

Answers anticipating problems

- 1) Hearts will be the problem BUT there is no need to panic –just draw trumps NB we have the A + K+ Q –after that we can discard a heart on the 3rd diamond.
- 2) hearts are the worry –best to attend to that lil matter afore drawing trmps.
So –win Q diamonds –play Ace diamonds–play K diamonds *discarding a heart* –then start drawing trumps.We are not completely out of the woods even so but things have improved
- 3)again hearts are the potential archiles heel(s) - we can certainly discard 2 of them on the A + K clubs the only question is do we draw trumps 1st ? the answer is because we may lose the lead drawing trumps we should go for the discards straight away.
WinQ diamonds –play Q clubs –play Ace diamonds –play Ace clubs *discarding a heart* –play K clubs *discarding a heart* ... finally start drawing trumps.
- 4) There are discards to take BUT having such good trumps we should draw trumps 1st –then overtake the Q clubs with Ace –play K clubs *discarding a heart* play J clubs *discarding a heart* play 10 clubs *discarding a heart* . *Now we have only 3 losers and will make contract.* You could also have discarded 2 x diamonds here but in general it is better to discard from the suit with the most losers (the longest suit)
- 5) You should play Q diamonds – Q clubs –Ace clubs –K clubs discarding a heart – then lead the 10 sp for a trump finesse
- 6) Same same win Q d–play Ace clubs –play Q clubs–play Ace diamonds–play K clubs discarding a heart –draw trumps.
- 7) (i) Double. Surely obvious by now ? (2NT a poor 2nd choice ; a crafty pass zero points)
(ii) 2Sp – double is too rich for the blood
(iii) 2Sp. NB not strong enough for 2H and not insane enough (are you ?) to bid 1NT with a singleton
(iv) 5D might be cheap –it WILL be cheap –even if doubled and u go 3 off that will only cost you 500 (while 4Sp was worth 620).
And if the opps go 5Sp ? some would pass thinking I have pushed them once lets see if they can make it , others might try 6D hoping to go not more than 3 off doubled.
- 8)I win ! now what ? no future in diamonds (or hearts). If declarer has the Ace clubs my K is doomed there too. On the other hand if partner has the Ace clubs we can beat the contract. Ie lead the K clubs at trick 2 (it wins) then lead a small club to partner's Ace –partner leads a 3rd club which we trump. Easy game bridge.