

Answers

1) a) T1] Ace diamonds T2] Ace hearts T3] 3 spades led to the Q sp T4] Ace spades

b) T1] Ace diamonds T2] 3 sp to the Q sp T3] K diamonds T4] 5 sp to the J sp

c) this looks a bit familiar ! same answer to a)

d) again -this looks familiar too ! same answer to b)

Could claim that the resetting of those questions was a clever plan to see how consistent you were... Or could tell the truth I suppose that it was just another typo/ foul up. Will Phillida notice though ?

e) T1] Ace diamonds T2] Ace hearts T3] 2 sp to the J (loses)

when next declarer has the lead they will play : Ace spades (hoping the missing hon will drop)

f) T1] Ace diamonds T2] Jsp to the 4 sp (loses) T3] 2 sp to the J (loses)

when next declarer has the lead they will play : Ace spades (hoping the missing hon will drop)

g) T1] Ace diamonds T2] 5 diamonds to the 10 (wins) T3] 2 sp to the Q

T4] 6 diamonds to the K T5) 5sp to the J

h) T1] Ace diamonds T2] 2 sp to the Q sp T3] 4 diamonds to the 10 T4] 3 sp to the J sp

T5) 3 diamonds to the K T6) 5sp to the 10s

2) (i) not high enough – a response of 2NT shows 11-12 and S has 14.
They should have replied 3NT

(ii) ok in the kitchen I spose but a 1Sp response is automatic with this hand.
NB be honest –were you a 1NT bidder? If you were that is VERY bad.

(iii) 1NT is clear -again there is a certain class of player who raises (here to 2Sp) when they should bid 1NT . How bad is this ? Awful.

Forgive the hyperbole but if you are making those fundamental errors you need to make changes .

3) Lemming like.

Next question . What ? You want to know what was wrong with that “defence” .

Right it was just too negative. Clearly dummy would win with the Ace clubs ...then draw trumps ...then play all those clubs out (possibly discarding losers along the way).

Partner should have cashed the A + K diamonds (yes that was good) and then play a heart.

4) A chance to redeem ourselves perhaps.

On the K hearts we played the 8 to signal encouragement.

On the Q hearts we played the 6 to reinforce our encouragement signal of the 8.

On the J hearts we overtook with the Ace hearts....and then led the winning 7 hearts.

Maybe some of that was unnecessary (praps partner would keep leading hearts anyway); praps partner would have a 4th heart themselves (they usually would) so there was no need to overtake.
Maybe.

However a good defender would play exactly as described above.