

TIP: Do not lead an ace on opening lead

Do not lead aces on opening lead. The reason for this is as follows: what will the opponents play when you lead an ace? That's right – twos and threes. **ACES ARE MEANT TO TAKE KINGS AND QUEENS**

Look at the following hand

Contract: 4 Spades

	♠ A Q 2	
	♥ Q 3 2	
	♦ 7 6 5	
	♣ 7 6 5 4	
♠ 4		♠ 6 5 3
♥ A 9 8 7		♥ J 10 6 5
♦ Q 10 3 2		♦ K J 10
♣ Q 10 3 2	♠ K J 10 9 8 7	♣ K J 10
	♥ K 4	
	♦ A 4 3	
	♣ A 9	

If you lead the ace of hearts you set up the king and queen of hearts as tricks. Declarer will later win the king of hearts and then use the queen of hearts to discard a losing diamond or club

If you lead something else – a fourth best diamond or club – eventually declarer will play the king of hearts. This will lose to your ace, and declarer's queen will be set up. But declarer will only win 1 heart trick (the queen) and not 2 heart tricks (the king and the queen)

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