

Answers discarding before drawing trumps

- 1) you should draw trumps. You may have had it in mind to play A + K + Q diamonds (discarding hearts) and that is a good plan but there is no urgency to do that. You can draw trumps safely and easily (important points) and should therefore do so. Later u will do the discarding.
- 2) Annoying little hand. Play Ace diamonds and then K diamonds to discard a heart. Now you can start drawing trumps. Should I play the Q diamonds to discard something else too prior to drawing trumps ? Well you can but actually it will make no difference. NB discarding losers only works if in discarding you can create a shortish suit . So discarding from a 3 card suit to “create” a two card suit is a good idea but there is no benefit in reduc ing a 4 card suit to a 3 card suit.
- 3) Play A + K diamonds chucking hearts. Then draw trumps
- 4) Draw trumps first
- 5) Ah ha... difficult (or at least uncertain). Play A + K + Q diamonds and chuck a heart. Then draw trumps
- 6) Well. You don't *have to* do anything except draw trumps. That will make 10 tricks. (You will lose only the Ace spades and two hearts). That is how you should play when next playing in the Portland club for a £100 a hundred. However ...if you think it worth a slight risk (you are playing duplicate or a very keen game of Chicago where an extra 50 points is valuable) then you might first play the A + K + Q diamonds and discard a heart and then draw trumps.
- 7) I don't know how this one got in here as the contract is unmakeable . Perhaps I should qualify that. Therer is no legitimate way to make it and you will go even more off if you play the a + k + q diamonds before drawing trumps .Simply instead draw trumps and hope the opponents have an accident and forget to take their 4 if not 5 tricks. And if they do ...you can make the contract.
- 8) This one is different. There is every chance that you will be able to discard a heart On the diamonds before the opponents get the chance to ruff diamonds. Play diamonds and if that comes off (having discarded a heart) draw trumps.
- 9) 4Sp. You do play Michaels don't you ?
- 10)5C. You do play the unusual two no trumps don't you ?
- 11)Hopeless.
- 12) K diamonds. Because “ p - - - - - might h - - - the - - - and be - - - - to give - - a - - - - “.
“Surely that was risky ? “
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