

Answers –opponents bid my suit

- 1) of course ! Partner's 2C bid was Michaels showing the majors.
Bidding 2H looks about enough for the moment but you might bid 3H later if the opponents compete further.
- 2) 2Sp is a fair call.
- 3) Double. The double specifically calls for the lead of dummy's 1st bid suit.,
You can see that if partner leads a diamond we will take the 1st 5 tricks (yes 5 , think about it). What can go wrong ? Partner may not have a diamond ! So should we double ? Yeah , go for it.
- 4) Pass – no other call
- 5) Pass or 1NT- pass is a bit feeble.
- 6) Double or 3NT.” But you are always putting a question like this in the homework.
Have you run out of alternatives ?” ” No – the question goes in so often because so many students get it wrong each week when I set hands like this.”
“ I suppose you are going to name the students soon too ?” “Yes good idea “
- 7) The 10 spades. Err ...why don't I lead the 4th highest e.g the 5 hrs or 5diamonds.
Well ... you can and people do but in truth the ONLY result of such leads is that the declarer makes overtricks. Hmm ..so how do I recognise when to lead a 4th highest or a passive top of nothing lead ? When you have no entries to enable you to establish your long suit (ie when you are very weak and the opponents known to be strong).So when Im very weak go passive ? Yes.
- 8)It was “you” . You liked your partner's lead of the K diamonds (you may even have played an encouraging 9 Diamonds) ; when partner continued with the Q diamonds “you” failed to play the Ace diamonds on the Q. See what would happen if you had.
- 8) Clearly we could try the diamond finesse and /or the club finesse BUT those plans should be back up ideas. The best plan is to establish a heart trick “ by force”. Win the spade lead and lead a heart. Every time you have the lead , lead another heart.
Eventually your hearts will become a winner.