OPENING LEADS

STANDARD LEADS
a. Lead the top of touching honors KQJ QJ10
b. Lead second highest from touching honors AJ10 KJ10
c. Lead high from any doubleton 94 J7
d. If you have to lead from a 3 card suit to an honor, it’s better to lead from a K then a Q. K will usually survive to take a trick.

LEADS AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS
a. The best lead is the top of touching honors
b. If partner has bid a suit – LEAD IT
c. Lead trump of the opponents have each bid a suit of their own and have settled on a third suit
d. If all other leads look hopeless,, lead trump

WHEN NOT TO LEAD SINGLETONS OR DOUBLETONS
a. If you give up a potential trump trick by ruffing
b. If you have 4 or mote trump, try to lead declarer’s short suit to force him to ruff, this reduces his number of trumps

LEADS AGAINST NT
a. Attack by leading 4th best from your longest/strongest suit. Length prevails over strength, holding Q965 10985 73 853 Lead heart 10
b. Lead partner’s suit first, if he has bid
c. Avoid leading from a 4-card suit headed by AQ or AJ
d. Leading from Jxxx usually doesn’t work well for your side
e. If you have a bad hand, try to determine partner’s suit and lead it

LEADS AGAINST SLAMS
a. Make attacking leads
b. If you have an Ace, you might play it to get a signal from partner however, do NOT lead an Ace if you have potential winners in Other suits