

ANSwers revision

1) (i) 3H ii) 2D

le go back to the first suit rather than pass the 2nd (cf false preference)

2) 8 tricks on top and 1 more needed which is likely to come from spades.

Lead the 4 sp to the 9 (it will lose BUT hopefully to the Q or K

Next time you have the lead try the 5 sp to the J

(I don't know what the odds are on that working but it will be higher than playing for the 36% heart break)

3) 9 hearts to ask for a diamond lead. Read the notes if that's a mystery to u

4) (a) J hrts (b) 10 sp standard interior sequence leads

5) (i) 4D splinter (ii) 4C splinter (iii) 3H or (better in my opinion) 2D to be followed by 4H

6) call it a day with 4Sp. NB the Q + J clubs aren't assets

7) Good unblocking play.

The defender envisaged (or hoped anyway) that their partner had something like :
QJ954 hearts .

They thought that they would take the lead with the K clubs soon enough and be able to fire the 10 hearts back which partner would overtake to cash out.

In the event partner let them down having led from QJ8 54.

(So if you were not as brilliant as the actual defender don't worry , neither of you were going to beat the contract as the cards lay)

8) You need to (a) send a heart straight back (to create a void in dummy)

The reason is that you need to trump *two* hearts; for which obviously you will need two trumps in dummy.

The problem with winning the Ace hearts and say leading a spade is that the opps will win with the Ace and draw another trump.

Now when you belatedly play a 2nd heart the opps will win and draw a 3rd trump. That will leave you only 1 trump in dummy to trump 2 losing hearts.

“What ? I have to think all that out ? “

“Well you would look left and right before crossing the road wouldn't you ? “