

Homework answers 2 u do

- 1) play the K –its your only chance .Two you do (play an hon when you only have 2)
- 2) play the 3 –with Three wait and see ...(and don't risk your honour straight away)
- 3) Trick question –or at any rate one of the hard ones which don't fit any category very well. Some call these *dodgy holdings* ..well whatever you call it you have to play the 3 from dummy and not risk your K.

The reason this “works” is that you are bound (eventually) to get a trick with either your K or J. Its impossible you wont as long as you don't waste the K at trick 1.

I really cant think of an easy mnemonic (just play it through in your mind – if I play the K and it lost to the Ace then I might make no tricks ,,not good ; what about if I play low from dummy ? Ah if the next player plays an honour Im ok because I can later make my K or J .

4) the 2 –three you w etc etc 5) 3 again 6)*dodgy holding* play the 3

7)play the Q (2 u do) 8) *dodgy holding* play the3

9)play the Q (2 u do) 10) play the 2 BUT it's a w.w.w nothing else

11)play the J (2 u do) 12) play the Q (2 u do) 13) play the J (2 u do)

14) *dodgy holding* play the 4 15) play the J (2 u do)

- 16) (i) 2Sp –still a weak take out even after an overcall
(ii) 2Sp – a weak takeout and a *rescue* bid after the double

(iii) what now ? well probably you were going to bid 3NT if there hadn't been an overcall so do it now even though there was an overcall. Bid 3NT

But you say I was going to bid Stayman ...can I still do that ?

Well... you can but really only very experienced players know how..

And the bid is NOT 3C .I hasten to tell you.

So its rarefied stuff and you don't need it but it's a bid of the opponents suit if you really want to know. Here 3D. Now forget it and move on.

- 17) (i) 2Sp will probably be enough. NB the Michaels cuebid promised both majors so you choose the one you prefer. Possibly you might bid 3Sp but 10 pts isnt much To shout about so I am selecting 2Sp.

- (ii) East should call 2NT ; West no longer has to answer the unusual 2NT now theres been an intervening bid. Some would though and 3C or 3D would be acceptable if pushy.

- 17) (i) A876 -----Q743 is Chinese finesse territory
Lead the Ace then lead the 6 towards the Q (or don't lead the Ace just lead the 6- both are acceptable and for practical purposes equally good)
(ii) you need to take some running finesses in diamonds.
Start by leading the 10; hopefully that wins and you are still in dummy and can lead another diamond to the J.

