

Answers vulnerability

1a) not an overcall at any vulnerability

- b) well some would if not vuln NB not a great suit but you do have six of them –if vulnerable though its wrong
- c) yes overcall vuln and any vulnerability of course
- d) it looks a fair shot and though you are unlikely to make as you are not vuln it wont be expensive even if the opponents double

2) well this is to do with whether you think its worth leading 4th highest with such a poor hand NB because its poor you are unlikely to regain the lead. Rather than trying the small heart you might instead “play for your partner” and lead the suit you hope they hold. The 9 sp lead is recommended
[you prefer a major to a minor as dummy did not use stayman)

3) now the 4 hrts has merit – probably the lead will lose but you have possible entries to get in to try and lead the suit again

4) 2 hrts. Sorry haven't done this lesson yet –its coming. I did see ***** **** get this right last week in class so maybe we don't need a lesson anyway

5)1)win Ace hrts 2) lead 2 hrts ...and finesse the 10

Now if you haven't “got it” yet THINK –why did I play that way ?

6) The spades have a two way finesse.

Either :-

(i) 3 spades to the J

Or

(ii) 5 spades to the 10

Both are as equally likely to work as each other.

So how do we decide which is the one to go for ?

The answer is we decide *if the finesse should fail* which opponent we would more like to lose the finesse to.

In other words if we took option (i) above would we be happier if that finesse lost than if we had taken option (ii) above (and the finesse had failed).

I'll try again. After you have taken the spade finesse (and I am telling you its an unlucky day so the finesse will definitely fail) the player that wins the spade will lead a club. So now you know the opponent who wins the spade will lead a club you should know which opponent you would prefer to lead a club than the other and therefore ...the answers coming ...that you should draw trumps as in option (ii)

