

Answers overcalls

- 1) No but nearly ! The suit's not bad but you are not disrupting the opponent's auction at all with a spades over hearts. You also would not be delighted if partner raised you with possibly only three spades/
- 2) Yes . Spades over clubs is the most disruptive bid.
- 3) Probably not - the diamonds are nice but you are not achieving much in bidding (there is no disruption with diamonds over clubs).

NB I don't know if the notes make the following point ,but an overcall needs to satisfy at least two criteria of these three :

lead directing (good suit) /disruption,,pre-emption/ interest in playing the hand

- 4) small club or diamond
- 5) K spades.

Get it ?

- 6) Tempting to bid but probably 5D will go down a couple and will be doubled which will cost an arm and leg (500)
- 7) Now at this vulnerability you can even afford to budget for *three* off and still show a profit.

NB sacrifice when not vuln against vuln and not the other way around !

8) I get it in the neck for saying playing the King is a girly play , so I won't. The thinkers play would be to recognise the Ace is behind the King and that if you play the King it will lose to the Ace. If however you play low at trick 1 then the player with their Ace will have to play it anyway.

Well ? were you a thinker ?

- 9) There is a dangerous opponent here. Who ?

There is a two-way finesse here .Where ?

If you have considered those points then you will play the 6 sp to the K sp and next lead the J sp.

If you didn't go through that process am afraid you are just guessing. Hope you are a good guesser.

- 10) the plan is to establish diamonds.

There are entry problems however

You need to play as follows :

Trick 1) *Ace hearts*

Trick 2) K diamonds (it will win or there is no problem)

Trick 3) Q diamonds (it will win or there is no problem)

Trick 4) *Queen of hearts overtaken* by *King of hearts*

Trick 5) J diamonds

Now the contract is cold (that means certain in bridge terms)

