

- 1) Declarer no doubt *ducked* the opening lead of the K Hrts.
The leader having won with their K Hearts and seen their partner's high 9 ...
Carried on with the suit .
Declarer made 5 x Spades + 2 x Hearts + 1 x Diamond + 2 x Clubs

NB if the defender *hadn't* played the 9 Hearts then the leader (if left on lead)
would have switched and not lost 2 heart tricks.

2) (i) 9 (ii) 9 (iii) 4 (iv) 4

3) (i) 4 (ii) 10

Ok you got some of those wrong I dare say – well you do need to know the correct
way so another read of the notes ?

4) Double looks clear ; 2nd choice 2NT . There is no 3rd choice.

5) 2D or 1NT. 1NT is all the rage these days.

6) was it a good choice? It often isn't it has to be said but here the 8 clubs
alternative lead doesn't look so bright either.

Anyway back to the defence.

Obviously we win the Ace spades ...we do want to ruff son't we ?

Now lead a heart or a club ?

Best is to lead the Ace hrts and look for a signal from partner.
If they play high lead another heart; if they play low try the club.

Partner will have to be awake and return our original diamond lead.

7) (i) win Ace clubs; play K clubs; Play Q clubs discarding a heart. Draw trumps.
Any other play is wrong.

(ii) win K clubs; draw trumps; draw trumps; draw trumps; play K diamonds; play J
diamonds; play Ace clubs; play Ace diamonds (discarding a heart)) ; play Q
diamonds (discarding a heart)); lead a heart.

[almost] Any other play is wrong. There was a possible variation in that you could
have won the Ace clubs at trick 1.

Note that in these two hands (which both involved discarding potential heart
losers) in one trumps were not drawn straight away and in the other they were.
(I hope you don't think that was a random choice and know the reasons why)