

Answers

- 1) win with K hrts - lead 2 sp to the J [wins !] -lead Ace sp [and the opps K drops]
This incidentally isnt particularly a matter of odds -its not that the K is so likely to drop BUT that there is NO alternative play that gives you any other chance
- 2) Ace Hrts - lead 4sp to Q [Wins !] -lead Ace sp [and the K sp drops ,,,]
- 3)win Ace Hrts -lead Q sp (perhaps covered by K) -either way we wont lose any spades if our running finesse has come off.
NB we led the Q because we had the two touching hons Q + J
- 4) 2 D to Q D (if that finesse worked you have 9 tricks] ; you can show your class next and go for the overtrick by playing the Ace D in the hope the K drops
- 5) It was badly played by declarer and badly defended.
As the play went -at trick 2 the Q D was led [poor play in itself] and should have failed as the defender with the K D ought to have covered. Covering an hon with an hon an all that.
The correct play at tricks 2 + 3 would have been to lead the 6 D to the J and when it won play the Ace D dropping the K
- 6) the response of 3Sp was wrong - a reply of 3Sp to a 2Sp opener shows a goodish holding and opener should have continued to (a failing) slam.
But two wrongs made a right and opener blithely just bid 4sp. Perhaps they had played with this particular partner before.
The correct response to 2Sp was 2NT - a negative call. Time enough to bid 4Sp later.
- 7)(a) opener should not have bid the heart suit. With 12-14 pts they are not strong enough to take the auction up to the three level (which is what happened).
Their correct rebid after 1sp was 2D
- (b) that looks right
- (c) responder isnt strong enough for Stayman with 10 pts-pass was the correct call.
"strong" stayman requires 11+ pts
The result of Stayman is that the pair have reached a game with 23 pts and little chance.
NB am happy with opener's bid of 3NT with 13pts as they believe partner to have 11/12
- (d)this time responder should have bid Stayman. Wot wiv only 8 pts ? -you mus be jokin'.
Its called "weak stayman" and shows ZERO points + five four in the majors
- 9) easiest approach is to trump a heart in the dummy.
Win Ace hrts -trick 2 lead 9 HRts to create a void in dummy.
Next time you have the lead organisa hrt ruff. Then draw trumps.
- 10) Lots of losers (six I make it). If you draw trumps you go 3 off.
Win Ace HRts -play Q clubs and overtake with Ace clubs- now play K clubs throwing a heart (or diamond) ; play J clubs throwing a Hor D and finally play 10 C throwing a H or D.
If all that came off you make your contract.

