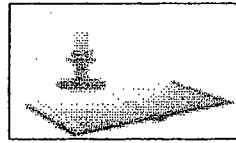


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# Discarding Tips

## #3



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The 4-5 or 7-8 comparison provides some very interesting insights as to the potential of these discards to your crib. It should be noted that the "or" above is not intended to infer that you will always have discard choices. Although knowledge of the potential of discard choices will increase the likelihood that options will appear in hands which seemed previously to have none.

Discard choices are not equally available. For example, the 4-5 works reasonably well with 10-point cards, of which more than 30% comprise the deck. I have recorded 3,059 discards of the 7-8. the 4-5 discard has been made 538 times. Note that the 4-5 average of 6.6 is increasing while the 7-8 average of 6.4 is declining. Even so, at present levels the 4-5 will produce 162 points more than the 7-8 over 1,000 discards. The 4-5 does well with the 10-point cards and makes a nice crib when pone discards K-6, Q-6, 10-6, J-6, K-3, Q-3, J-3, 10-3. It also does well with the 10-point card-Ace which is a common choice. Please note that the 7-8 is an excellent choice if you must have a monster crib (20-24). A closer look at these discard options follows:

### 4-5

	2 Points	3 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 15	16+
6.6 Avg.	35	294	164	40	5*
538 Discards	6.55%	54.59%	30.58%	7.42%	.09%

### 7-8

	2 Points	3 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 15	16+
6.44 Avg.	575	1,633	385	382	84**
3,059 Discards	18.80%	53.36%	12.60%	12.50%	.09%

\* None recorded over 16 points

\*\* 26 of these totaled 20-24 points (monsters)

It should be noted that the 7-8 will tally two points only to your crib nearly three times as frequently as the 4-5. The 7-8 will have a value of 7 points or less 72.16% of the time. In contrast, the 4-5 will total 3-11 points 85.15% of the time. Only when looking at the 12 points or more categories does the 7-8 perform better. Even so, the percentage of "monster" cribs with the 7-8 discard to your own crib is

.08% (that's less than one per hundred times discarded).

Based on this discarding experience, the 4-5 needs to gain favor as one will win more games over time giving this choice a chance to work. By the way, either of these discards averages are higher when given to an opponent. Did you suspect that was true?



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