>	<i>profx</i>	<i>bonniewood</i>
		Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♦
3 ♥	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th
1. W	♥ 10	7	<u>K</u>	Q
2. E	♥ A	J	2	<u>♦ 10</u>
3. N	<u>♦ A</u>	9	4	2
4. N	♦ 5	♥ 4	<u>Q</u>	8
5. S	♠ 2	3	<u>Q</u>	6
6. N	♠ 7	5	<u>K</u>	9
7. S	<u>♠ A</u>	4	♣ 7	J
8. S	<u>♠ 10</u>	8	♣ 10	♥ 6

Declarer now leads the ♣ 8

Actual & Suggested Play: ♣ 3

Why? W knows that S has exactly 3 ♣s

[Make Declarer Guess](#)

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Board 4

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 10 9
♥ J 7
♦ A K J 8 3
♣ 9 7



West	North	East	South
<i>jfout</i>	<i>profx</i>	<i>stephannie</i>	<i>pasa49</i>
			Pass
1 ♦	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Dbl	Pass	3 ♦	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What's your lead? Why?

Adoring Aces

Board 4

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 10 9
♥ J 7
♦ A K J 8 3
♣ 9 7

♠ 4
♥ AKQ42
♦ 62
♣ O8542

♠ J 8 7 2
♥ 6 3
♦ 7 5
♣ A J 10 6 3

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ K

West	North	East	South
<i>jjfout</i>	<i>profx</i>	<i>stephannie</i>	<i>pasa49</i>
			Pass
1 ♦	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Dbl	Pass	3 ♦	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Actual Lead: ♥ J

Suggested Lead: ♦ A

Bidding notes:

E has two chances to bid but declines both:

(1) Over 2NT, make a Negative X showing $\spadesuit$ s

(2) After W's Take-Out or Competitive X, E needs to show their $\spadesuit$ s instead of $\heartsuit$ s.

When you've been dealt an AK(x),
it's rare
an alternative lead is superior