

Answers –leading 4th highest

1) you can tell from partner's play of the 10 (and declarer's play of the Ace) that declarer also has the K. NB if partner had had the K and 10 then partner would have played the K.
So declarer still has the K but that is no reason for us not to carry on with spades.
We should lead the Q.
(our idea is that the Q will force the K and then our J will be good)

2) This time we know declarer had originally the AQ10. They played their Q on partner's J but still have left A10.
If you lead another spade the declarer will say thanku v. much and win with their 10.
You have to switch. The 8 diamonds looks reasonable.
(Are u getting the message ?! Partner played the J. If they had had both the 10 and the J they would have played their lowest winner (the 10) . That is how we deduced declarer had the A(Q)10).

3)So declarer started with AJ9(x). I could make an obscure case for not leading anymore spades but these questions have probably tried you enough already so lets play the easy game and next lead the K sp.

4) well declarer still has the K9. Check how I know that.
With our remaining AJ5 we would do better to let partner lead the suit so we should switch. I lead the 6 clubs.

How many of those do you now understand ? (not so important if you got them wrong 1st time but the odd glimmer of understanding now would be useful)

5)2Sp. We don't like raising partner with only three cards when we don't know if partner has a five card suit or not (please take notice those people who do it as a matter of course) but here it looks best.

6) Partner's double nay partner's *reopening double* is a takeout (and suggests a strong hand). We bid 3Sp. (Im not going to , but a bid of 4Sp wouldn't be ridiculous)

7) This time partner's double is penalty NB we have already bid .
We have no reason to remove the double so we pass.
[The books say that you should remove partner's penalty double when you have a weak distributional opener.
So if you had opened 1Sp on KQ8765—3----AJ87----J8 maybe you should bid 2Sp now and not pass the double. Im not convinced myself (and would probably pass the dble) but now you know what others think .]

8)(i) don't draw trumps.
Instead play K diamonds , then Ace diamonds, then Q diamonds discarding a hrt.
Then draw trumps.

(ii) Do draw trumps.
Then play Ace clubs, then K clubs , then Q clubs , then J clubs discarding a heart.

