



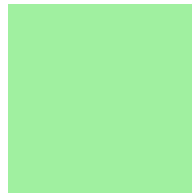
Leading with Trumps : suit preference signal

Leading with trumps

Without a good lead in your hand, lead trumps. This will be a a suit preference signal for your P : when he's in hand, he will play the suit called for : * With a sequence headed with at least one honor,

- a low card is a preference signal for the lowest-ranked suit
- a high-ranked card is a preference signal for the higher-ranking suit.

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



K	7	5	4
♠	♠	♠	♠
K	J	2	
♥	♥	♥	
Q	7	2	
♣	♣	♣	
Q	9	5	
♦	♦	♦	

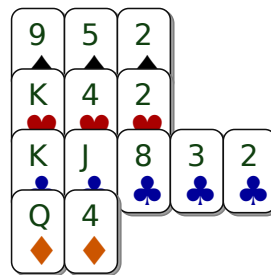
Exercise 3824 as South, without a good lead, choose trump. the card played will tell your partner which suit to get back to you, if he is in hand. Here the 7 ♠ is a preference signal for ♥ return (the highest non trump suit).



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Trump leads : examples

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			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			



Exercise 3822 Here lead with the 2 of trumps to signal a preference for the lowest-ranked suit (♣). Avoid leading a doubleton if you aren't sure you will be back in hand.