

Answers checkback bids

- 1) wrong X openers last call should have been 3NT
- 2) Good – opener having a 5 card suit is happy to raise the checkback bid
- 3) Good – opener having a 5 card suit is happy to raise the checkback bid
- 4) wrong and nuts – responder has no right to bid 4Sp over 3NT – whether opener has 4 sp or 5 spades is beside the point- you can only do checkback calls after a 2NT rebid
By opener.

5) 1h -----1s
2NT-----3H
3NT

6) 1S-----2H
2NT-----3S
4S

7) 1h -----2C
2NT-----3H
4H

8) 1S-----2H
2NT-----3S
3NT

- 9) against 3NT we lead a bog standard 4th highest – Ian please note that is 4th highest from the top card and not the bottom cardso the 3 hrs is the lead

against 6NT we almost never lead 4th highest –in fact we often don't even lead from a 4 card suit at all – we try to find a safe lead , and that is usually a rop of nothing lead.
The 9 spades is the lead.

- 10) against 4Sp (and there are choices) but this would be my preference
9 diamonds (top of nothing safe lead)

Against 6Sp we take a different approach –no longer do we lead safe –we take chances-
The 3 hrs would be the normal attacking lead against a suit slam.

- 11) Well the LAST thing we should try is the diamond finesse.
Win the K spades; play A + K + Q clubs (if that suit has “broken” 3-3 then your 10 is a winner); if that didn't work next play A + K hrs and then the 2 hearts (which of course loses) ...maybe the 10 hrs has become good.
If all that failed –when in dummy take the diamond finesse (6 to the Q)

- 12) (i) win Ace hrs and trump a heart in dummy –then draw trumps -11 tricks are certain (and there is a chance of 12 when you lead a club towards the K NB a 50% chance)

(ii) to make 12 tricks Hmmm

This might work –

Win Ace hrs -play Ace diamonds + K diamonds ; then trump a diamond in hand... (if the diamonds have been established NB the remaining two diamonds are winners) play Ace spades and 3 spades to the 9 and cash those two diamonds

If the diamonds did not break you will have to fall back on line (i) and having trumped a diamond then trump a heart in dummy and lead a club.

