

Opening Leads 11/3/20

N.T. Contracts

If partner bids a suit, what do you lead from:

7 2 7

Q 5 Q

QJx Q

K83 3 Q942 2

863 8

Otherwise top of sequence or 4th best from best suit:

KQJxx K

QJ932 Q

QJ432 3

KJ1032 J (coded 10)

K7432 3

76432 7

K9872 7

AQJ32 Q

KQ109x Q (asks for Jack)

Two equal suits one headed by an Ace?

A752 K642 432 85 (Lead heart 2, save Ace for entry)

Lead of King asks for attitude:

AKx Partner: Q8432 or 642

Lead of Ace asks for unblock an honor or show show count:

AKJ1054 Partner: Qx or 97 or 972

Trump Contracts

If partner bids a suit best to lead it:

Ax A

Kx K

Q63 3

8 4 8

7 5 2 7

K72 2

Axx Do not lead this suit (usually)

Silent partner:

KQJx K QJxx Q J109x J

K852 2 9832 9 A642 Do not lead!!!!

AKxx A

AK (doubleton) K

BAD LEADS:

1. Under lead an Ace

2. Singleton trump

3. Leading into declarer's suit.

4. Leading doubleton honor: Ax or Kx or Qx or Jx (in unbid suit)

Defending a 4S contract what would you lead from?

x K752 Q643 A952