

Opening Leads – Practice

The first decision you need to make when you are the player "on lead" is which suit. That all depends on which suit(s) the opponents bid, which suit your partner bid if any, and what the final contract is. If the final contract is in a suit, a good lead is usually a singleton (not in trump). If the final contract is No Trump, then a singleton may not be a good idea unless partner bid that suit.

Usually, a good lead is a suit that your partner bid. In No Trump you should usually lead from your longest and strongest suit. Once you have decided on the suit, then you must decide which card from that suit. Usually, your partner should try to lead you back the same suit once (and if) s/he takes the lead. The following leads are only suggestions. Step 1, decide on which suit based on the bidding and your strength in each suit. Step 2, pick the card from that suit as follows:



NT contract: ♣Q, ♦7, ♠6, ♥8

Suit contract: ♥8, ♣Q, ♦K, ♠6



NT contract: ♠10, ♥3, ♣J, ♦10

Suit contract: ♠10, ♥3, ♣J, ♦10



NT contract: ♠J, ♦10, ♣6, ♥8

Suit contract: ♠J, ♦10, ♣6, ♥8



NT contract: ♦Q, ♠2, ♥4, ♣2

Suit Contract: ♣2, ♦Q, ♥J, ♠2



NT contract: ♦3, ♠6, or ♥2

Suit contract: ♥2, ♦3, ♠6



NT contract: ♦5, ♥7, ♣5, ♠7

Suit contract: ♦A, ♥7, ♣5, ♠7



NT contract: ♥10, ♣6, ♠6, ♦5

Suit contract: ♦5, ♣K, ♥10, ♠6



NT contract: ♠4, ♣10, ♥6, ♦8

Suit contract: ♣10, ♠4, ♥2, ♦4