

Answers establishment plays

1) well if you want to establish the long diamonds you need to get on and lead and ruff diamonds !

The answer is (ii).

Answer (iii) is not beyond the pale as I suppose you can revert to leading diamonds after trying your luck in clubs but it isnt right (and smart opponents might decide to draw trumps when they get the lead which might be a problem)

2) (iii) is best and safest.

[iv is unnecessarily risky I think but is way better than (i) and (ii)]

3) hmmm I wonder !

(iii) is very good and shows you know a thing or two. You intend to ruff clubs until they become established and is quite likely to make 13 tricks.

There is another promising line though too (iv).The something else !

What about winning the Ace hearts ; Then playing the K hearts ; Then losing a heart.

Finally when you next have the lead ruff your last heart in the dummy.

This will make 12 tricks almost every day of the year.

(iii) is best so full marks there but with a distinction if u spotted the alternative.

4) do you intend to go passively/safely ? (in which case a high spade) or go actively/dangerously ? (in which case a low diamond or low heart).

Well its one of those final contracts that has been reached because the bidders couldn't find any other slam to be in. That is to say it isnt like a normal 6NT where both bidders are balanced. Here opener has long spades and responder, long clubs. I suspect that 12 tricks will be made whatever you lead with 5 spades 5 clubs and 2 Aces HOWEVER ...if u lead a diamond and you happen to catch partner with the K then you will beat the contract . If you just play safe , the declarer will knock out your Ace clubs and make 12 tricks. Why a diamond and not a heart ? Well partner *might* have made a lead directing double of the 5H call with the K Hrts.

5) 7 spades. Ok ? they have 32 pts between them and will make the contract if they "find" our Qs. Just play safe .

6) 1H-----1Sp

1NT-----3H YES THREE and NOT two Hrts

3Sp-----4Sp.

A double checkback auction.

These next two are probably not yet on your radar but ...they can be learnt.

Give it time.

7) It is an artificial call. (called Truscott or Jordan). It shows 10-12 pts and 4 cards in partner's bid suit. Here spades. It is the double that alters things

8) and here 3Sp shows a weakish distributional raise e.g

Q9876 ---3 -----A32 ----543 which is only 6 pts.

Again the double changes the meaning of what 3 Sp would normally mean.

