

Leads against Trump Contract

The Lead Line			
Card Lead	A K Q J 10	9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2
Meaning	Shows cards below	High for Hate	Low for Like
	Denies cards above		

Good Leads

- *Ace from ace-king*
- *Singleton from a side suit (not trumps)*
- *Partner's suit*
- *Top of a sequence (of 2)*

Middling Leads

- *Top from 2 cards*
- *Trumps*
- *High from **Hate** (rubbish)*
- *Low for **Like** (broken honours)*

Bad Leads

- *Do not lead away from an Ace*

Leads against NoTrumps

- *Fourth highest in longest, strongest suit (must have a picture card) unless Three touching/near touching high cards: lead top of sequence or no honours, in which case high for hate*
- *Or in a different suit because
Partner's bid suit
Opponents bid your suit*

Source: Bridge Lessons: Opening Lead, by Andrew Robson