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With Larry Cohen

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Today's (MONDAY) Schedule

10:15 AMPlay-4 Deals/Lesson
2:15 PMFrench Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
8:15 PMKnockouts (Session 3 of 3) and Side Game

Tomorrow's (TUESDAY) Schedule

French Open Pairs Event Leaders

Pct	Score	•	Pair
67.22	60.50	S-6	Howard Weiner - Judith Weiner
66.67	60.00	S-5	Margot Livenspargar - Donald Partridge
61.67	55.50	S-6	Jane Herman - William Herman
58.33	52.50	S-5	Louise Waters - Graham Waters
53.33	48.00	S-4	Alan Godes - Henry Gertzman
50.00	45.00	S-2	Annalisa Ebanks - Bruce Ebanks
48.33	43.50	S-7	Jonathan Lowe - Michelle Stencel

French Gold Rush Pairs Event Leaders

Pct	Score	Pair
61.67	18.50	Richard Schneider - Janna Gies
56.67	17.00	Mary Chiu - Scott Humphrey
56.67	17.00	Alan Drucker - Jayne Drucker
51.67	15.50	Claire Evans - Marshall Evans

Tips From Larrycohen.com Strategy at Trick 2 vs. Suit Contracts

The big decision/choice on defense (after you've won the first trick) is whether to be aggressive or passive at trick 2. Should you bang down an ace and make a high-risk, attacking play? Or, should you just get out of your own way and let declarer do their own dirty work. Usually, the latter approach is best, but there are many exceptions.

If dummy has a side suit that might be a source of discards for declarer, that suggests aggression. If declarer might be trumping in dummy, that suggests a trump switch. If there is no reason to suspect dummy has anything of value, it is usually right to make a safe/passive play at trick 2.