

- 1) bid 4H (ie you have repeated the hearts and are promising five hearts)
- 2) 4Sp –partner has nicely described 12 of their cards ie 5 hearts + 4 x diamonds + 3 x spades
- 3) (written as 2) may as well try 3H now to show 6 di's and 5 hearts
- 4) 4H I refer the honourable reader to the answer given to Q1
- 5) B) Six Hearts and 5 spades. (Why not 5-5 ? coz with 5 spades only and 5 hearts 1 sp would have been the opening bid)
- 6) C) same thinking as for 5) ie with 5-5 u start with highest (so with 5 dis and 5 clubs the response would have been 2 dis)
- 7) `i) checkback rejected ii) checkback accepted

Hands were (i) -----b

And (ii) -----a

8) only in (i) there are multiple reasons

- 1) the opponents have bid the same suit (1H-----2H)
- 2) the opponents auction has come to a close ie 2H is definitely the end of their bidding

in (ii) note neither of these things have happened ie the opponents have bid different suits (H + Clbs) and the auction may yet be going on

9) (i) win Ace spades soon enough. Now what ? finesse the heart or play for the diamonds to break 3-3 ? The heart finesse is 50% whereas the break is only 36%. So the finesse is the right play. Lead the 6 to the Q Hearts

(ii) a few chances here : i) the clubs may break 3---2 (ii) the diamonds may break 3-3 and (iii) the heart finesse may work

The trick is to test each chance without losing the lead.

This works :

Ace spades then A + K + Q clubs . If everyone followed you are home and dry (return to the Q diamonds and play two winning clubs).

If someone shows out of clubs on the 2nd round –give up on clubs and play A + K + Q diamonds (in that order) –maybe all follow and the 13th diamond is “good”; If all else failed then take the heart finesse as a last resort.

10) well there are finesses galore BUT the skilled declarer only resorts to finesse play when there are no other chances (WhY ? coz finesses can lose !).

Here the best method is to win the Ace hearts and play another heart (creating a void in hearts in dummy).

Having done that u can win the lead soon enough and trump a heart in dummy; then draw trumps.

Couldn't I just finesse the diamonds and the clubs ? well ye-es but sposing they lost ?

Ruffing a heart in dummy is for all intents and purposes a 100% certainty.