Homeworkanswers W to S

1) we have (only) 4 tricks at the start K+ Q + A Hrts +A clubs; it is *reasonable* to think the KQJ9 diamonds will provide 3 more; after that it is really only the spades that can provide 2 more tricks. We would prefer to lead W to S in each suit but there aren't enough entries and something has "to give".

This is the best play:

- 1) K hrts 2) small spade to the K [lets say it wins]
- 3) K diamonds NB we are not going to bother playing W to S in diamonds as they are very strong and anyway entries are at a premium.

The opps are likely to take their Ace diamonds and lead another heart

4)....Q Hrts 5) smade spade to the Q.

We have 9 tricks now.It depended only on the Ace spade being placed in front of the KQ It was a hard hand and required the declarer to play W to S when they could but also only when most needed.

- 2) We "need" to lead spades twice from dummy (and might also quite like to lead towards our high diamonds twice.) But it is spades that is essential. Go to the Ace hrts and lead a spade to the K. If it wins return to the K Hrts and lead a spade to the Q sp. Later we can lead diamonds, the QJ1109 from hand.
- 3) We need to continue to lead hearts from dummy to our Strong(er) hand. It might have crossed our mind to lead diamonds from dummy too BUT we cant do both. At trick 2) we lead the K diamonds. [later we will play the Q dfamonds and then finally trump a diamond in dummy] Having done that we will be in a position to lead W to S in hearts again.
- 4) (a) if won with K clubs ...should lead 3 diamonds to the AQ2
 - (b) if won with Q clubs ...should lead the K hrts

The diamonds need to be led from dummy *more than* the hearts need to be led from dummy. So winning in dummy is best.

- 5) a) 3Sp Strong T/0 b)2C stayman c) 3Sp strong t/o
- 6) now 4H. ie with 5-5 start with the highest (Hi-5) and repeat the lowest
- 7)1D------1S 2D-----Pass. well done. No mistakes in bidding 2H which would be a REVERSE
- 7)Partners 4 diamonds is discouraging so they don't have the Ace (or J). We switch. Partner has (iv) NB with (i) they play 9 with (ii) they play Ace on our K with (iii) they play 5
- 8) Something about a tenace..oh I know PRESERVE IT.
- 1) K sp 2) Ace spades then (if necessary after an opponent shows out) we can finesse the 10