

Hints and Tips

Bridge First Steps

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Defender Lead Tips

- With a sequence of high cards (e.g. QJT) lead the highest one.
- If you have a good suit (e.g. KJ43), lead the lowest one.
- If you have a poor suit (e.g. 874), lead the second highest.
- If you win the lead and your partner led an honour or low card in a suit earlier then it's usually a good idea to lead that suit.

Declarer Play Tips

- Make a plan before playing a card from dummy to the first trick.
- Count your winners first.
- Work out where you can make extra tricks.
- Look for long suits.
- Look if there are any finesses to take.