

I might have added "try not to cheat " (as it is difficult to ignore the hands and bid honestly when you can see both hands).

Q)1 has a serious point to it though and if you failed to bid like this....

1 (a) 1S-----1NT
2D----- **2SP**

(b) 1H----- 1Sp
2C----- **2H**

You are bidding badly (sorry).

What you have to learn is that when opener offers 2 suits (and you have a weak hand which you think is going nowhere) you still have to choose between partner's suits and you choose using the principle of *false preference*.

le you go back to partner's 1st suit albeit you marginally prefer their 2nd suit.

One reason for this is it gives opener another chance to bid- if you look at (a) again – you can see that having reverted to 2Sp

Opener (who has 18 pts) will now no doubt try 2/3NT.

If you had passed opener's 2nd suit (of 2D) you would end up in 2D.

2) i) 1S ii) Pass iii) 1Sp iv) 1D (if u got this one wrong we are in trouble)

3) (a) 1NT ie 10-14 NOT 1Sp which should surely show five spades

(b) Dble –takeout

Perhaps you passed both those hands ? well you are an easy opponent to play against. We must have a game sometime....

4) i) pass ii) 6H is about right. (4NT if u prefer)

5) you should work out partner hasn't the Q diamonds (they would play HIGH) nor has a doubleton (again they would play HI-(lo));

So if you cash the K diamonds you are helping declarer make their Q.

Better to wait-the J clubs looks clear.

6) Hmmmmm. Well let me say that I think the 4Sp contract will make whatever we do.

So you could just close your eyes and lead anything and probably as I say 4Sp will make. However there is one small chance of beating it and that is when partner holds the Ace hearts. So lead a heart. The K clears things up for p so the K Hrts is best.

Now if declarer has the Ace hrts (I expect they do) then as predicted by Tiresias here 4Sp will make (but we have lost nothing by trying this aggressive defence)

NB when u see unbalanced VERY strong dummies you look to be aggressive and take whatever chances you can.

7) (i) we have 7 tricks . Win Ace hrts and play a spade to the K. (It probably wins);

Now lead Q sp (it probably loses). The opponents lead a heart and you play the K. Now small to the 10 diamonds. Play the J sp. Back to the diamonds –makes 9 tricks. Any other order of play and you go down.

(ii) we have 9 tricks.....Shall I say that again ? Just take your 9 tricks. No finesses are needed. Manage that ok ? ((T1 Ace hrts T2 Ace sp T3 Ksp T4 Ace cl T5 Ace D etc e

