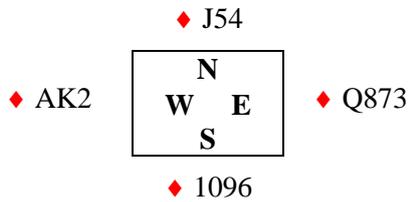


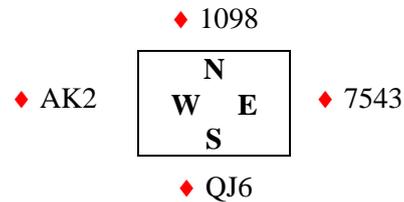


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Examples of the Encouraging Signal

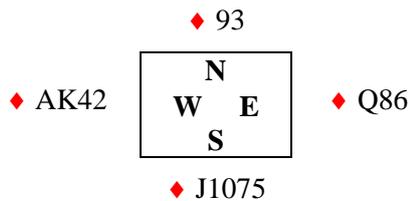


West leads ♦A against 3NT. Dummy plays low. The lead of an ace is often from an AK combination. Since he holds Q East wants West to continue diamonds by playing ♦K and another. To encourage West to continue he plays the *lowest* Card he can afford, ♦3.

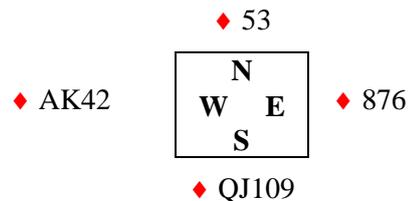


This time East has nothing useful in diamonds and no reason to encourage West to continue playing them. So he plays a high non honour diamond, ♦7. This is a *discouraging* attitude signal. If West is paying attention he will receive the signal, and switch to another suit.

Examples of "Reading" a signal

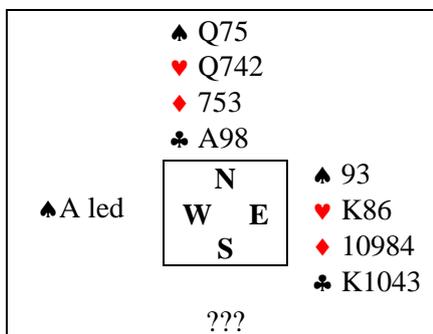


West leads ♦A. East *encourages* with ♦6, his lowest spot card. Is a 6 high or low? West looks at the other little cards: dummy has ♦93 and declarer plays ♦5, no small diamonds are missing. In this case ♦6 is a low card, an *encouraging signal*. West continues with ♦K and another.

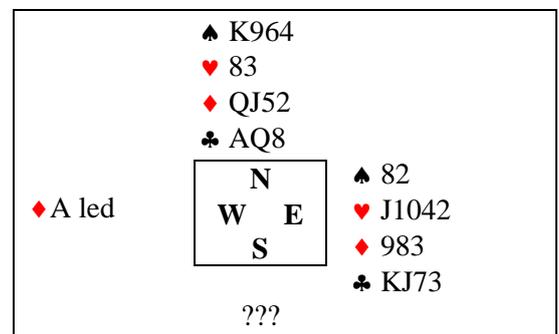


East *discourages* with ♦8, his highest spot card. Is an 8 high or low? Dummy has ♦53 and West has ♦42 in his own hand. Declarer played ♦9 so does not have ♦67. ♦8 must be a high card, a *discouraging signal*. West will look for another suit to switch to.

Encouraging when we want a ruff



South plays in 2♥. West leads ♠A, Ace from AK. If East plays ♠9 West will switch to another suit. But if he plays ♠A, ♠K, then a third spade East can ruff dummy's ♠Q with ♥6. So East plays ♠3, *encouraging*.



South plays in 4♠. West leads ♦A. You cannot ruff the third round, so play ♦9, *discouraging* and asking for a switch. West will try a high club *through dummy's strength*.



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Signalling when we cannot follow suit

Love All	♠ QJ75		
Dealer N	♥ AKJ10		
	♦ K9		
	♣ K84		
♠ A92		N	♠ 4
♥ 764		W E	♥ 853
♦ QJ1085		S	♦ 7642
♣ J3			♣ AQ1092
	♠ K10863		
	♥ Q92		
	♦ A3		
	♣ 765		

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads ♦Q, taken by South's ace.
 Declarer starts to draw trump, leading ♠3 to the 2, Q and 4
 On the next spade East discards ♣2, encouraging in clubs
 West wins ♠A.
 He has seen partner's *signal*.
 He leads ♣J through dummy's ♣K84
 The defence take 3 club tricks, and declarer goes one down
 (**Note** that any card but ♣J lets the game home - declarer draws trump and discards a club on dummy's fourth heart.
Lead top of a doubleton)

Love All	♠ KQ52		
Dealer N	♥ K964		
	♦ J7		
	♣ KQJ		
♠ 106		N	♠ J94
♥ 87		W E	♥ AQJ3
♦ AK963		S	♦ 1082
♣ 10752			♣ A84
	♠ A873		
	♥ 1052		
	♦ Q54		
	♣ 963		

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West leads ♦A, and East plays ♦8,
discouraging. There is no point in continuing diamonds. A look at dummy suggests a heart switch may work better than a club, so West leads ♥8 at trick 2. Declarer plays low from dummy and East wins the trick with ♥J.
 He returns a diamond to West's ♦K
 West plays another heart to ♥Q, East cashes ♥A. Perfect defence takes 2 diamonds, three hearts and ♣A for one down