

Homework answers defensive review

1) err.. *forcing defense* ? Yes –simply lead another heart and declarer will have to ruff NB their K hearts was a singleton (keep up); and that's it –everytime you KNOW declarer has a void in a suit then your first thoughts should be to lead another card in that suit to force declarer to ruff.

2) it rather looks like partner has led the J from something like J1064 (yes they should have led the 4 from J1064 and not the J but again we have all done that); so it looks like we can play the 9 to encourage (as declarer has the A + Q and there's not much point in wasting our K in this scenario); HOWEVER there is another possibility – suppose partner has led the J from AJ104 ... an interior sequence lead. In other words this is the actual layout

753
AJ104 -----|-----K92
 Q86

Now of course playing the K is VERY good- you win and return the suit and declarer doesn't make a trick in the suit.

Well as you don't know that partner has led from AJ104 (but might have) you should play the K anyway.

Long winded I know but I am trying to get you to realise that when a J is led at no trumps it *may* be from an interior strong sequence like AJ10x or KJ102 etc OR the more common bog standard J10(9)x

3) Well they don't call you *Dynamic {Dave}* [substitute actual name } for nothing. You are going to lead the K Hrts. ie the top card of a doubleton. Maybe partner (*Perfect Partner* } has the Ace. If so ...well you can work that one out for yourself can't you ?

4) a) 3NT b)2NT

That's funny –our hands are the same ...but we make different bids.Why ?

5)Opener (North) just kept bidding and bidding. Their 3Spade bid was wrong. Souths 2Sp call showed 6—9 pts and a six carder so North should have called it a day with Pass. South was blameless other than in agreeing to play with this partner.

6) Quite a clever problem if I say so myself.

1)win Q clubs 2) 3Sp to the J (wins) 3) Ace spade (the K drops) 4)2 spades to the Q 5) 5 diamonds to the J (wins) 6) Ace diamonds (K drops) etc etc

Now the moaners will say that will never happen (but it might) anyway there is NO other way to play. If you play like this you look like an expert (win or lose).

NB you understand what would have happened if instead you led the Q spades from dummy ? (and or the Q diamonds ?). Ie played like a palooka ? (look it up)Yes the opponents would cover with their Kings and you would flop badly.

7) You need to establish the clubs . This line might make 12 tricks.

1)Ace hrts 2) Ace clubs 3) K clubs 4) trump a club with 10 sp NB the clubs "broke "
5)Ace sp 6)K sp 7)Qsp 8) winning club 9) winning club
Lucky.

