

- 1) and that doesn't seem too bad –opener , knowing of 5+ Hrts opposite (by the bid of 2H over 1S) can support with “only” 3 hearts.
Should opener bid 4H (rather than 3H ?) because their partner has 10+ pts ?
Maybe but the chosen 3H bid was certainly acceptable.
- 2) and this was just silly. Presumably opener has got it into their head that the 2C response shows 5+ clubs BUT it doesn't-it shows 4+ clubs. Opener's proper rebid was 2D
- 3) ...and you can see why opener has rebid 2NT (they are balanced) BUT the whole point of guaranteeing 5+ h with the bid of 2H over 1S is so you can be supported straight away. Opener should bid Hearts and bid 4 of them at that ie 16+10pts=game
- 4) That was a good bid. No complaints.
- 5) Fine again and much better than bidding 2Sp.
- 6) Nuts. The correct rebid was 2H.
- 7) a) Pass minimum pts 8)c4NT well opener is strong and so are we 9)b) 4H
- 10) the play is to ruff a heart IN DUMMY
Ace Hrts , K Hrts ,3 hrts ruffed. Then draw trumps.
Any alternatives go straight to jail.
- 11) The play is to discard a losing hrt on winning diamonds before the opponents get the lead and can beat you.
Ace Hrts ; Ace diamonds; K diamonds; Q diamonds *throwing a heart*.Now draw trumps
- 12)This is the hardest of the bunch. The play is to establish the diamonds with a view (after trumps have been drawn) to discard away any losers.
Hope the diamonds are 3---3 .
Win Ace hrts; Ace diamonds; King diamonds; ruff a diamond ; NOW the remaining diamonds are winners
Ksp ; Q sp ; Ace sp
...and play the winning 9 + 8 diamonds.
- 13) Of course the question is unanswerable as it stands. So if you had an answer I would keep that to yourself.

What the leader needs to know is whether partner likes hearts or doesn't.
So ...if you had been told partner played a HIGH heart at trick 1 you would know they like the hearts and would know to carry on with hearts.
On the other hand if partner had played a LOW heart at trick 1 you would know they didn't like hearts and would therefore try a different suit now – probably clubs.

