

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0027:

"While Playing on Defense Partner Obtains the Lead, and Leads the Ace of Diamonds, but Not the King Next: What Is the Message from Partner?"

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You are sitting NORTH.

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
PASS	1 D	PASS	1 S
PASS	2 S	PASS	4 S
PASS	OASS	PASS	

Once Dummy comes down, the Players all see EAST's holdings:

EAST (13)

S: A K 4

H: K 9

D: 9 7 6 3

C: K 7

1. Why did EAST "support" WEST's Spade bid, since WEST only showed 4 Spades, and EAST holds 3 rather than 4 Spades?
2. NORTH leads the Jack of Hearts. What does NORTH show by this lead?
3. SOUTH takes Trick #1 in Hearts with the Ace. What is SOUTH expected to lead next on Trick #2?

4. *SOUTH* leads the Ace of Diamonds on Trick #2. On Trick #3, *SOUTH* leads the 9 of Clubs, which *NORTH* takes with the Ace. What should *NORTH* lead?

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