

Answers taking discards

- 1) draw trumps ; then play 3 x rounds of diamonds *throwing a heart* ; then play a club
- 2) 2) play 3 x rounds of diamonds *throwing a heart* ; then draw trumps ;(then much later)play a club
- 3) play 2 x rounds of diamonds; then play a club to the Ace; then play a 3rd diamond *throwing a heart*; then draw trumps
- 4) draw trumps; anything else VERY poor....
- 5) play 3 Ace of diamonds-then play 2 rounds of diamonds *throwing a heart* ; then try drawing trumps (running the 10 is best)
- 6) you need to throw tw hearts before drawing trumps –there are 2 ways to do that (at least) heres one of them :
play Q diamonds; play K clubs; play Ace clubs; play Ace diamonds *throwing a heart* ; play K diamonds *throwing a heart*; draw trumps
- 7) play 3 x rounds of clubs *throwing a heart* ; then draw trumps
- 8) play Q diamonds; then play K club;then play Q clubs; then play Ace diamonds; then play K diamonds *throwing a heart*; then play Ace clubs *throwing a heart*; then draw trumps
- 9) responder should stayman (weak stayman)
- 10)responder should go back to hearts (2H) cf false preference
- 11) Hmmm this doesn't look so bad to me. I would say it was 99% correct.
A subtle improvement I suppose would be for responder to bid 3NT after opener's 2Sp bid (just in case opener has only three spades); It also would send the message that your spades are not gre4at. However opener would still go to 4Sp.
- 12)everyone is wrong here ! opener should not open 2NT with that shape 5-4-3-1
NB we have seen before that opener *might , just might* open 2NT with the shape 4-1-4-4 e.g A654-AKQ8-A-KJ43 but not with the shape given in the question.
(They should open 1Sp and hope the weather stays fine).
But responder is equally twittish. Stayman was clearcut. 3C over the 2NT opener.
- 13) well assuming the partner of the leader did NOT play a high card as the start of a Hi-lo to indicate they wanted to ruff a 3rd diamond lead ... opener in :-
 - a) should trick 1) cash Ace diamonds; trick 2) play 6 clubs ie keep the K diamonds back as clearly it would promote dummy's Q
 - b)should trick 1) cash Ace diamonds ; trick 2) cash K diamonds ; trick 3)cash Ace hearts [trick 4) lead a heart]
the point is that in (b) things are DESPERATE. So cash Aces and Kings;
NB when you see a dummy like that you *cash-out* ie cash as many tricks as u can

