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# Chapter 1

## cardplay

## 1.1 lead

```
# lead vs suit: 3-low
# A/K = ask for count/att, but vs slam K = ask for count
A : Ax, AK, AKQ+, (AK+)
K : Kx, AKx, KQ+, (AK+)
Q : Qx(+), QJ+, (AQJ+)
J : Jx(+), JT+, AJT+, KJT+, (AJx), (KJx)
T : Tx, T9+, AT9+, KT9+, QT9+
hi-X: Xx, xXx+
lo-X: xXx+, HxX, HxXx, HxxxX, HxXxxx..., (xxX+)
# lead vs NT: 4-th
A : Ax, AKQ+, AK
K : Kx, KQ+, AKx, AKJT+
Q : Qx(+), QJ+, AQJ+, KQT9+, (AQx)
J*: Jx(+), JT+
T*: Tx(+), T9+, AJT+, KJT+
9*: 9x(+), AT9+, KT9+, QT9+, [AKT9+], [AQT9+] # exceptionally
hi-X: Xx, xXx+, (Xx+)
lo-X: HxX, HxXx+, HHxX+, xXx+
```

## 1.2 signal

```
UDCA: lo = enc/even
# vs suit
partner's lead: att, s/p
declarer's lead: cnt, s/p
discarding: att
# vs NT
partner's lead: att, s/p
declarer's lead: cnt, s/p
discarding: lav
```

### 1.2.1 Smith echo

```
# vs NT, declarer wins the lead, then on the next round available for
  signal,
# if first round x - x - H - win
both defenders' lo: enc leading suit
# if first round x - win - [att] - x
leader's lo: enc leading suit
# note: on/off may depends on dummy/lead
```

### 1.2.2 other

```
# vs suit, knowing partner empty
hi/lo = S/P
```