

Homework defence

1) the play should go as below:- (have typed in **bold** the leader each time)

	(defender)	(dummy)	(defender)	(declarer)	
Trick 1)	6sp	-----10-----	-----2sp	-----Jsp	[trick to declarer]
Trick 2)	4D	-----QD-----	-----AD	----- 3D	[trick to defenders]
Trick 3)	5S	-----2C-----	----- 3Sp	-----Asp	[trick to declarer]
Trick 4)	3C	-----7C-----	-----AC	----- Qcl	[trick to defenders]
Trick 5)	KS	-----2H-----	----- 9S	-----Qsp	[trick to defenders]

The defenders have taken 3 tricks and will take two more tricks in the 8Sp + 7sp.

Contract 1 off.

If you couldn't follow all that , what basically was happening was that the defenders every time they took the lead , kept leading spades. Eventually they managed to cash their spade tricks .The defenders took : A D + A C + KSP + 8SP +7SP.

2) the play should go as below:- (have typed in **bold** the leader each time)

	(defender)	(dummy)	(defender)	(declarer)	
Trick 1)	Ksp	-----5-----	-----2sp	-----3sp	[trick to defenders (declarer w.w.w)]
Trick 2)	QSP	-----7-----	-----6S	-----4Sp	[trick to defenders(declarer w.w.w)]
Trick 3)	Jsp	-----4H-----	-----2H	-----Asp	[trick to declarer]
Trick 4)	3C	-----7D-----	-----AD	----- KD	[trick to defenders]
Trick 5)	2D	-----5H-----	----- QH	-----KH	[trick to declarer]
Trick 6)	5C	-----KC-----	-----Ac	----- 8C	[trick to defenders]
Trick 7)	4D	-----AH-----	----- JH	-----3H	[trick to declarer]

The defenders have taken 4 tricks and so far the declarer has 3 tricks.

The declarer has the lead and can now add : QD + JD + 10D + QC + JC +10C
ie another six tricks.Contract makes.

Again ,if you couldn't follow all that , what basically was happening was that the defenders originally led spades everytime they could but declarer played w.w.w. and withheld their Ace. After that declarer established diamonds (losing to a defenders Ace) and then established clubs (again losing to a defenders Ace).
This time declarer won the race.

3) Partner's 2NT was wrong. With 10 pts they should pass 1NT
NB even if opener has 14 pts the pair could not have 25 so to raise to 2NT with only 10 is clearly rubbish.

4) Partner passed our forcing 3H takeout so again they are guessing (badly).
Remind you of anyone ? If your answer was "yes , me " then you have to do some work on this soon.
The bid of 3H is termed a "strong takeout" and although it may not be that strong it shows 5+ pts and you must bid again.

5) Partner has bid their 5-4 but of course shouldn't have ! with 12-14 they are not to bid their second suit if it pushes the auction too high NB the contract came to a halt at the 3 level and is very likely to go down. Pass 1NT is my call.
Second best if you twist my arm is 2H.

6) Did you count your losers ?
There were three. THE Ace sp + K H + J H
As soon as the defenders take the lead they will cash those 3 tricks.
So don't let them get the lead and do something while you can.

This works :-

T1(ACE Hrts) T2) Ace clubs T3)K clubs T4) Ace diamonds

T5)Q diamonds and OVERTAKE it with the K diamonds in dummy

T6)J diamonds and throw a heart from declarer's hand

T7)Q clubs and throw a heart from declarer's hand

T8) start to draw trumps.

NB when the defenders take the Ace spades and try to cash the K Hrts they won't be able to. Go over the play above to doublecheck that if you are unsure.

You should be close to "getting" hands like this. If you went down this time try and get your head around what was done and why.