NIGHTMARE LEADS

Remember the recommended honour lead of top of a sequence? It must be from at least 3 cards!

Observe: you lead Q from QJxx, dummy has K10x and declarer holds Ax. You have now turned 1 trick into NO tricks!

What about KQxx? The king looks safe enough surely.

OK, you lead the king and dummy turns up with Jxx while declarer again has Ax. This time you have turned one or two tricks into just one, or even none!

Opponents will love you!

4th highest is a good lead vs no trumps, but can be dangerous against a suit, especially if you underlead an ace. What if there’s the bare king in dummy?

x from Kxxx can be dodgy whether vs a suit contract or NT. Declarer may hold AQ tight, and your trick has evaporated!

Small from a K is bad, from a Q is OK, from Jxxx is to be avoided at all costs!