

Homework answers reverses

1) impeccable 2) disastrous

Actually my spelling (and vocabulary) isn't up to many more of these pronouncements but hopefully you can see why one's right and one isn't ? That's ok then.

3) correct 4) correct 5) wrong –you were strong enough to reverse and bid 2H

6) disastrous

7) 1D-----1S
2H-----3D

8) 1H-----2D
2S-----3NT

Q8) wasn't very well constructed (by me) but the point was that responder , knowing of 15+ pts opposite ought to go to game when they know of 25 pts

9)(i) 2C weak stayman . NB showing 5---4 in the majors and *may be* as few as zero points ! Someone from this Thurs group who came to the last Wed duplicate had such a hand (and didn't bid Stayman !).

(ii) 2C normal stayman ie 11+

10) she has 5-5 in the minors.(the unusual 2 No Trump call); 3D is enough from us

11) her change of suit opposite an overcall is a weak bid (showing an extreme dislike for your suit)

12) the K clubs. This is a taster for a lesson coming to a classroom near you very shortly.

(The point is that this dummy is so strong and dangerous that you will have to take chances to beat it). More anon

13) Trick 1) Ace hrts trick 2) Ace diamonds Trick 3) J spades

So we are going to take the spade finesse (it is a running finesse ie we will lead the J sp and "run" it). If the spade finesse works we will repeat it and take 9 tricks.

Do you see why taking the diamond finesse was unnecessary and dangerous ?

It would be a good exercise for you to work it out. Clue –count the top (existing) tricks and add realise how many more tricks will ne needed to make the contact.