

## Answers –dangerous defences

- 1) go passive. The dummy is not unbalanced/alarming so quiet defence called for.  
8 hearts next lead
- 2) go active ! –DANGER DANGER exterminate –look at those hearts.  
Lead a small club and pray.
- 3) go passive. Safest lead is a 3<sup>rd</sup> heart
- 4) 3Sp for the time being to show a 5 card spade suit –later no doubt we will be in 6 or 7 something
- 5) You probably want to be in 4NT or 6NT depending on whether opener is max or min. However the danger of bidding 4NT now is that partner will think its Blackwood (agreeing hearts ).

The answer really with such strong balanced hands is not to start with Stayman. Simply make an immediate raise to 4NT.

So the auction as given was errr “ok-ish” but fraught with potential problems

- 6) You want to play on diamonds and will need entries to them.  
Win with Ace hearts. Then play Q diamonds ( probably will win ); then play J diamonds and OVERTAKE with the K diamonds; keep playing top diamonds.
- 7) 2NT –seems easy ...hmm whats the catch ?  
One catch is that if you bid 3H that’s a reverse by responder showing 13+;  
At least 2NT shows only 11/12 and can be passed
- 8) The certain losers are :-  
Two hearts + 1 diamond.

There is also the worry that a spade trick may be lost.

The way to play spades is as follows :-

AQ764-----J82

Lead the 2 to the Q ( we will say that wins and leaves these spades left )

A764-----J8

Now you must play the Ace spades ( and hope the K sp drops ).

No other play is as good.

NB had the spades been AQ764-----J102

We would have led the J spades first. But they weren't. So we don't.