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This Week in Bridge Better Card Play – Interpreting Opening Leads

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Spot Card Leads

- 4th Best Leads
 - Attitude Oriented Lead 412 Leads
 - 4th from Honor, high as you can afford from
 - o Rule of 11
 - Looking at lowest card 4-card suit
 - Visualize the Cards
- 3rd / 5th Leads
 - Count Oriented Leads
 - o Rule of 10/12
- Leads in Partner's Suit
 - Attitude if Supported
 - Count if Not Supported

Honor Leads

- Suits Don't underlead Ace
 - Ace AKx
 - King KQx or AK
 - o Queen QJx
 - Jack JTx or KJT
 - Ten T9x or KT9x or QT9x
 - Nine 98x or K98x or Q98x or J98x
- NT Standard Leads
 - Ace (Power) AKJTx
 - King KQJx or KQTx or AKJx
 - Queen (Power) QJTx or QJ98 or KQT9
 - Jack JTx or KJT
 - Ten T97x or AT9x or KT9x or QT9x
 - Nine 98x or A98x or K98x or Q98x or J98x