

Answers defensive play

1) a guess in some ways but declarer has thrown 2 x clubs from hand so hardly can have a great interest in that suit. (and they havent discarded spades so thats probably the suit have hopes in). Lead the 10 clubs -partner has the Ace or Queen or both .

2) very hard to do even when you know what to do !

Discard a club.

Your Q clubs (you started with Qxx) is now reduced to Qx but consider

declarer has thrown a club. That was not the act of someone interested in clubs.

Maybe they do have the A + K clubs (maybe) or even at a pinch AKJ BUT your Q was a dead duck then anyway.

Declarer has not discarded diamonds ver-y inter-e-sting.

Wonder why not . They are keeping diamonds to make tricks of course and you need your Q983 diamonds.

3) Partner. (simple answer).

Whatever declarer is up to it does not include diamonds.

If declarer had Qx -----AKxxxx diamonds they would not discard (what would be a winning) diamond from dummy. Even the worst player you know would not throw a diamond here if they held the Q

4) (i) is right -it is fine to overcall 2Sp as the opps auction has come to a halt.

In (ii) the auction may yet soar upwards and we dont overcall on poor hands until we know the opponents are limited (and therefore partner has points)

5) oh yes -I could Double. Double ? A Lightner double to tell partner I have a void and if the right suit is led I can trump it at trick 1 .Don't you need an Ace as well to make a Lightner double ? . No.

6) 5Spades. Might make and won't be expensive . Partner has bid Michaels and so we have a cheap save. We will be doubled but 1 or 2 off will be cheap. And we might make ...

7)Trick 1) Win Ace clubs

Trick 2) Win Ace hearts

Trick 3) Lead the 3 clubs and when the next player plays low play the 10 [it wins]

Trick 4) Play K clubs and discard a diamond.

Take minus marks for anything else.