

***TOP TEN PLAYING TIPS***

1. Opponents bid 1nt-3nt. What do you lead from?

S: 865  
H: KJ5  
D: AQ3  
C: KJ53

2. The opponents are playing 4 hearts. You lead the king of spades. Declarer wins and tries the heart finesse that you win the king. What spade do you play next?

S: KQJ53  
H: K3  
D: 654  
C: 765

3. You open 1nt and partner responds 2nt invitational. What do you bid with:

A:	S: Q7	B:	S: Q9
	H: A762		H: A1087
	D: KQJ		D: KQ8
	C: A764		C: AJ104

4. Partner opens 1nt - what do you bid with:

S: KQJ6  
H: Q87  
D: A54  
C: 765

5. The contract is 4 spades, and you lead king of clubs. Partner plays the 9. Now what?

You:  
S: Q43  
H: 63  
D: Q1097  
C: KQ103

Dummy:  
S: 10762  
H: KJ1098  
D: 852  
C: J

6. Opponents bid:

1S 2D  
3D 3S  
4S

You hold:  
S: A6  
H: J1098  
D: 8532  
C: A43

What do you lead?

7. Right Hand Opponent bids 2 spades (weak), what do you bid?

S: AQ532  
H: A6  
D: K76  
C: A765

8. Partner RHO You LHO  
1H P 1S P  
2C P ?

You hold:  
S: KJ654  
H: 6  
D: K7653  
C: 76

What do you bid?

9. You	Partner
1H	1S
2D	2H

How many points and how many hearts does your partner hold?

10. You hold:

S: 854  
H: 7  
D: KQJ9754  
C: Q5

A: You	Partner
3D	3S

B: You	Partner
3D	3H

What do you rebid?

## ***Solutions:***

1. Lead a spade, partner has no points, which one is partnership agreement.
2. Jack, now partner knows you have exactly KQJ
3. Pass with example A. Bid 3nt with example B. Concept: Pass with 15, bid 3nt with 17, with 16 upgrade for a 5-card minor or good intermediate spots. In example B, holding has 2 suits that could provide 3 tricks. In example A, there is nothing extra.
4. Either 2 clubs or 3nt could be right; I use to say bid 3nt, until I heard an expert panel discuss this for 15 minutes and their final answer was "Do what's right!", now that's my answer.
5. Partner has the ace and suit preference is the signal, play a heart, the higher-ranking suit.
6. Lead a diamond, partner has no more than 1, go up with the ace of trump and give partner a ruff.
7. PASS, when you have defense play defense, hope partner has enough to make a takeout double and then pass again.
8. Anything could be right or wrong, but I bid 2 spades and was lucky enough to find partner with Qx.
9. Exactly 2 hearts and 6-9 points, with a minimum you can only rebid your suit, rebid partners suit, or rebid 1nt. This is called a false preference.

You would hold:

S: Axxx

H: xx

D: Kxxxxx

D: xx

10. 100% forcing, bid 4 spades with the first and 4 diamonds with the second.