

Answers entries/ exploiting low cards

1) win Ace clubs (and play 7 from dummy)
Trick 2 –play Ace hrts (*unblock* the Ace hrts)
Trick 3 10 clubs overtaken with J clubs
Trick 4 –Q hrts *which the opponents win*
Later we can overtake the Q clubs with the K to enjoy the J + 10 hrts

2) we need to use dummies trumps to gain access to dummy twice.
When we play the trumps

AKJ3----- Q1052

Play Ace , then K , then J *overtaking with* Q ; [we will take a diamond finesse]
Then –play 3 sp *overtaking with* 5 [we will take another diamond finesse]

3) You need to take 6 tricks from the diamonds . Easy if you remember always to
keep a low card that can be overtaken...

J1093-----AKQ876

Play J and overtake with A

Play K and play 10

Play Q and play 9

Play 8 and play 3 etc etc Try it if you like. Pencils in hand ?

4) Glad we didn't waste that K hrts because it has now become a winner.

All we need to do is to ruff the Ace hrts and draw trumps and go to dummy to play the now promoted K hearts.

So we ruff the Ace hrts with theJ spades (correct) Then draw trumps and finish in dummy with the 10 sp and play the K hrts. Will this be the last time a declarer ever covers a led Q with a K and waste their K ? No.

5) (b)

6) South bid fine. North overbid. NB a raise *after* a double is weaker than normal.
le 3H doesn't show 10-12 (more like 6-----9)

7) South bid 2C Stayman . West bid a lead directing double of 2C

8) a) the 3 Sp

b) the Q sp

Did you get those right ? You really need to.

Either employ the rules (such as they are) and use :-

(With) Two you do play the hon in dummy *except* with these holdings

i) Jxx---Qx ii)Qxx----Jx and iii) Jxx-----Kx

Or ... try to understand that your concern is to make one trick. That with
with i) Jxx---Qx ii)Qxx----Jx and iii) Jxx-----Kx you cannot fail to make one
trick eventually if you play low from dummy at trick one;ie you must make one of the hon.

And with Qx (and Kx) and even (I suppose) Jx in dummy your one and only
chance to make even one trick is to play the Hon.

