

Right-Side The Contract

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Board 24 **Must Right-Side all contracts.**

One important aspects of bridge- one's Matchpoint score is at the mercy of the opening lead. Overcall at the one-level and open light in 3rd seat as much as one can with suits that are good for partner to lead. The declaring side must Right-side contracts so they are not hurt so much by the opening lead:

Purposes of right-siding the contract:

- To protect tenaces (AQx, KJx, etc) and solitary guarded Kings (Kx)
- to keep the weak defender's hand off of lead.
- To keep the strong hand of the declaring side hidden.

Be careful not to beat partner to No Trump unless one has a hand that needs the lead.

A hand that does not need the lead has:

- Touching honours
- aces
- unprotected honours in four-card suits or longer.
- Tenaces in four-card suits or longer
- Dead suit, four spot cards or longer because partner could have singly guarded honours in that suit.

A hand that needs the lead coming up to it not through it has

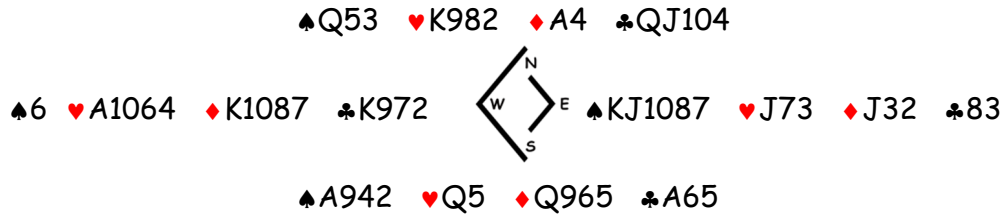
- Non touching honours in short suits
- Tenaces in short suits

A hand that needs to be kept hidden may have

- A partner that needs the opening lead coming up to it
- More points than dummy
- Shortness to keep hidden from the defense. How often is there a road map to the defense when the defenders see shortness in dummy. Once that shortness is gone they know to look elsewhere.

- A source of tricks that should cause the defense to panic and to grab their winners quickly.

West Dealer None Vulnerable



N	E	S	W
			P
1♣	1♠	2NT	All Pass

The contract is wrongsided. Put the guy who overcalled on lead. We don't know he has a really light overcall but East could have most of the unspoken for points. Therefore we do not want to give West, the weak hand, more leads than necessary through my holdings. Unfortunately NFB, Negative Free Bids, make the auction awkward. With NFB, It should go:

N	E	S	W
			P
1♣	1♠	Dbl	P
2♥	P	2♠	P
2NT	All Pass		

I want you to pay more attention to right-siding all contracts.

In 2/1 or Standard American, the bidding will go:

N	E	S	W
			P
1♣	1♠	2♦	P
2NT	All Pass		

Opening Lead:		♠6	
Traveller	N-S	E-W	
	2NN+1	150	
	1NN+1	120	
	2NS-1	50 (we were -50-declarer play was fine-contract was wrong-sided)	
	3NS-2	100	
	3NN-3	150 (bad declarer play)	

