

Smith Echo

Reverse Smith Peters (Smith Echo)

This is a technique employed by either defender to indicate 'attitude' regarding the opening lead against a no-trump contract.

How does it work? The principle is very simple. On the first trick played by declarer, whether it is led from dummy or from his hand, either defender can play a low card to say to partner 'I like the suit originally led'. Conversely an unnecessary high card would say 'I'd prefer you to switch to a suit different to that originally led when you get the lead'.