

Answers –doubles of NTs

- 1) S should bid 2S (weak take out)
- 2) This one correct
- 3) W should pass. They should have expected to beat 1NT so no need to remove dble
- 4) W should bid 2H (ie this is WEAK)
- 5) East should pass. Where do they think they r going ? Wests 2H was a weak call
- 6) Well ..the gamblers will double 2D and they could well be right. It's a fair call.

The only alternative is to pass.

- 7) 9Hrts – an encouraging high card
- 8) Ace hrts –now u need to overtake and send a heart back (in order not to block the suit) –partner will win with the Q and lead another hrt for us to ruff
- 9) We play the 9 Hrts as a S.P.S (suit preference signal) requesting a diamond switch
- 10) A) u need to ditch a heart before drawing trumps. Play Ace hRts; play Q diamonds. Play Ace diamonds. Play K diamonds ditching a heart. Now draw trumps
- 11) Those experts amongst you who know about eliminations and throw ins will have your own answer BUT there is a perfectly reasonable (and simple) way to make the contract.

The lead of the Q hrts shows what ? The J Hrts. Correct.

So the easy line is to win the King hrts.

Draw trumps

Lead the 3 hrts to the *tenace* (to the A 10 hrts) and finesse the 10.

This is a finesse which really ought to be 100% certain.

You make 12 tricks with this line.

You are playing for the hearts to be distributed something like this :

QJ96

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