

Bidding quiz leads against NT (taken from “Opening Leads by Mike Lawrence”):

<u>West</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
♠ K8652				1H
♥ A3	1S	2C	P	3NT
♦ QJ7	P	P	P	
♣ T53	lead Q of ♦, part did not raise spades, nothing there – might have help in ♦, might be able to lead ♠ through later			

<u>West</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
♠ T94		1C	P	1H
♥ QJT52	P	1S	P	2NT
♦ K8	P	3NT	P	P
♣ J76	P lead 5 of ♥, need partner to have the K or A or 9 of ♥ to set up suit.			

<u>West</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
♠ 6532		1S	P	2C
♥ QT65	P	2S	P	3NT
♦ 64	P	P	P	
♣ AQ6	5 of ♥ because unbid suit other leads too passive, tempo important and ♣ too dangerous			

Same hand, different auctions:

<u>West</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
♠ 87				1NT
♥ QJ7	P	3NT	P	P
♦ J9763	P			
♣ A63	lead the six of ♦... Dummy has 7+ minor suit cards but you might lose a stopper by leading a heart card. With some entries you hope diamonds set up			

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♠ 87				1D
♥ QJ7	P	1S	P	2NT
♦ J9763	P	3NT	P	P
♣ A63	P			

Lead the Q of ♥. South bid diamonds that is discouraging since it looks like it is a real suit. Hearts as the unbid major seem to be most promising – hope that partner has at 4 or 5 of them and with two honors in my hand we can set them up. Exception to lead only from 3 card sequence.

West	W	N	E	S
♠ 87		1H	P	2D
♥ QJ7	P	2S	P	2NT
♦ J9763	P	3NT	P	P
♣ A63	P			

Lead the three of clubs... both diamonds and hearts are awful – and you need too much from partner to make the 8 of spades work – if he had a good five card spade suit with 8 points he might have bid it over 1H. with 4 spades to the Q in partners hand a lead would hurt. In clubs, you might set up a four or five card suit in his hand.

Bidding quiz leads against **Suit Contracts** (from “Opening Leads by Mike Lawrence”):

West	W	N	E	S
♠ QJ95	P	1S	P	2H
♥ Q43	P	2NT	P	3C
♦ K976	P	3H	P	4H
♣ T4	P	P	P	

lead the 6 of ♦. Often with this hand you could lead the Q of ♠ but N opened a spade – warning against leading a spade. You do not know if leading a diamond works, but at least no clear warning signs against it.

West	W	N	E	S
♠ J83	P	1D	1H	1S
♥ 63	P	1NT	P	2S
♦ QJ8	P	P	P	
♣ QJ863				

Lead the six of ♥. Partner overcalled and basically demands a heart lead. The clubs are not quite good enough to overcall that demand and lead them... Maybe with KQJxx you should lead clubs instead of a doubleton heart.

West	W	N	E	S
♠ Q973	P	1S	P	2H
♥ Q2	P	3H	P	4H
♦ 764	P	P	P	
♣ AJ83				

Lead the four of diamonds – I know it seems weird to lead low without an honor. BUT you do not want partner to think you want a ruff in diamonds. You cannot lead clubs, nor spades or trump – hope that partner realized what is going on and switches to a club.

<u>West</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
♠ 873			1H	P	1S
♥ T63		P	2S	P	P
♦ Q3		P			
♣ K9732					

Lead the 3 of ♣. Reasonable lead in comparison of options, unbid suit with some potential. Trump might work out but not worth the risk. Diamonds and hearts are out so go ahead and lead the sensible suit.

Same hand, different auctions:

<u>West</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
♠ T86					1S
♥ AJ86		P	1NT	P	3H
♦ KT942		P	3S	P	4S
♣ 5		P	P	P	

lead the 6 of ♠ BUT not the 10. Try to remove dummies ruffing power, partner does not have much in terms of high cards and you see two or three heart tricks in your hand if dummy is not ruffing them out.

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♠ T86					1C
♥ AJ86		P	1H	P	1S
♦ KT942		P	2S	P	3S
♣ 5		P	4S	P	P
		P			

Lead the 10 of ♦. AVOID leading the singleton club, declarer has bid ♣s. You have a great diamond holding to lead from and should attack that suit. Lead the 10 because leading the 4 might cost you a trick