

DEFENDER PLAY  
OPENING LEAD SUMMARY

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**OPENING LEADS FROM PARTNER'S SUIT**

AGAINST NO TRUMP CONTRACTS	AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS
	The Ace A 7 5    A J T 6
Top of a Doubleton 9 6    K 7    J 2	
Top of Touching Honors Q J 5    T 9 3    J T 7	
Low from Three or Four to an Honor Q 7 4    A 3 2    K 8 4 3    J 5 4 2	
Top of Three or Four Small 9 7 4    6 3 2    9 8 4 3    7 5 4 2	Did Raise --> Lead High 9 7 4    6 3 2    9 8 4 3    7 5 4 2
	Did Not Raise --> Lead Low 9 7 4    6 3 2    9 8 4 3    7 5 4 2

**OPENING LEADS FROM YOUR SUIT**

AGAINST NO TRUMP CONTRACTS	AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS
	Sure Tricks A K    A K 5    A K Q    A K Q 7
Top of Touching Honors three card (broken) sequence A K Q 7    Q J T 3    Q T 9 8 3	Top of Touching Honors two card (or more) sequence A K 9 4    Q J 8 4    K J T 9
	Singleton or Top of Spot Doubleton only if have trump A    J    9 4    8 6
Fourth Highest Q T 8 4    K J 7 5 3    A K 9 4	Fourth Highest Q T 8 4    K J 7 5 3    K T 9 4
	Low from Three to an Honor K 7 4    J 9 2
Top of Nothing 9 7 6    7 5 4 2    8 7 5 3	
	A Trump

YOUR SUIT AGAINST A NO TRUMP CONTRACT

YOUR SUIT AGAINST A SUIT CONTRACT

- Avoid leading fourth highest from **Axxx**, **AQxx**, **AJxx** or **KJxx** but ok to lead fourth from **AQxxx** or **AJxxx**.

- Do not underlead an Ace
- Do not lead a singleton King
- Do not lead top from **Ax**, **Kx**, **Qx**, or **Jx**.