

Calling Plain Bob Minor – touches

A touch of Plain Bob Minor – 120 changes

There are three ways of writing the same touch.

Every lead

23456

- 23564
36245
64352
45623
- 45236
- 45362
56423
62534
23645
- 23456

Each lead end is written out (without the treble) and a dash means that lead end has a bob. Read this composition as:

- There is a bob the first lead
- Three leads with no calls
- Two consecutive bobs
- Three leads with no calls
- Followed by a final bob which brings it round.

By leads between calls

23456

1 23564
4 45236
1 45362
4 23456 "One Four One Four"

The numbers on the left show when the bob or single is next called. Read this composition as:

- A bob is called at the first lead end
- The next bob is called the fourth lead after that (so three plain leads and then the bob).
- The first after that makes two consecutive bobs
- The bob at the fourth lead end after that brings it round.

In courses

W	H	23456	

-	-	45236	Wrong, Home
-	-	23456	Wrong, Home

The calling positions are written out along the top (only the ones used in the touch). Read the grid left to right and top to bottom calling a bob where there is a dash and a single for an 's'.

The numbers show the lead end when the tenor comes to its home position (whether a bob would be called or not) at the end of each row of the composition.

The Ringing World Diary

The Ringing World Diary has pages of touches written in these different formats.

In the course grids you don't make any call if there is no dash or 's'. Sometimes a number is written instead. Here is an example:

576 Plain Bob Minor
 Donald F Morrison (arr)

2345 F B I H
 5342 - s
3245 ss 1 3

Repeat.

The numbers will refer to bobs unless otherwise indicated. The 1 on the second line could be written as a dash meaning one bob. The 3 means three bobs at Home with a whole course in between each. If the calls include singles it will be annotated like this:

564 Plain Bob Minor
 Robert T Kakuk (arr)

23456 W F T H
 35246 - s
 52436 s
 52346 2 3*
23456 ss s 4*

3*=bsb, 4*=sbsb.

The 2 refers to 2 bobs as it is not annotated. The 3 and 4 use singles as described underneath.

Repeat 5 times means there are 6 'parts' in total and the change written out is the change at the end of the first part. If it just says 'repeat' then it is a two part. Sometimes 'three part' is written instead of 'repeat twice'.