

South is playing in 4 Spades. West leads the ♦8. Declarer has 9 sure tricks: 5S, 3D and a C. There are various means of promoting a 10th trick. Declarer may immediately play Hearts hoping to trump the third round in dummy. However the opponents may continue Diamonds and get a third round ruff before you.

A deduction from the opening lead enables declarer to employ a far safer method. Since West did not open with the Ace of Hearts, it is reasonable to assume that he does not have the AK of the suit, for a lead from this holding is surely one of the most preferred opening leads in anyone's book. This is all the information that declarer needs. Win the lead with the ♦Q, draw trumps and lead a Heart from dummy inserting the Q if East plays low. If the A or K is with West then the other high honour is surely with East. When next in dummy again lead towards your J securing a sure tenth trick.

The play made from the partner of the opening leader is frequently as informative as the lead itself. Consider this situation where West leads the ♥Q against your 3 NT.

♥ 7 5 3
♥ Q led W E plays the 9♥
♥ A 6 2

West is leading from the top of an honour sequence headed by QJ10. The significance of East's play of the 9 is not lost on an astute declarer who may safely assume the opponents' Hearts are 4-3. If they were 5-2 with East holding K9, he would be obliged to play the King on the Queen to avoid blocking partner's suit. Declarer may elect, if he wishes, to win the opening lead with the Ace, abandoning the normal hold up if he fears West may shift to a more dangerous suit. He knows the opponents can win just 3 tricks in the suit.

Deduction from the bidding.

There is a tendency to assume that an opponent who has overcalled has automatically become a strong favourite to hold all the missing high cards. This may be

reasonable enough so far as Aces and Kings are concerned, but most overcalls are based on winning tricks rather than high card values. So when it comes down to a Queen or a Jack don't conclude that these cards are necessarily with the over-caller. E.g. say you are declarer in a NT contract and you must play this combination after West has overcalled in Spades:

	♦ A K 4	
	Dummy	
W	Declarer	E
	♦ Q 10 6 3	

The soundness of West's overcall hardly depends on him holding the DJ. As West is long in Spades he may well be short in Diamonds. Needing 4 tricks from the suit declarer may boldly play AK and then finesse the 10. If West had not overcalled one may well have decide to play out AKQ hoping to drop the Jack.

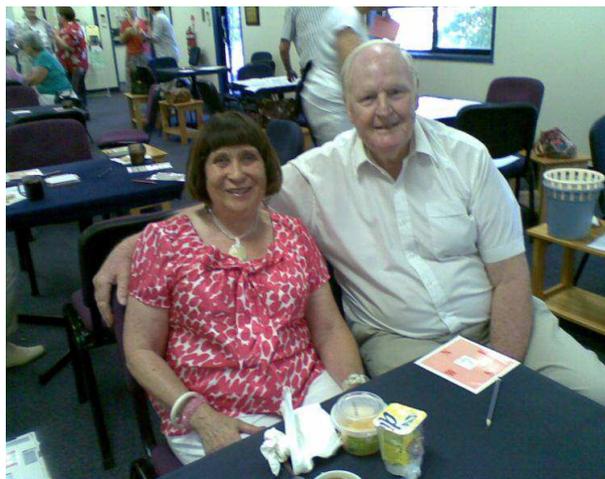
Similarly, say you and dummy hold 9 trumps missing the Q. The normal percentage play is to lay down the AK, but if one opponent has overcalled, assume he is short in your trump suit. You then play his partner to hold Qxx of the suit.

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Peter and Fay Anderson

Peter met Fay Buchanan, when she was 18, in 1954 at a dance at the Police Boys' Club in Paddington. He thought she was very attractive! She had long fair hair which she wore in a pony tail. Always well groomed and well dressed, Fay retains this high standard today.

They both lived in Paddington- Fay on the south side of Given Terrace, Peter on the north side behind the picture theatre. They married in 1955 after Peter had completed his National Service. They have 7 children-- 2 daughters who went to Mount St. Michaels; 5 sons who went to Marist Brothers in Ashgrove, and 9 grandchildren.

In 1975 Fay started her curtain making business operating from air-conditioned rooms under the house. She started playing Bridge in 1989 and since then has amassed in excess of 350 points. Fay says she is enjoying teaching Peter -(sometimes).

In 1952 Peter joined the Police Boys' Club in Paddington where he learnt the value of sport. He played in their Junior Rugby League team, which won 3 out of 5 Premierships. He played A Grade tennis and was runner-up in a welterweight boxing championship. He also played 1st division bowls for Ithaca Bowls Club for 20 years.

Peter found time to be a volunteer at the Holy Spirit Hospital in Gregory Terrace and for 6

years at the Holy Spirit Retirement Home in Carseldine, which is where he met Daphne and Paul Gannon.

On the 6th August 2005, Fay and Peter celebrated their Golden Jubilee Year with a private mass at St. Finbar's Church followed by a huge breakfast in the adjoining hall. This was attended by 140 family and friends.

Peter and Fay have been running a raffle at Arana Bridge Club for a while now and have used the profits to put on some delicious morning teas.

Long may they continue!

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