

Answers danger hands

1) (i) 2 to the J -the reason is that , although the spade finesse might fail we are at least losing to the non danger hand ie the player who cannot make a lead that will particularly hurt us.

Now had you led the 4 to the 10 *and the finesse lost ...* then the player on lead would be able to lead a club “ through” your King.

You have to be fearful that the clubs are distributed like this

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K43-----|-----852
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You clearly don't want the player that holds the J clubs to be on lead so you make sure that if you have to lose the lead in another suit , that you lose it to the player (in this instance) that can't lead the J clubs.

2) you need to play the J diamonds towards the King diamonds.

Now as you are in dummy at trick 3 (with the Ace hearts) you might reasonably lead the 2 diamonds to the Ace diamonds and then lead the Jack diamonds.

Again this is about making sure that should we lose the lead t, we lose to the player that cant hurt us. Get it ? We know EAST has the 13th heart so we make sure they don't get the lead.

3) The danger hand is WEST (And the danger suit if you will , is ...clubs).

We don't want East to ever lead a club. So we make sure East cant get the lead.

Win the King hearts and lead the K diamonds. Then lead the J diamonds and “run it”. NB u don't mind losing the J diamonds to East but don't want West to win it.

4) I wonder if we have covered this situation in lessons ? Certainly I have written a lesson on it but may not have given it yet. Oh well it won't hurt you to have think some.

The answer is North should have doubled 2Sp at their 2nd time to call. This is a takeout double (refer to our usual definition of a take out double). South will reply 3H and that has chances.

5) Double . Penalties

6) You should try the 10. It might even win (if partner has led the 2 clubs from QJ72 for instance). More likely is that it will lose tis true HOWEVER –you still have your Ace clubs sat behind the K. Better to preserve the Ace to beat an hon rather than playing it on the lowly 8 at trick 1.

6) six again - Now you have the K clubs well and truly trapped. Your job is to make sure that that K clubs never makes a trick. How ? Switch to a new suit –diamonds looks obvious. When partner regains the lead they will switch back to clubs.

