

Homework answers

1) clearly declarer still has the K sp.

We don't know how the spade suit is distributed but this layout would be fairly normal

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AQ53-----|----- 102
      K7
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If you now lead a spade the declarer will get a trick with their K.

Which can't be a good thing !

A switch to the J cl is good or a heart second choice

Perhaps at some point partner will take the lead and go back to my spades and then we will clean up

2) this time we know declarer has the A + K sp.

Well it won't help declarer if I lead the 10 sp (they will win with a high spade but they were

always going to do that). Eventually I may get a trick with the 9 Sp.

3) Declarer still has the A + Q diamonds.

If I lead another diamond I am leading literally into their hand.

I should switch -anything could be best but the J clubs is safe.

NB Declarer who started with

AQJ diamonds would have done better to win at trick 1 with the Q diamondsthen

I wouldn't know who had the J diamonds.

4) (a) 2Sp for me . Nothing to get excited about. Michaels is a defensive bid (not strong)

(b) well it's better. 3Sp or 4Sp ? Hard to know. Think 4 myself.

(two Aces and a singleton not to be sneezed at)

5) win with K Hrts.

Play 4 sp to Q sp for a finesse (it works)

Play Ace sp and the K drops.

6) The 100% line is to win with the Ace hrts.... NB Strike when strong 10987-----A2
is sufficiently strong not to hold up.....

and lead a heart back at trick 2 (and keep leading Hearts until the 10 is a winner).

If you ducked at trick 1 you may be in some trouble .