

Answers

- 1) Line 1) only makes 8 tricks
Line 2) makes 8 tricks
Line 3) makes 9 tricks !
Line 4) made 7 tricks

So its odd isnt it (?) that the order you play makes a difference to the total you make.

The most successful line was to NOT play the AKQx-----xxx diamond suit until after the four club winners. As per lesson.

On the run of the clubs the defender (you) had the unenviable choice of chucking a diamond or releasing a winning heart. If you threw a diamond that was clearly curtains; but if you threw a heart then declarer changed tack and played on spades.

- 2) (i) on the Q diamondscover with the K [in case partner has the J or 10]

(ii) on the Q sp play low [as partner doesn't have the J or 10 .]

(iii) on the 5 clubs ...play the J (splitting my hons) to prevent declarer who may have A10x finessing the 10

- 3) My answer was (iv) making the point that you don't need a stop in every suit and on occasion may hold a 5-4 shape or even a 6-3—2-2 shape,
Actually though (v) [something else] would also have been right as you can if you feel the moment is right open a 4-1—4-----4 shape 2NT too (tho usually only with a singleton Ace)

4)1H-----1S	and	1H-----1S
2NT-----3H		1NT-----3H
4H		4H

Checkbacks you see boyos ?

- 5) ruff with the J (or Q or K or Ace BUT NOT with the 9)
Now draw trumps and overtake the 9 sp with the 10 in dummy.
Then lead Q diamonds for a finesse.
If it loses reenter dummy with J diamonds and try club finesse.