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George "Ras" Rasmussen - Tip #4

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A question often asked by many players is a **K-10** or a **K-9** the better discard to an opponent's crib? I have recorded 2,999 actual **K-10** and 2,004 **K-9** discards. Based on this empirical data, I have discovered that these two discards are the only ones that average less than 4.0 points.

	7 or Fewer Points	8 or More Points
K-10	86.02%	13.98%
K-9	88.37%	11.63%

When looking at these two discard options in a more definitive manner, there are distinct differences. The **K-10** discard produces a high percentage of zero cribs, far more than any other discard choice and nearly twice as many as the **K-9**. However, the **K-10** is slightly more likely to produce eight points or more in the opponent's crib.

In addition, the **K-10** is more than twice as likely to total twelve points or more. Note that in 55 cases, the **K-10** has added up to more than twelve points...and in eleven cribs the total was sixteen points or more! And the **K-10** may surprise you with a 20 point crib! Even so, the chances of the **K-10** producing sixteen points are less than 1/3 of 1% with 11 actual occurrences in 2,999 discards.

Here is a rundown of the numbers for your perusal:

K-10

	0	1-2	3-7	8-11	12-15	16+
3.884	483	895	1,202	354	54	11
2,999 Discards	16.1%	29.8%	40.1%	11.1%	1.8%	0.4%

K-9

	0	1-2	3-7	8-11	12-15	16+
3.903 Avg.	175	599	997	214	19	0
2,004 Discards	8.7%	29.9%	49.8%	10.7%	1.0%	0.0%

Do you need to blank you opponent's crib? The **K-10** would be

the choice: what about board position? would the risk of 12-20 points motivate a K-9 (which in my experience has never produced more than twelve points)? The choice is a personal one and is often decided by personal bias. In any case, either choice is excellent as no other discard option averages less than 4.0 points.

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