

1) (ii) has the *added* ingredient of being more disruptive/preemptive.
How come ?

Well say after 1C you pass; the responder could now reply (say) 1D or 1H.
Your butt in bid of 1Sp prevents them making either of those two calls.
None of the other suggested overcalls (i) or (iii) have this "extra".

2) (c) clearly I would have thought –all the hands are low on points (and (c) the weaker) BUT hey and heck you knew you were going to be outbid anyway...what you wanted to tell partner was which suit to lead. And that is a no brainer.
So bidding diamonds in (c) gets partner to lead a diamond –unfortunately if u also bid diamonds in (a) + (b) partner will also lead diamonds but possibly with less certain results.

3) 4Sp or Double.

Don't dismiss double as being fanciful by the way –u only have to get 4 tricks to show a plus whereas 4Sp requires 10 tricks.

But 4Sp looks a probable make it has to be said And is what u would have called if the opps hadn't been so vocal.

4) (ii) 4H

Your reasoning Holmes ?

In (i) opener had reversed showing 15+ and so I knew I could bid (only) 3Sp and opener would bid again. Opener would consider a slam try knowing I may be strong.

In (ii) opener had only showed a minimum opener (12+) and if I only bid 3H they might ...just might pass. Therefore I had to bid 4H and not 3H.

Elementary my d... w..

5) w.w.w. in spades ie take the Ace spades at the last moment.

Then lead a heart.

(if the spades don't divide too badly or the player with the Ace Hrts cant lead a spade you will make 9).

NB you can't make the contract if you played the diamonds out first ! Important to know . You can see why ?

6) Doesn't look so hopeful. The weakness in spades (2---2) points one in the direction of an emergency squeeze type play. Run the diamonds –yes all 5 of them

(I would play A, K , J and then Q. If something had happened like spades had been thrown I would consider playing a heart, If nothing much has happened I would come to Ace clubs and play the 5th diamond. Lets see how much they like that !)

7) This isnt easy.

You will need to establish the clubs to have a chance.

Win Ace hrts and play a small club and DUCK it.

Win the return (say another heart , with the K Hrts).

Play a club to the Ace. Play a 3rd club and trump it.

(Hopefully the clubs are now all winners) Play Ace diamond .Play K diamonds.

Play Q diamonds. Play winning club. Play winning club.