

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

North-declarer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
KJ8  
Q8  
75  
AKQ1094

**WEST**  
A72  
97532  
J88  
75

**EAST**  
Q9  
AKJ  
10932  
832

**SOUTH**  
10832  
J64  
AKQ4  
6

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass  
2♣ Pass 2NT

Opening bid—three of hearts. Accurate defensive play is frequently difficult, but it would be well-nigh impossible without the aid of the many meaningful signals employed by an experienced partnership in everyday play.

One defensive weapon, the suit-preference signal, is a comparatively newcomer to the family of defensive conventions but is not the less an important addition to the fold. Though it is used mostly in suit play as nearly always in connection with a ruffing situation, there are times when the suit-preference convention can be profitably applied in notrump contracts in order to eliminate what might otherwise be an out-right guess.

Let's say that West leads a heart against three notrump. Declarer hopefully plays the queen from dummy, but East wins with the king and continues with the ace. West following with the deuce to identify a five-card suit.

When East now cashes the jack, dropping South's ten, West has a chance to invoke the suit-preference convention. Since the 9-7-5 are all equal at this point, the card West chooses to play on the jack is, or should be, highly significant to East.

If West now played his lowest heart, the five, he would be asking partner to shift to the lower-ranking suit, in this case diamonds. If he played his highest heart, the nine, he would be asking partner to shift to the higher-ranking suit, in this case spades. (A club shift is obviously out of the question.)

Note that without the suit-preference convention to guide him, East might easily choose the safer-looking return of a diamond at trick four and thus permit declarer to run nine tricks.

But with West signaling for a spade return by playing the nine of hearts on the jack, it becomes automatic for East to return a spade and defeat the contract two tricks.

## Present French Play In Place des Arts

MONTREAL (CP) — Jean-Louis Barrault's Saint Exupery and Man was presented Sunday at the inauguration of the Maitsonne Theatre in Montreal's Place des Arts.

The play depicted the life and dreams of French author Antoine de Saint Exupery as portrayed in his works and personal journal.

Fifteen actors drawn from the Theatre de France and the Theatre du Nouveau Monde, a French-language Montreal theatre group, portrayed episodes from the author's life and novels.

Countess Consuelo de Saint Exupery, the author's widow, was introduced to the audience by Pierre Dupuy, commissioner general of Expo 67.

The theme of the world's fair, Man and his World, was inspired by Saint Exupery's novel Terre des Hommes.

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