

## Lead of King vs NoTrump

## Opening Lead

	vs No Trump	vs Suit
<b>3-Card Seq</b> <b>KQJ76</b>	K	K
<b>3-Card Near</b> <b>Seq</b> <b>KQ1076</b>	K	K
<b>2-Card Seq</b> <b>KQ754</b>	5	K

	♠ 4 3 <u>2</u>	
♠ <u>K</u> Q 10 8 7	N W     E S	
	♠ <u>A</u>	

- West would like to know who has ♠J

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♠ <u>K</u> Q 10 8 7	N W     E S	♠ <u>J</u> 5
	♠ <u>A</u> 9 6	

When your partner leads a king vs NT, if you have an honour (AKQJ10), you should generally play it.

	♠ 4 3 <u>2</u>	
♠ <u>K</u> Q 10 8 7	W                  E	♠ <u>9</u> 5
	♠ A J 6	

**Without an honour, give a Count Signal**

**-High->Low shows an even number of cards**

**-Low->High show an odd number of cards**

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	♠ A J	

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♠ <u>K</u> Q J 8 7	W            E	♠ <u>A</u> 5
	♠ 10 9 6	

Unblock with the ace, unless you can see this would cost a trick.

	♠ 7 6 <u>5</u>	
♠ A <u>K</u> J 10	W            E	♠ <u>Q</u> 4 3
	♠ 9 8 2	

	♠ 7 6 <u>5</u>	
♠ A <u>K</u> J 10	W            E	♠ 9 4 <u>3</u>
	♠ Q 8 2	

	♠ 4 3 <u>2</u>	
♠ <u>K</u> Q 8 7 6	W	E ♠ <u>J</u> 5
Wrong!	♠ <u>A</u> 10 9	

Do NOT lead king if you cannot afford your partner to unblock.

Correct Lead: K Q 8 7 6

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West

♠ K 5 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ A K 3

♣ J 6

## vs No Trump

- Lead of a King is an instruction for your partner to play an honour if they have one, otherwise give a Count Signal:
  - HIGH=EVEN
  - LOW=ODD
- Lead of Ace asks for an attitude signal
  - HIGH to Encourage
  - LOW to Discourage

Ace is for Attitude, King is for Count