

Homework –the K is trapped

1) (i) play the 3
(ii) play the 4

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3) play the 3 - same argument behind all these “play low plays” –theres no point in playing the hon (it cant win and cant promote anything for you).

4) Playing low now and on subsequent leads of clubs (ie J next then the 10)
Will gain whenever the right hand opponents has these holdings in clubs :-

(a) Ax (b) Axx (c) A

So that is what we are hoping for.

(a) and (c) are best for declarer in that right hand opponent’s Ace will beat freshair (and not our King).

Even with holding (b) there is a possible benefit to declarer in that that player who holds the Ace will beat our King at the 3rd trick but would then have no clubs left to lead.

5) You should ruff the Q clubs and try to cash the Q Hrts and J Hrts.

If you didn’t ruff (no doubt having some idea that your Q sp would be better served in drawing a round of trumps)...the declarer would continue clubs and discard a loser.

6) a diamond. Partner’s 5 diamonds was a suit preference signal.

Look it up if that’s news to you. I think to date we have had 5 separate lesson notes on it so

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6) 5 D if you have the nerve. (Actually some, including moi would have bid 5D last call but it’s never too late).

You expect 5D to go off but not by many – 1 or 2 off (even doubled) scores better than 4Sp making.

Btw –partner has zero (probably) or 1 spade only.(check the bidding if that is a surprise). Might help.