

Homework answers –cashing out

- 1) With only 8 tricks on top our thoughts naturally turn to where we might get a 9th. Probably a chinese finesse in Hrts is best (its 50%). The 2 to the Q [PLEASE don't cash the Ace first]

BUT is all that safe ? might the opponents not get in and take 4 spades?

And the answer to that is yes they might.

However , we do have 5 spades ourselves and we can hope the opponents are. 4---4 in spades (in which case they wont be able to take more than 3 spades).

So it is not certain BUT because there is the possibility that it will work we try for it.

NB running the long suit could never help as it destroys the entries for the C.F. in hrts.

- 2) This is different. The opponents have 9 spades between them (we only hold 4); it is certain one holds at least 5 spades. If you lose the lead you lose the contract. So we try the effect of running the long suit. We lead 5 rounds of diamonds. If noone throws a spade we may as well assume its not our day and take the 8 tricks. If a spade is thrown you should now revert to our original idea of a chines finesse in Hrts.

- 3) (i) is correct

The reason (ii) is wrong (and there was a hint in the answer to Q1) is that running the long suit ruins the entries to try the club play. Try it and see if you don't believe.

- 4) Declarer makes their contract because you cannot keep all the spades and/or heart and club protection . You either throw spades (which means you are no longer a threat) or bare the heart or club. Declarer won out this time because you held everything.

- 5) Yes easy if you know to preserve the tenace in spades.

Play Ace sp then Q sp leaving

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The 10 could now be finessed if the spade suit broke badly.

- 6) ruff the diamond in dummy with the 10 sp and throw the 5 Hrts from declarers hand.

Then draw trumps. They gave you a ruff and discard the fools.

- 7) 3Sp if you havent got this by now we have a problem, ALWAYS rebid your 5 card suit .(or with 5—4 bid the 4 card suit if you can do so without going past 3NT)

- 8) You lead back :-

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| (i) | 2 clubs | 10 pts |
| (ii) | 7 diamonds | 5 pts |
| (iii) | 3 sp | 2 pts |
| (iv) | 9 hrts | 0 pts |

