

Answers slams

- 1) bid 4 H as a sign off. It might come hard not to even attempt to go slamming but... you are too balanced + have 2 wide open suits
- 2) better –now things could happen. Best is a cuebid of 4Sp (lowest cuebid); lets see if partner cooperates. If they bid a cuebid back then I will try 4NT
- 3) for me 4NT. Now ...that isnt for everyone – I am basically gambling that the diamonds will produce lots of tricks (so am relying on the finesse to be right or partner to hold the K).Also that the hearts will have no losers. Am beginning to see why a partner (an ex partner)said u r such a gambler. Ha !
If you don't like to bid slams though that may rest on finesses you can make the more sedate cuebid prod of 3Sp and see if partner will admit to the K diamonds.
- 4) Not for me. 4H. ((If you imagine a near perfect hand for partner ..which would include A + K + Q Hrts + K sp ...well even then you will have potential spade + club+diamond losers)).
- 5) I could cuebid 4H but *is that awfully wise ?* 4Sp is my sign off bid
- 6) 4C cue –this time I have stuff to share at the table –I have good diamonds which will fit well with partners second suit – I have an A + K clubs (As + Ks in same suit worth more than the usual 7 pts) –anyway don't want to put him off this time

7) Actually another Q 6)

1S-----2D
3C -----3S we “underbid” with 3S as we know from partners reverse of 3 Cl
4C-----4D that they will bid again (to do with P.O.F.A. for those who like
4H-----4NT such things).
5H-----5NT
7S

(and at least one table has been told that it is *quite* in order to ignore the specific 5NT question of Kings and instead to go 7 if you think you have extras that cant be got over any other way).

B.t.w am NOT saying that this is the only (nor necessarily best) way to bid this.

7) 2Sp –straightforward overcall.

8) Double. A L.D.D. (well you want a diamond led don't you ?)
NB do do L.D.D.s with good suits (here AKJ10 and not scrappy J10xxx types.
A.W. please note)

9) difficult to think of a perfectly safe way.

1) Ace clubs looks right).

Now... trump finesse or try and dispose your club loser on the Ace hrts ?

Heres one way

1) Ace clubs 2) K Hrts 3) Ace diamonds 4) K diamonds 5) small diamond trumped with J sp

6) Ace hrts ...discard 7 clubs.

The other way: 1) Ace clubs 2) J spades and take a finesse in trumps.

I hate to say it (and would never do it am sure) but the simple spade finesse has much to commend it

10) Trick 1) Ace diamonds Trick 2) K hearts....

And you are attempting a ruffing finesse in hearts.

You hope the leader holds the Ace hrts; if so they are in a jam; if they cover your K hearts you ruff in dummy and return to the K clubs and play Q + J Hrts and throw 2 x diamonds [[if they decline to cover your K hrts you don't ruff but instead throw a diamond and then lead the Q Hrts]

There is nothing better to try

10) T1) Ace diamonds 2) Ace hrts (to get to hand) 3) small club and finesse the 9 [that last finesse will lose ! never mind you knew that – if it happens to lose to an honour ...] ...4) win K diamonds 5) K hearts 6) small club to the ...J

The chances of making the J clubs (after first trying the 9 clubs are something like 75%)