

For example, you hold

♠ 9 2  
♥ 9 7 3  
♦ 8 7 6  
♣ Q 10 7 6 3

and the bidding has gone as follows

<u>You</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>South</u>
	1♦	1♠	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

If partner had not bid you would've lead 4<sup>th</sup> best from your longest and strongest suit (clubs). Because partner went out of his way to bid spades, you should respect partner's bid and lead his suit. The hand might be:

		<u>Dummy</u>	
		♠ 8 6 5	
		♥ K Q J	
		♦ A K Q 10	
		♣ A 5 4	
	♠ 9 2		♠ K Q J 4 3
	♥ 9 7 3		♥ A 6 5 2
	♦ 8 7 6		♦ J 5
	♣ Q 10 7 6 3		♣ 9 8
		♠ A 10 7	
		♥ 10 8 4	
		♦ 9 5 4 3	
		♣ K J 2	

If you lead partner's suit you set the contract. If you lead your suit you don't set the contract. Also, if you lead partner's suit you keep partner happy – partner can never say “why did you lead that suit?” when it's his suit you're leading!