

Foundation Course (MiniBridge)



Your Entry to Learning Bridge

Our five-week Foundation Course is an ideal introduction to our main Beginner Bridge Course. It is based on the internationally-acclaimed MiniBridge, a simplified version of bridge which gets you playing hands right from the first lesson.

Card Play Lessons (MiniBridge)

1: Declaring No Trump Contracts (Part 1)	Top Tricks, Blockages; Promoting
2: Declaring No Trump Contracts (Part 2)	Establishing Length Tricks; Finessing; Holding Up (Ducking)
3: Declaring Suit Contracts (Part 1)	Drawing Trumps; Ruffing to Promote
4: Declaring Suit Contracts (Part 2)	Dealing with Losers; Ruffing (Trumping)
5: Defence	Leads; Responding to Partner's lead; Second Hand Play; Third Hand Play

All of our lessons will include supervised play of prepared practice hands using the RealBridge platform, where you can see, hear and chat to other players and your teacher at all times. Once you have played each hand you can replay a 'movie' of how you played it and read the teacher's recommended play advice.

Click here to view supervised play from Lesson 1 in a previous Beginner Course:

<https://tinyurl.com/3aj3izms>

When the page opens in your browser, click on "3NT+3 S" in the third column and replay the movie by clicking the > symbol, bottom left.

Board 2
Dealer E
NS Vul

♠ 1062
♥ 107
♦ K653
♣ AQJ6

♠ 94
♥ KQJ98
♦ QJ8
♣ 1087

♠ 8753
♥ 654
♦ A7
♣ 5432

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 9 10 7 10 9
S 9 10 6 10 9
E 4 3 6 3 4
W 4 3 6 3 4

Par +620 4♠= NS
NS: 10 + 17 = 27 HCP
EW: 4 + 9 = 13 HCP

North East South West
10 4 17 9
N/S have 27 points. E/W have 13 points. N/S should choose game in no trumps. West should lead ♥K, (top of an honour sequence)
South can see nine top tricks (4♠, 1♥, 0♦, 4♣).
South will win ♥A and must cash ♠K then lead ♣9 (unblock). That way four club tricks can be cashed, followed by four spades.
(Cash the honour from the short hand first)

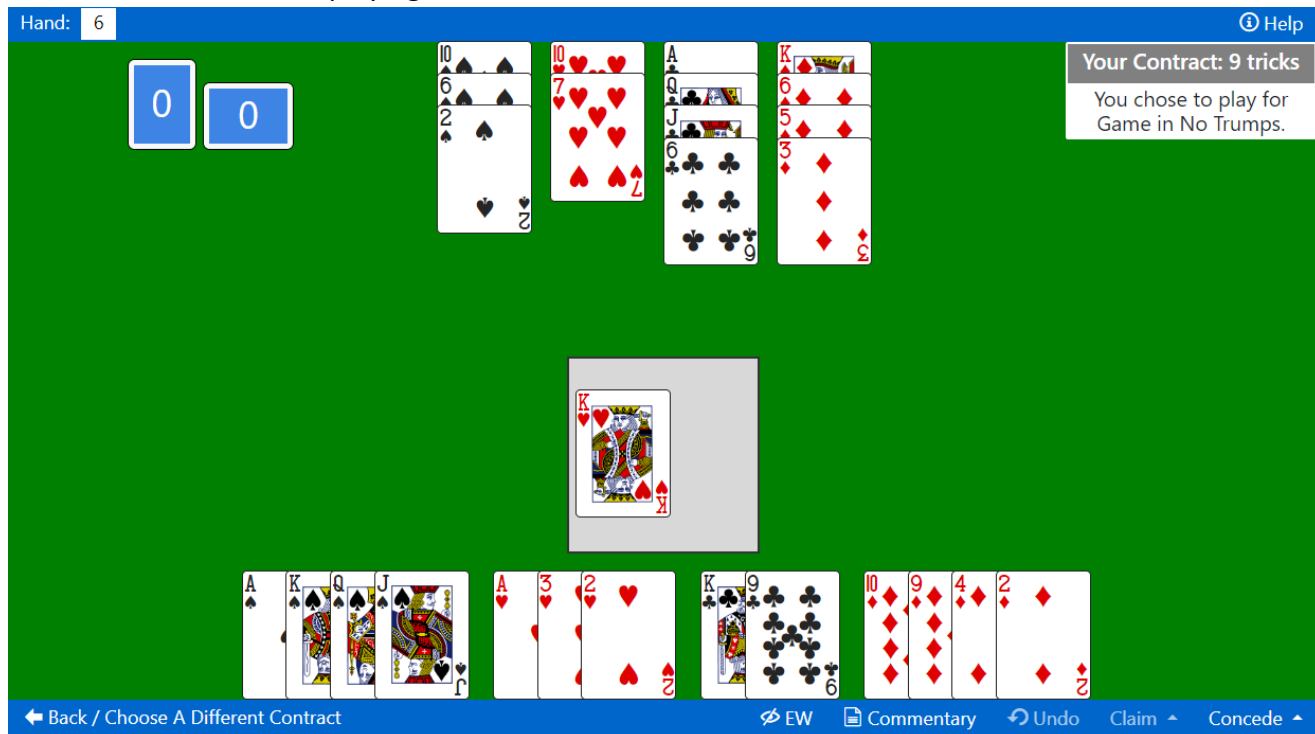
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
David H... joan watson	Stephen E... Viv Uttley	3NT+3 S	♥9	690
Paul H... Sutterby	ma... Wray	3NT+1 S	♥K	630
I Indr... Runela	kat... Ruetton	3NT=S	♥A	600

Hand Summary:
 Board 2, Dir E
 Contract: 3NT+3 S
 Declarer: Viv Uttley (W)
 Spades: ♠ 94, ♥ KQJ98, ♦ QJ8, ♣ 1087
 Hearts: ♥ 107, 654, A7
 Diamonds: ♦ K653, A7
 Clubs: ♣ AQJ6, 5432
 Aces: ♠ AKQJ, ♥ A32, ♦ 10942, ♣ K9

Our Foundation Course: 'Prep' using No Fear MiniBridge

All of the hands that feature in our Foundation Course practice sessions can be played 'Solitaire fashion' vs. a robot on the No Fear MiniBridge platform. <https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/>.

Below is a screenshot of playing the above hand, Solitaire fashion versus a robot.



The No Fear MiniBridge area has other excellent self-learn features and activities that provide additional support as you progress through our Foundation Course.

WARNING!! Registration for No Fear MiniBridge gives six weeks free MiniBridge access, after which time your free access terminates. You will then be prompted to take up a paid subscription to the main No Fear platform. You will be offered a two-week free trial. **DO NOT TAKE UP THIS OFFER.**

We have an arrangement with No Fear whereby you get a free 3-month free trial (no card payment required) using a special code which we will provide you with just before our main course commences in January. That way your free trial will cover the whole of our main Beginner Course.

On the following page we provide a schedule of No Fear MiniBridge resources and activities that support our Foundation Course programme. You may find this helpful in planning your self-learning.

Part 1 - Learning to Play

Trick Taking

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=612&L=1

Overview of MiniBridge

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=612&L=2

Introduction to Scoring

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=612&L=3

Choosing the Contract

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=612&L=4

Playing with others

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=612&L=5

Part 2 – Playing Better MiniBridge

Plan the Play (NT) Part1. Top Winners & Play in right order

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=619&L=1

Top Tricks 1-4; Blockages 5-8

Plan the Play (NT) Part2. Promoting and Establishing.

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=619&L=2

Promoting (Tricks by Force & Length) 9-24; Ducking 25-28;

Plan the Play (NT) Part 3 Finessing, The Plan

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=619&L=3

Finessing 29-40

Plan the Play - Suit Contracts

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=619&L=4

Contract There – Draw Trumps: 41-44; Draw Trumps and Ruff: 45-48; Tricks by Force: 49-52; Lose to establish ruffs: 53-56; Delay drawing trumps: 57-64; Suit establishment / discard 65-68; Crossruff: 69-72; More finesses: 73-76; Ruffing Finesse 77-80.

Opening Leads

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=619&L=5

Cardplay For Defenders

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=619&L=6

Transitioning to Bridge

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_courses.php?C=619&L=7

ALL 80 MINIBRIDGE PRACTICE HANDS: https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/app_handsselect.php