

Leads Against a Suit Contract

Bridge: First Steps

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	You Hold	Standard lead	Examples	Comments
Best	Honour Sequence Near Honour Sequence	Top	<u>Q</u> JT3 <u>K</u> QT4	As good against a suit contract as against NT.
	Two touching honours	Top	<u>K</u> Q52	Make sure of setting up a trick.
	Singleton Doubleton	No choice! Top	<u>X</u> <u>9</u> 3	Short-suit leads can work well, but be realistic about your chances of a ruff.
	Poor suit	Second highest	9 <u>7</u> 32 7 <u>3</u> 2	Avoid the second example if you can; partner might mistake this for a lead from a good suit
	One honour	Lowest (unless Ace)	K7 <u>3</u> <u>A</u> 73	Can be risky, avoid unless you think partner has good cards in this suit.
Worst	Interior Sequence	Top of sequence	K <u>J</u> T3	Too likely to give a trick away.

If no other lead looks attractive consider leading a trump. Trump leads can also be effective if there is a short suit in dummy which declarer might be hoping to ruff.