

Answers revision

1)	N	E	S	W
	1s		2C	
	2NT		3S	
	4s		P	Checkback

2	N	E	S	W
	1s		2C	
	2NT		3S	
	3NT		P	Checkback <i>rejectected</i>

3)	N	E	S	W
	1H	Pass	2H	Pass
	Pass	2Sp	Pass	Pass

East dived in too early (their original overcall was too skimpy); they should have waited as here to see if the opponents auction ground to a halt –when it does it is more reasonable to “come in “ with a weaker hand. As East has delayed their intervention West is not tempted to raise.,

5) (i)	1D-----1H	(ii)	1C-----1D
	1S -----2NT		2NT-----3S
	3S-----4S		3NT-----4S

Basically the player with the two suits shows their 6---5 distribution by bidding the first longer suit only once and bidding and rebidding the second suit twice . NB the first suit called will always be as long if not longer than the second suit.

6) (i) partner’s 9 is high (and encouraging) so we lead the K
(ii) partner’s 2 is low (and discouraging) so we lead something else ! (Q diamonds)

Perhaps this is the time to make the point that when you hold an AKx of a suit it is NOT automatic to lead the Ace and King. It **is** automatic to lead the Ace But whether you lead the King as well depends on what partner plays.

7) this looks difficult to me and I set the problem !!

(i) but the penny has dropped. You need to count your top tricks (7); anyone who thinks there are 6 or 8 or err about 5 needs to learn how to count top tricks. [It is CERTAIN tricks that are counted and there are 7 of them]

So two more tricks are needed –there are 2 good approaches to get them:-

1 lead a club to dummy and Lead the 2 diamonds to the K ...now if it wins go back to dummy with a club and lead the 4 diamonds towards the Q. Presuming that the Ace diamonds is lying favourably you can get 2 diamond tricks and your contract.

2) lead a club to dummy and Lead the 2 diamonds to the K ...now if it loses... win the spade return the opponents make and .. go back to dummy with a club and lead the 5 hearts towards the Q. for a finesse.

What was happening was that you hoped to take two tricks in diamonds with your KQ3-----6542 by leading from WEAK to STRONG (the 2 to the K).; if however the K lost to the Ace you had to fall back on taking the heart finesse.

(ii)this one’s a lot easier BUT did you get it right ?

6 Top tricks. The 3 extras 100% of the time can be found in the diamond suit. Lead a diamond at trick 2 and you have 9 tricks.

Ah but you took the club finesse instead didn’t you ? And you will go one off whenever that finesse fails. Shame ?