

Answers –establishing

1) Did you draw any trumps first ? You could draw as many as 2 trumps , specifically the Ace and then the Q.

After that u play the Ace hrts , the K hrts, trump a heart. Now return to the K sp and play two good hearts.

I asked “ did u draw any trumps first..?” because actually you don't need to – for me just as sensible a line is to win Ace clubs and play Ace hrts, then K hrts , then ruff a heart. Then Ace sp Q sp , K sp and play 2 hearts.

But I understand some comfort is got by drawing some trumps so do that if you like.

2) (Rather than keep repeating this –you can start with the Ace then Q sp OR you can leave drawing trumps until later. I intend to draw trumps later).

Win K clubs ; Win Ace Hrts ;Win K Hrts; trump a heart. Go to K sp. Trump a heart. Draw trumps ! (Ace sp , then Q sp). Go to Ace clubs . Play winning heart.

3) (Again I am NOT drawing trumps first BUT playing the Ace spades only would be ok)K clubs ; Ace hrts ; K hrts ; ruff a heart. Ace sp; Q sp ; K sp; play 2 winning hearts.

4)(You can draw the Ace spades if u want BUT any more than 1 trump will be too many). Anyway I am not drawing trumps yet.

K clubs ; Ace hrts; K hrts; trump a heart; K sp; trump a heart; Ace sp; Ace clubs; Draw last rump with 9 spades; play winning heart

Perhaps you are uncomfortable with not drawing trumps and /or would like to know more about how many times trumps can be drawn .

The problem is that you don't know how many times you will have to trump the suit you are establishing. If you guessed correctly that you would only need to trump the suit once then *sure* you can draw trumps first. If however you will need to trump the suit a number of times you will almost certainly NOT be able to draw trumps first (Add to that that you may need to access the dummy with a trump too).

In general with 4 -4 or 5---3 trumps drawing 1 round of trumps works; with 5—4 trumps 2 rounds of trumps is fine ;

5)opener started with spades (presumably thir longest suit); after that they bid hearts *twice*... ergo opener has 5 hearts and 5 (or more spades)

6) Bid 3NT and look pleased. (or at least try and hide your worry). It's the right call but scary

7) Partner played the 6 hearts –that may well have been the start of a hi-lo (perhaps partner also has the 4 hrts or 5 hrts). If it is a hi-lo we need to carry on with hearts as partner will have the K (or the 10). Reasonable to assume it was a hi-lo.Lead another heart.

8)Play the 5 hearts at trick one in less time than it takes to read this. You are ducking/pretending/pulling a fast one/having a laugh...whatever. You are trying to persuade the leader to lead another hearts “into” your AJ. Called a Bath Coup. Only hope so try it. Do you see ? You have AJ5 and when the K is led you play the 5. You hope the leader thinks that they have struck gold and leads another heart. Works well against the unwary and opponents who never bother signalling.....