

DEFENDER PLAY - SPRING 2019  
**OPENING LEAD SUMMARY**

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**OPENING LEADS FROM PARTNER'S SUIT**

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

**OPENING LEADS FROM YOUR SUIT**

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|  | <b>Sure Tricks</b><br>A K    A K 5    A K Q    A K Q 7  |
| <b>Top of Touching Honors</b><br>three card (broken) sequence<br>A K Q 7    Q J T 3    Q T 9 8 3 | <b>Top of Touching Honors</b><br>two card (or more) sequence<br>A K 9 4    Q J 8 4    K J T 9 |
|  | <b>Singleton or Top of Spot Doubleton</b><br>only if have trump<br>A    J    9 4    8 6       |
| <b>Fourth Highest</b><br>Q T 8 4    K J 7 5 3    A K 9 4   | <b>Fourth Highest</b><br>Q T 8 4    K J 7 5 3    K T 9 4                                      |
|  | <b>Low from Three to an Honor</b><br>K 7 4    J 9 2   |
| <b>Top of Nothing</b><br>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**.