

Answers sacrifices

- 1) you should probably pass if your side is Vuln
NB if you were Not vuln a call of 3Sp is a fair bid

Is the vulnerability so critical ? yes it is. If u bid 3Sp vuln and it goes “wrong” (say 2 off) that will cost you 200 pts which is a bottom at duplicate every day of the week. (And we haven’t yet considered that the opps might double you because you are vuln !) If u bid 3Sp not vuln and it again goes “wrong” (2 off) that will only net the opps 100 (and not a very good score for them).

- 2) 4H is likely to make. The possible call is 5C –now how close will we get to making that ? I would say either 3 off or maybe 2 off

(a) safer to pass but if u are a gambler 5C doubled and only 2 off would be a better score for you than the opps making 4H. (ie minus 500 as opposed to minus 620)

(b) again safer to pass though ... but if u are a gambler 5C doubled and only 2 off would be a better score for you than the opps making 4H. (ie minus 300 as opposed to minus 420)

© PASS and quickly –much too expensive to sacrifice

(d) Bid without a care in the world. You can go 3 off doubled (minus 500) and still show a profit as 4H is now worth 620

3) No. – suppose you were doubled ? NB 3D doubled minus 3 is 800
(this was an actual hand in fact and an international player passed with this hand.

4) 4D and NOT 3D

5) (a) lead the Ace . Why ? because you think/hope you have a second trick in the K spades and don’t want the opps to get the chance to ditch any hearts they have

(b) 5 hearts is a better lead

(c) J diamonds or maybe the 2 hearts –not the Ace clubs

6) Partner has a void in clubs. { lead a club now and they will ruff }

“ Oh err yes ... it’s because I played the 3 diamonds as a suit preference signal asking for a club lead and partner didn’t lead a club ?” Quite “ Though that would only work with an expert partner ; most of my partners are too busy chatting to notice what signals I make “. Quite.

7) In 4sp we win the Ace diamonds then play Ace clubs; Q clubs (perhaps overtaking with the K) ; J clubs throwing a diamond –draw trumps

In 5sp we need to get rid of both diamonds –it needs luck but this is the only thing that might work :-win the Ace diamonds then play Ace clubs; Q clubs; 5 hearts to the J hearts for a finesse (it works) ; Ace hearts ; K hearts throwing a diamond ; J clubs throwing a diamond –draw trumps

