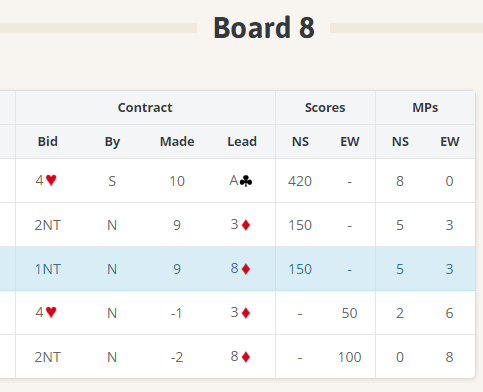
 **Thursday Bidding Tips 2 Board 8 played on 26/4/2018 Hamilton Williams Individual**



In this board it is difficult to play and make the game contract but it should still be bid. A mistake in the defence may allow the contract to be made. If everybody bids and goes light, there is no damage. The important thing is that game points are there, and the hand should be bid to game.

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| **Suggested Bidding 1 Non Stayman Players** | | | |
| N | **E** | S | W  **Dealer** |
| 1NT | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |
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* Norths bid of 1 **No Trump** shows 12-14 points and at a Balanced Hand.
* Souths reply of 2 **No Trump** shows 11-12 points and a balanced hand
* North with 14 points now knows that there is at least 25 points, so game is on so bids **3 No Trumps**
* South now passes, and North plays it in 3 NT

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| **Suggested Bidding 2 Stayman Players** | | | |
| N | **E** | S | W  **Dealer** |
| 1NT | Pass | 2C | Pass |
| 2H | Pass | 3H | Pass |
| 4H | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Suggested Lead from East King Diamonds (promises at least the Queen). A low diamond lead should be the 8 and will allow North to win the trick with the 9 (a cheap trick) KD Lead may also make it harder for the 3 NT contract to make

* Norths bid of 1 **No Trump** shows 12-14 points and at a Balanced Hand.
* Souths reply of **2 Clubs** shows 11+ points and a 4 card Major
* North with 14 points now knows that there is at least 25 points, so game is on so bids **2 Hearts** to show the 4 card Heart suit
* South with 11 points now bids 3 Hearts to show an 8-card fit in Hearts and asking if North is at the top of the 12-14 range
* North has 14 Points so bids 4 Hearts

Suggested Lead from East King Diamonds (promises at least the Queen). A low diamond lead should be the 8 and will allow North to win the trick with the 9 (a cheap trick). The 5 Hearts in West’s hand make it more likely that 4 Hearts will not make