

I had to play the following trump suit against the opening lead of the 5 of trumps.

	Dummy	
	AJ62	
Lead		
5		
	Declarer	
	Q9843	

I thought for some time about the possibility of trying to drop a singleton king, trying to estimate how likely it was that the lead was from the king. I finally decided to finesse and carelessly called for a low card from dummy. When third hand showed out, I realized that I had returned the trump trick so graciously presented to me.

	Dummy	
	AJ62	
Lead		
KT75		Void
	Declarer	
	Q9843	

I had to win the first trick with the 8, allowing the leader to maintain KT7 over my Q9. Had I played the 6 from dummy, I could have maintained the Q98 to prevent the trump 7 from scoring. You rarely see a trump lead from this holding, but there is no reason not to play the 6 from dummy.

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