

Forcing Defense

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Trump Leads

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You do not lead trump:

- When in doubt
- You have a stiff trump
- You have Qxx in trump
- You want a ruff
- You cannot stop declarer from his short hand ruffs
 - Declarer is 4-4 or 5-4
- You have four or more trump
 - Lead a suit that will make declarer ruff in the long trump hand.

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You are on lead against 4S with the following, what do you lead?

♠: K543 ♥: 8 ♦: A65 ♣: KQJ109

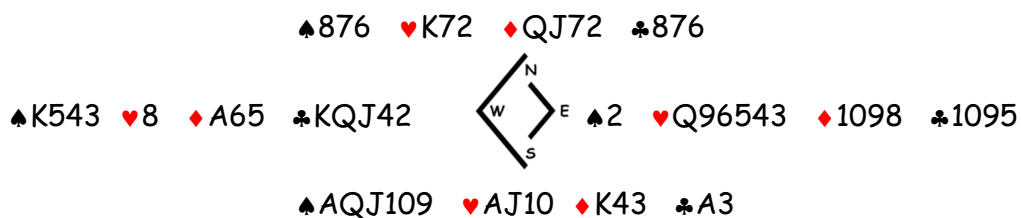
Answer:

♣King.

The whole hand:

North Dealer

None Vulnerable



N	E	S	W
P	P!!	1♠	P!!
2♠	P	4♠	All Pass

Stiff leads help declarer sometimes!

It makes on a heart lead but will go down on a club lead if not played carefully.

Win A♣ and play a small diamond to the Queen and a heart to the ace. A diamond to the Jack and if west wins Ace. He will play two clubs. Ruff a club and with clubs still in dummy, play ♠Queen. Ruff a club in dummy and then draw trump. You can only ruff in the long trump hand once in case trump are 4-1. If they are 5-0, you are down.

If you draw trump before knocking out the Diamond ace, you will be down, losing 3♣'s, 2♠'s and one ♦.