

Dealer:	<i>North</i>			
E	♠	10943		
Vul:	♥	K		
None	♦	965		
	♣	KQ964		
	<i>West</i>		<i>East me</i>	
	♠	K6	♠	AJ875
	♥	QJ	♥	8754
	♦		♦	KQ
		AJ7432	♣	J10
	♣	852		
	<i>South (who shall be nameless)</i>			
	♠	Q2		
	♥	A109632		
	♦	108		
	♣	A73		
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Bidding:	E	S	W	N
	1S	2H	3D	P
		3NT	all	pass
				HTTC: Bridge Hand Editor: Graham

Leads are important (Or how lucky can you get).

Board 14 Monday morning 25th November.

Playing in 3NT, by East, I made 12 tricks, while the opponents could take the first 11 tricks. You can't say I don't give them chances.

I opened a very poor 1 Spade, South bid 2 Hearts, West bid 3 Diamonds, North passed, and looking at my good Diamond support I bid a "carefree" 3NT with my 4 small Hearts, hoping they might block, or even lead something else. My wishes were granted when South led the Ace of Hearts, dropping their partners King!

A switch to Clubs now still puts it 2 light, but looking only at their Hearts, the continuation of Hearts allowed me to take 6 Diamonds, and when I played safe in Spades the Queen dropped, (North having discarded a Spade), making 12 tricks!

Please note. We are giving a couple of Sessions during December, on the 9th and 16th, at 10.30, for about 2 hours.

At least 10 special boards will be played, with notes and discussions.

Happily this will not be the sort of thing to expect, thank goodness!