

- 1) nothing wrong with South's weak take out bid of 2H (though as we have said , it is also ok to pass with this hand).
North MUST NOT raise the weak takeout. Pass was their proper bid.
- 2) Again North is the culprit ; South bid a weak take out of 2Sp (yes not immediately but it is still a weak bid). North MUST NOT bid. Pass was their call.
- 3) 1NT has been doubled and although it might make the sensible call is 2D –which is a weak takeout (and is called in this sequence a rescue bid)
- 4) Now you have to pass –it isnt that u think 1NT will make its just that having no 5 card suit prevents u from bidding.
- 5) West is a clot. East's unusual 2NT showed the minors and west only had to choose one of them.
- 6) i The 2 hrts ie a negative signal because we cant make a trick
ii 8 diamonds –now we have visions of making our Q
iii 9 clubs –again our Q (or partner's 10 clubs) will possibly make a trick
- 7) w.w.w. in Hrts; ie don't release the Ace hrts until the very last moment.
After that play a diamond.
Playing a spade for a finesse is WRONG . Even if the finesse worked you would still need 2 x diamond tricks. You can make this contract by playing on diamonds in lots of circumstances. (if you want to work out when it can be made I will confirm that for you –or disconfirm (which I seem to remember really is a word)
- 8) There are problems in that the diamonds are blocked and that you have very few entries to get back to the dummy.

This is the only safe approach :-

T1) Ace Hrts T2) Ace diamonds T3) K diamonds T4) Q diamonds t5) **Q spades** (which loses) ...and now you have 9 tricks whatever the opponents lead.

A very minor variation would have been to play T5) Ace spades and then T6) Q spades.

Anybody who started by unblocking the diamonds was doing well BUT if they returned to dummy at that point via the K Hrts (to cash the J diamonds and take a spade finesse) will go off when the spade finesse fails and the hrts are 5-3