

Homework answers –setting tricks

1) This is the position after the 4th trick (you have just taken your K clubs)

(you)
Void
Q63
10984
63

And you can cash your Q Hrts (which is a winner).
Should you though ?

It's not the setting trick (it would be only our second trick) ; the problem in taking it is that you may be helping declarer. NB at trick 1 partner played the 2 Hrts on our lead of the K so they surely don't have the J Hrts.

If you *do* cash the Q hrts it may well be that you are allowing declarer to make their J Hrts.

Well its up to you but I would keep the Q Hrts and switch to the 10 diamonds.

But but but will I still get my Q Hrts ? Yes why not ? partner knows we have the Q Hrts (we led the K hrts) and if they get in they can lead a heart.

And finally , if partner CAN'T get in ie they have no tricks then cashing the Q Hrts would have done no good anyway.

2) This is the position after the 2nd trick (you have just taken your J hearts)

(you)
1072
K8
1098
K63

Well ? cash the K Hrts if you must but don't blame me if declarer still has in hearts in their hand Q 7 .

Do you see ? If you lead the K Hrts then declarer will make their Q Hrts. If you don't lead the K Hrts (and instead switch to the 10 diamonds as I would) then declarer can NEVER make their Q Hrts.

- 3) (i) 4nt we have no wide open suit so 4NT is best
(ii) 4Sp –too many gaps to hope partner can plug to make a slam
(iii) 4C cue bid –we need to know about partner's diamond holding

4) Hmm. It has to be pass. Yes I don't like it either BUT partner's change of suit is discouraging with extreme prejudice. They have a void or singleton heart and long good clubs.

- 5) a) 4Sp b) 3H c) 2NT

6) It's a bad contract and the 10 clubs lead looks like top of a sequence (so the K is on our right); if the opps got in with the K clubs they will surely switch to hearts to our displeasure.(!).

So Trick 1) Ace clubs Trick 2) Ace sp Trick3) Q sp Trick 4) K diamonds Trick 5) Ace diamonds Trick 6) small diamond ruffed Trick 7) K spades Trick 8) play winning diamond throwing a heart Trick 9) play winning diamond throwing a heart Trick 10) lead a club towards our Q .
That makes 11 tricks.

We established the long suit in the dummy.