

Answers weak to strong plays

1) The order of play I am listing is the best as it combines drawing trumps early whilst preserving entries to later play weak to strong in hearts. That said , there will be other lines which (apart from not drawing trumps immediately) may be quite good too

T1) Ace cl T2) Ace sp T3) K sp T4) Q sp T5) Qcl T6) 2 hrts to the K (wins)
T7) 3 diamonds to the K T8) 3 Hrts to the Q

2) again some variations are possible BUT you definitely must not draw trumps at trick two

Either : T1) Ace Hrt T2) small club to the Q (wins) T3) A sp T4) K sp T5) Ace di
T6) small diamond towards the Q

OR

T1) Ace Hrt T2) small diamond to the Q (wins) T3) A sp T4) K sp T5) Ace di
T6) small club towards the Q

3)

T1) K cl T2) small spade to the J (wins) T3) J club to the Q T4) small sp to the Q
T5) Ace hearts T6) small diamond towards the K

Here follows an imaginary conversation –perhaps the questioner is Phillida and the responder is me ,

PLS “Couldn’t I just feel my way and play suits as I see fit without any plan?”

MD “ Do you make many of your contracts that way ?”

PLS “ No”

MD “ Perhaps best not to then “

4) T1) Ace diamonds T2) small heart to the J

The point is that whether the J hrt wins or loses you have a minimum of 12 tricks.

5) a) may have 5 b) definitely have 6

6) a)10-12 b) 6—9

Bidding hand

a) 1S-----1NT
2D----- 2H
Pass

7) A reason to cover would be if you thought partner might get a trick promoted (So if partner might have the Jx diamonds or even 109x diamonds then covering the Q with the K would sacrifice your K but possibly make a trick for partner).

But here you are certain to make a trick with your K if you *don't* cover.

Arent you ?

And as you have 2 tricks already you will beat the contract by not covering.

