

C) Partner leads a Low card

	{dummy}	
	Q73	
{partner}	AK	{you}
2 Hrts	Q876	J10942
	8432	96
		A32
		J65

There is no doubt here that when you get the lead you should return partner's lead. Yes there are the A + K Hrts in the dummy BUT you at least know that partner has an Hon { and maybe two Hons} so you should not think of switching.

Ci) Partner leads a Low card

	{dummy}	
	Q73	
{partner}	AKJ	{you}
2 Hrts	Q876	J10942
	842	96
		A32
		J65

In this example dummy is strong {too strong} in the led suit; as we have a reasonable alternative in spades we should lead a spade. The J is best.

Cii) Partner leads a Low card

	{dummy}	
	Q73	
{partner}	AKJ	{you}
2 Hrts	Q87	KJ942
	8432	96
		A32
		J65

Now our alternative of spades is not so safe . We have met this situation earlier -yes a spade switch could be good but is more likely to lose us tricks. I would hesitate to lead a spade myself but it could be right I realise. In general returning the Hrt lead *because there is nothing better* is perfectly in order. {Quite like a club switch actually}

Ciii) Partner leads an Low card

	{dummy}	
	Q73	
{partner}	AKJ	{you}
2 Hrts	Q87	A9842
	8432	96
		A32
		J65

Is this any different ? Well it might be. The Hrts in the dummy are very strong making a Hrt return unattractive. Should we switch to spades ? This time we are unlikely to be helping declarer too much. The lead of the 4 Spades is fine.