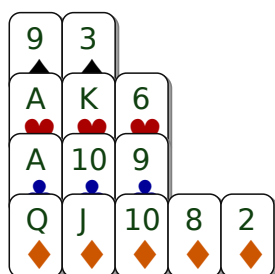


Trump leads

Good leads

- a suit headed with Ace and King
- a singleton....except trump!
- Partner's suit...except if you have the ace
- an honor sequence

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass



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, Ace♥ : lead from a sequence AKx lead from your strongest sequence so as to be in hand in order to find the next play.

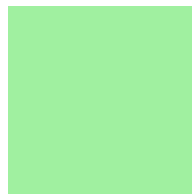


Trump leads

Leads to avoid

- a suit bid by Opps
- a trump singleton
- an ace if you aren't in possession of the King
- under an ace, even if your P has bid the suit

S	W	N	E
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	



Q	3		
K	10	6	4
K	10	5	2
J	10	9	

Exercise 2023J ♠, top of a short sequence, seems to be the least risky option. ♥ or ♣ is more hazardous and a trump lead is out of the question with the Q 2nd !

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Q	4		
9	4	3	2
A	K	2	
10	9	8	6



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Exercise Q2004

Don't lead Ace ♣ as you will establish West's ♣ suit.

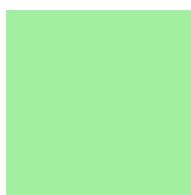
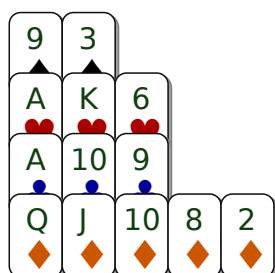




Trump leads

Example

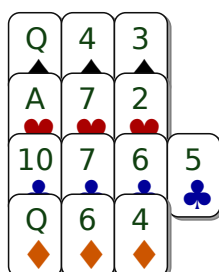
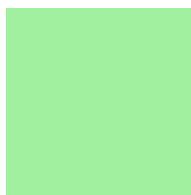
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1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass



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, Ace♥ : lead from a sequence AKx lead from your strongest sequence so as to be in hand in order to find the next play.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			



Exercise 2068 ♣ is the least compromising suit.

- Don't think of leading a suit with the Ace 3rd : forget about ♥ ! If your partner holds K ♥, you will most probably make your 2 tricks. But, if the K sits in the declarer's hand...



Trump leads

Exemple

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

J	10	4	2
2			
A	9	3	2
Q	J	8	4



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, By elimination - the best suit to lead is CA(Q) With a good trump holding, don't lead your singleton which would lead you to ruff with the trump cards you would have cashed anyway. Don't lead under your ace.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			



K	Q	10		
4	2			
10	5	2		
J	10	9	4	2

Exercise 2003 Give priority to the strongest sequence in the shortest suit.

