

Answers

1) if you overruff you will make the Q sp
If you *don't* overruff you will make the Q sp and 9 sp

Am not going to try and explain all these answers (you could read your notes I suppose yourself ..) but here goes for this one.

It is expected that declarer has these 5 x trumps

AKJ108

You have Q953

Now if you beat the J with the Q (you win that trick) , later declarer will get in and draw trumps.

You still have 953 and declarer still has AK108
And you can see you won't make any more trumps.

Now if you had declined to overruff the trump position would be

(you)

Q953 and declarer AK108

He would draw trumps playing A + K and you would now ALWAYS make two trump tricks with the Q + 9.

If you want to use the rule of thumb that if you knew your honour would always make le if you have the Q with two other cards Q65 you are not getting anything extra by trumping with the Q. (Of course if you only had Q 6 you would not be certain to later win the Q so would be pleased to overruff.)

2) Overruff. If you don't you might not make the Q later . ie it could be finessed

3) Don't overruff. Later you will make 2 x trump tricks the Ace and also the J

4) (i) looks good –take out dble NB partner hasn't yet bid so it's a take out

(ii) The 1Sp opener was wrong –should open 1H with 4 H + 4 S

(iii) and this is how 90% of you bid so doubt if you will find any fault with it.

The 10 % good bidders would have replied 4C as a splinter to the 1H opener.

Note that those good bidders will be able to bid and make 6 H after the splinter.

5) The AQJ spades in dummy is a blow as the declarer will be able to lead a small spade through your K43 and you won't make a spade trick.

Theres an easy solution . Simply lead the K hearts at trick 2. Dummy will ruff with the J sp and NOW you will be certain to make the K spades. By the way , doubling a freely bid game contract because you have a smattering of Aces/tricks is kitchen bridge. You should be more respectful and pass such seemingly optimistic game calls.I suppose if you defended as suggested you might well beat it though. Did you ?