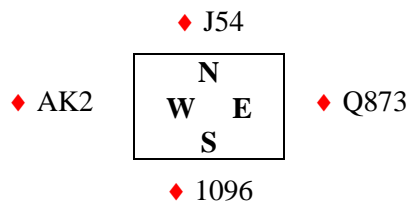


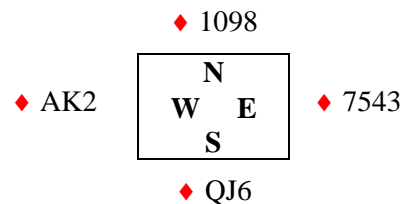


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Examples of the Encouraging Signal

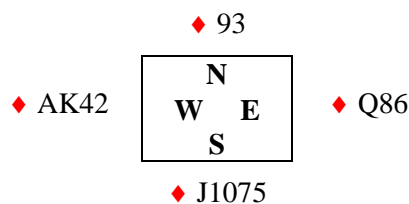


West leads ♦ A against 3NT. Dummy plays low. The lead of an ace is often from an AK combination. Since he holds Q East wants West to continue diamonds by playing ♦ K and another. To encourage West to continue he plays the **lowest** Card he can afford, ♦ 3.

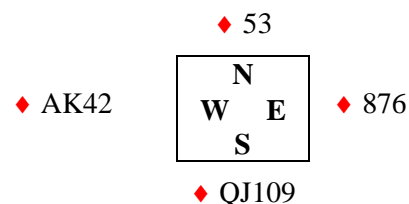


This time East has nothing useful in diamonds and no reason to encourage West to continue playing them. So he plays a high non honour diamond, ♦ 7. This is a **discouraging** attitude signal. If West is paying attention he will receive the signal, and switch to another suit.

Examples of “Reading” a signal

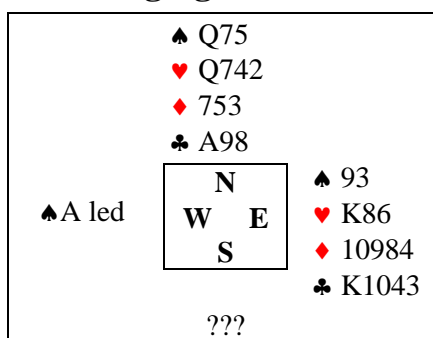


West leads ♦ A. East **encourages** with ♦ 6, his lowest spot card. Is a 6 high or low? West looks at the other little cards: dummy has ♦ 93 and declarer plays ♦ 5, no small diamonds are missing. In this case ♦ 6 is a **low** card, an **encouraging signal**. West continues with ♦ K and another.

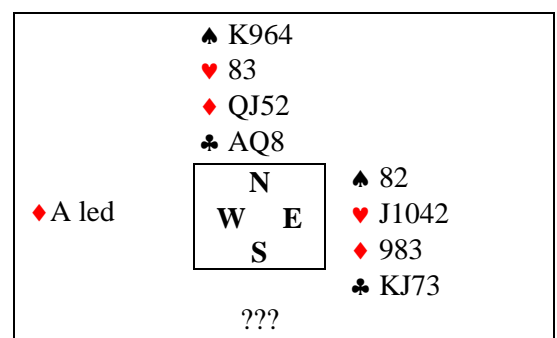


East **discourages** with ♦ 8, his highest spot card. Is an 8 high or low? Dummy has ♦ 53 and West has ♦ 42 in his own hand. Declarer played ♦ 9 so does not have ♦ 67. ♦ 8 must be a **high** card, a **discouraging signal**. West will look for another suit to switch to.

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		♠ 4
♥ 764		♥ 853
♦ QJ1085		♦ 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		♠ J94
♥ 87		♥ AQJ3
♦ AK963		♦ 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