

Opening Leads when opponents bid No Trump

- The best way to play or to defend against no trump contracts is to get your tricks in your **long** suit before you play out your own high cards.
- No trump is a race between defenders and declarer to set up your **long** suits

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SHORT SUIT: lead a singleton or a doubleton in hopes of using your trump cards to ruff.

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Lead the ♠ 6, a doubleton

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Lead the ♠ 6, a singleton

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LONG SUIT: this is called a forcing defense. You keep leading your long suit to force declarer to use up his trumps.

♠ 10 5 3 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 4 ♣ K Q J 10 8

If opponents are in 4 ♠, lead the ♣ K

A TRUMP: when declarer is likely to want to trump out his losers