

give your partner the information that you hold the Ace or Ten of the preceding suits. For example, if it is a Heart Solo and you lead a Spade, your partner then knows you must have the Ace or Ten of Diamonds and Clubs. If you lead a Heart your partner knows you have the Ace or Ten of all the other suits. Should you regain the lead, continue opening the next suits of which you have neither Ace nor Ten in rotation, even although your first lead may have dinked the Soloer. Your partner, when in the lead, will do the "dinking," and if you continue the suit you may take out the only card of that suit your partner has and force him to open a new suit when he gets the lead.

When the opening lead is up to a Solo, i. e., through your partner, the Soloer being last to play, it is often very difficult to know how to open. If you hold an Ace-Ten suit it is best to lead one of them. If you have no such suit it is generally considered best to lead trumps, on the ground that the bidder must be strong and that that suit must be his. If your partner frogs, thereby showing strength in Hearts, and your hand warrants it, it is sometimes good to lead a Heart. Avoid opening new suits; better to return the bidder's lead unless your partner has shown you by his play that he holds Ace or Ten of a suit.