

DEFENDER PLAY - SPRING 2017  
**OPENING LEAD SUMMARY**

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**OPENING LEADS FROM PARTNER'S SUIT**

AGAINST NO TRUMP CONTRACTS	AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS
	<b>The Ace</b> A 7 5    A J T 6
	<b>Top of a Doubleton</b> 9 6    K 7    J 2
	<b>Top of Touching Honors</b> Q J 5    T 9 3    J T 7
	<b>Low from Three or Four to an Honor</b> Q 7 4    A 3 2    K 8 4 3    J 5 4 2
<b>Top of Three or Four Small</b> 9 7 4    6 3 2    9 8 4 3    7 5 4 2	<b>Did Raise --&gt; Lead High</b> 9 7 4    6 3 2    9 8 4 3    7 5 4 2
	<b>Did Not Raise --&gt; Lead Low</b> 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
	<b>Sure Tricks</b> A K    A K 5    A K Q    A K Q 7
<b>Top of Touching Honors</b> three card (broken) sequence A K Q 7    Q J T 3    Q T 9 8 3	<b>Top of Touching Honors</b> two card (or more) sequence A K 9 4    Q J 8 4    K J T 9
	<b>Singleton or Top of Spot Doubleton</b> only if have trump A    J    9 4    8 6
<b>Fourth Highest</b> Q T 8 4    K J 7 5 3    A K 9 4	<b>Fourth Highest</b> Q T 8 4    K J 7 5 3    K T 9 4
	<b>Low from Three to an Honor</b> K 7 4    J 9 2
<b>Top of Nothing</b> 9 7 6    7 5 4 2    8 7 5 3	
	<b>A Trump</b>

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**.