

NOTES ON AUCTION

then be short of your long suit. The bidding should tell you what suit to lead. If your partner has declared and you have not, unless you have a suit, which you know is better to play for, lead the best you have of his suit.

When declarer at No Trump has overbid your partner's bid more than once, you can make up your mind that he expects you to lead your partner's suit, and therefore, if you have a suit of your own, lead it, as it may be that your suit is what he lacks and possibly your partner may be able to help your suit.

Again, when declarer has over-bid your partner's suit and you hold the Ace or King to three or more of your partner's suit it often pays to lead a small card as by so doing, should your partner arise to the situation, he will take the first trick, return the lead through declarer, and you may be able to capture a twice-guarded Queen.

STANDARD LEAD AT TRUMPS

Holding	Lead	Follow	Remarks
A K Q X	King	Queen	Best
A K J X	King	Ace	"
A K 10 X	King	Ace	"
A K X X	King	Ace	"
A K only	Ace	King	"
K Q J 10	King	10	Good
K Q J X	King	Queen	"
K Q X X	King	Queen	"
K Q	King		"
Q J 10 X	Queen	Jack	"
Q J 9 X	Queen		"
Q J X X	4th best		"
Q J X	Queen		"
Q J	Queen		"
J 10 9 X	Jack	10	"