

## Homeworkanswerslongsuitplay

- 1) W.w.w in hearts ( ie duck for 2 rounds and then win 3<sup>rd</sup> ) ; then play a spade.  
If K sp wins lead Q sp.  
OK ? bog standard in other words.  
Why didn't we run the long suit first ? well oddly you CANNOT make the contract if you did that as the opps will hold up their Ace spades for 1 round.  
It's because you might need the Q clubs as an entry to the spades.  
  
Gosh do I have to be able to analyse all of that ? Nah not really – if you have a reasonable chance to make a contract just play in a reasonable ( “normal”) fashion..  
  
...however ..
- 2) now you have NO chance to make the contract if you play a spade at trick 2.  
So you may as well try the effect of running the long clubs first.  
There are possibilities of success ( legitimate ones due to a player having to control too many suits ) and illegitimate ones (!) when a player unwisely unguards a suit.
- 3) The contract is 100% ( I can see by looking at all the hands ) if ..you run the long suit. “ I havent got a long suit!” (you say) “ What about trumps ?” I say.  
You have to play all the winners out except for the suit you have the worries/doubts/hopes for.  
So here :-  
1) Ace hrts (loses) 2) K Hearts –ruffed 3)Ace sp 4) K sp 5)Qsp 6)J sp 7) 6 sp throwing a diamond from dummy 8)A diamonds 9)K diamonds 10) Q diamonds ...  
And you will have either seen the defender chucking their Q hrts away or their Club guard. That's called a squeeze by the way. ( A simple squeeze which squeezes just 1 defender. There also double squeezes and triple squeezes and guard squeezes and ...I'll shut up shall I ? )
- 4) well of the 3 x choices as given ( b ) is correct.  
Its not that that is better than taking the diamond finesse (as in (c ) ) BUT that We can still take the diamond finesse after the run of the clubs if we want.  
We play the clubs first to try to gauge who has what/who has thrown unwisely/who was squeezed.
- 5) we can try for a ruff. In.... diamonds.  
Win K sp and lead the Ace diamonds and another. Nothing is better.
- 6) (i) Q (two u do ) (ii) low NB TERRIBLE Two (exception to two you do )  
(iii) Q (two you do )
- 7) Declarer played as follows :-  
At trick 2 they played the K Diamonds ( which probably lost).  
Next declarer won whatever was led and had 9 tricks.  
  
When you initially led you should have led the J diamonds ( an interior sequence lead ). Although the declarer would have won that ( with the Q or K ) they would not have had the benefit of the cheap trick in the 9 diamonds [which is what happened when the 2 diamonds was the original lead ].  
Contract makes 8 ie 1 off.

