

Answers mon/wed competitive bidding

- 1) Bid 3Sp -actually in a sense you are “not worth it” and you would hate partner to raise you to 4sp. They however will be aware in a competitive auction that sometimes one must stretch so they will give you a little leeway.
- 2) And a full blooded 4Sp. Here partner had no need to go to 3Sp if they were only worth 2Sp. They will have their “normal” 10-12 pts and our hand is a clear 4sp bid
- 3) Pass – maybe partner was stretching and anyway the points don’t add up. Take your plus score in 3H and don’t hang partner for their enterprise.
- 4) Pass-normally with 8 or 9 pts one would go to game in sequences like

1S-----2S
 3S----- ?

le you could rely on partner to have 17+ pts.
 In our auction though partner was pushed and maybe has (a lot) less than 17.
 Again take the plus score.

- 5) I wont explain these if you don’t mind –we have done that already and its up to you to get your head around it if you can. The answers given are 100% correct I can confirm.
- a) play the 6 clubs b)play the 6 clubs c) play the 6 clubs d)play the J clubs

There was a printing error in Q) 6 –actually 3NT doesn’t look at all easy in “a” !
 Anyway my idea was that you should know how to play the diamonds correctly.
 So just concentrate on that.

6) b- lets look at “b” first which at least was correct.

This is to do with preserving the tenace. The contract has an easy 9 tricks *as long as there are no losers in the diamond suit.*

The diamonds are : Q102 -----AK6543

Now of course one would hope that the suit broke and all six diamonds were winners BUT you have to be aware that the suit could break like this.

void
 Q102 -----|-----AK6543
 J987

You need to play the Ace first. If everyone followed it would be plain sailing –if though as here a player shows out you can finesse their J and still make six tricks.

Whenever there is a tenace (or a possible finessing position) one preserves that tenace to see whether the finesse might be needed.

Had you started with the Queen you would have to lose a diamond trick.

6) a –the diamonds were A1054-----KQ63.

Again you have to think what can be done if an opponent has Jxxx.

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A1054-----|-----KQ63
J987

Play the K (everyone follows). Play the Q and a player showed out.
Now you know to finesse the 10

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7) South can bid DOUBLE (a penalty double) or bid 2NT showing approx 11 pts and a stop or two in spades the opponents suit.
Two No trumps would be most players choice.

8) Remember you are leading partner's suit and that makes a difference.

(i) 94 lead the 9 ie with a doubleton always lead Hi—lo

(ii) Q3 lead the Q . (see above)

(iii) Q52 –lead the 2 ie with more than a doubleton don't lead the highest*

(iv) 873 –lead the 3 ie with more than a doubleton don't lead the highest**

* Which may be news to some. !

You would lead the highest if you had touching Hons e.g QJ4 or KQ2 or J106
But with a single hon you lead low e.g Q43 or K65

** Yes it's a “nothing suit” and normally one leads top of nothing.
When its partners suit though you follow the stricture above.