

Answers waiting when not so weak

1) w.w.w. in spades for two rounds ie don't play the Ace spades on the 1st or 2nd lead of spades.

Then play a heart and keep playing hearts until the Ace is out.

Even then you will have to play a club to take a 9th trick with the K clubs.

It will work if the leader hasn't got either of the two aces.

2) you should win with the Ace spades and lead a heart – I did warn you that I would try to catch u out . The point is that you only need lose the lead once (to the Ace hearts) so no need to wait in spades. Lets hope you do better in the next question.

3) wait on the spade lead. Don't play the A or K on the 1st round. Win the next spade lead and play a red suit.

As long as the missing Aces are not both held by the leader your contract will make.

Co ..I have to work all that out ? Nah just recognise that u need to lose the lead twice and therefore need to wait with your Ace + K spades.

5) [no 4] wait on spade lead. Win next. Lead a heart next.(loses) . When next in lead another heart.

6) win Ace spades and take 8 tricks in diamonds and hearts.

For those just itching to ask “ on those hands that 9 tricks were easy to take e.g hand 2 and this one couldn't have waited anyway ? Wouldn't hurt would it ? “

The answer is it might –supposing the opponents in hand 6 switched to clubs at trick 2

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7) actually its completely standard to bid “one extra ” when supporting partner's suit after a take out double.The bidding was correct and commonplace.

8) Too strong to bid anything else East should double. I know the names of all the Chilbolton players who would bid 2NT ; I would say to them” that's the unusual 2No trump though isnt it ?” And they would sayoh yes.. Maybe I shall start printing their names here soon.

9) You should try the J-partner may have led from the Q (in which case your J will win); even if partner led from the 10 and declarer wins with the Q you still have the Ace poised over the K.

10) So partner has led from the QJxx(x).

It would undo all the good work to now cash the Ace (for dummy's K would become a winner); you have to switch and hope when partner gets the lead they will lead their Q hearts. Switch to a club of course. Here endeth today's answers.