

Opening Leads



Why do Standard Leads matter?

Q J 10

If you opt to lead the 10 from this sequence (and your partner knows your leads are unreliable!) then it could be from any of these combinations:

10 5

J 10

K Q J 10

And More

K 8 4 2

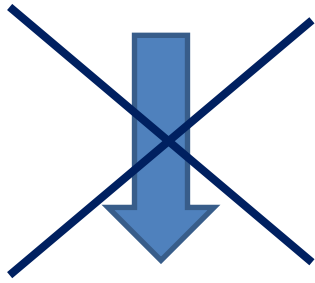
K 4 2

Q J 10 9

NOT 4th HIGHEST WHEN WE HAVE A SEQUENCE

Q 10 9 8 2

NOT 4th HIGHEST WHEN WE HAVE AN INTERNAL SEQUENCE TO THE 10, JACK OR QUEEN.



Q 9 8 7 2

J 10 7

K J 10 9 8 2

Against a suit contract

A K 6 2

Against a No-Trump contract

A K 6 2

A detailed illustration of a human skull, viewed from the front. The skull is rendered in a realistic style with shading that highlights its bony structure. The most striking feature is the eyes, which are replaced by bright, glowing orange and red flames, giving the skull a menacing and fiery appearance. The skull is set against a dark, almost black background, which makes the glowing eyes stand out prominently. The overall tone is ominous and serves as a visual metaphor for the text overlaid on the image.

**AVOID UNDER LEADING AN ACE AGAINST A
SUIT CONTRACT AND LEADING THE
UNSUPPORTED ACE IS OFTEN BAD!!**

Against a No-Trump contract

K Q J 5 3

Against a No-Trump contract

K **Q** **10** **5** **3**

Against a suit contract

Q J 6 4

Against a No-Trump contract

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Against a suit contract

K Q 5 3

Against a No-Trump contract

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Against a No-Trump contract

K Q 8 5 3

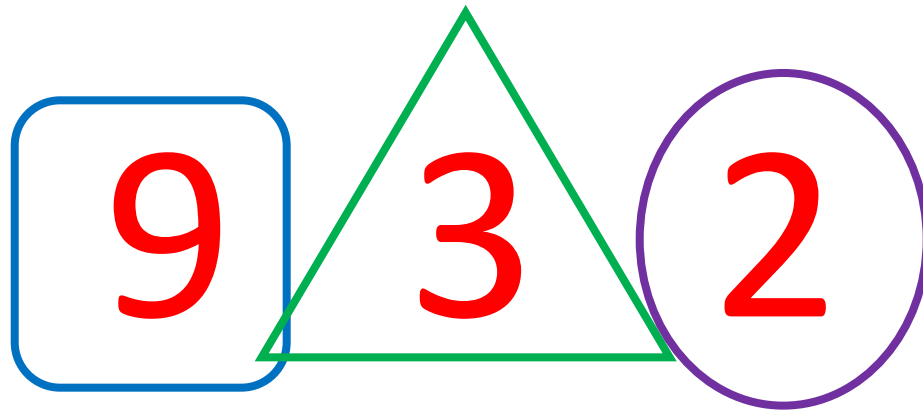
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K Q 8 5 3

Against a No-Trump contract

A K J 10 9 5

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Which suit is best to lead

K Q J 10

Q J 10 9

Which suit is best to lead

Q 10 8 5

Q J 10 9

Which suit is best to lead

Q 10 8 5

J 10 9 8



West

♠ 9 8 6

♥ K 6 5 3 2

♦ A 8 4 2

♣ 5

North	East	South	West
-	-	1NT	Pass
3NT	End		

What should West lead?

North	East	South	West
-	-	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	End

What should West lead?

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♠ A 5 3 2

♥ Q 10 7 3

♦ 9 8 7

♣ 5 2

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♥ Q 9 7 3 2

♦ 9 8

♣ 5 2

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-	-	1S	Pass
2D	Pass	2S	Pass
3S	End		

What should West lead?

West

♠ J 8

♥ 9 5 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ K 5 4 3

North	East	South	West
-	-	1S	Pass
2D	Pass	2H	Pass
3H	Pass	4H	End

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♥ Q 4 2

♦ J 7 4

♣ K 6

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♦ 7 4

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♥ 4

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♠ A 2

♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ K J 10

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What should West lead?

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♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

♦ J 10

♣ J 10

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Question Time

