

Homework answers -|michaels

- 1) wrong -the Michaels cue bid shows 5-5 in the majors not 5-4
Double would be a better call
- 2) well the heart suit leaves something to be desired.
Better not be too autocratic about this -there are players who would bid the Michaels cue bid with this hand (regardless of quality of the suits)- there are also those who prefer a simple overcall of 1Sp (me actually) -
- 3) perfecto
- 4) worth 3Sp - a gamble of 4Sp could also work
- 5)Pass seems normal -we dont have to bid after the 3C call and we dont really want to bid do we
- 6) Well that Ace sp at trick 1 fooled noone -partner's 4 sp (the lowest spade spot available) shows that they partner have no interest in the spade suit .
So declarer had the A + K + Q sp or to put it another way -they had 9 pts in spades.
Win the Ace hrts (but fast). Switch to the Q clubs-we know partner has the A + J clbs , is it too much to hope they also have the 10.? Q clbs is the only lead that might beat the contract.
- 7) The correct card now to lead is the Q diamonds. Very much a desperation switch.
(We feel desperate because we know trumps are going to be drawn in a second and then the good heart suit will probably be used to dump losers).
Thats easy to do (frankly). Whenever you see a VERY good long suit in the dummy you have to " go for it" and take chances.
A reasoned approach would get us there too. To beat this contract we need 2 more tricks and partner to hold an Ace. If partner hasnt an Ace we wont beat it so we may as well be positive and assume that p does have an Ace. Now if that Ace is a spade ...or a heart.. it wont help us to make more than 1 trick more. BUT if the Ace is a diamond there are possibilities.
Suppose partner had the A + J + 10 diamonds ? or just as good A + J + x diamonds?
Leading the Q diamonds may lead to 3 extra tricks if partner has either of those holdings .
(With the latter we would trump the third diamond).
- 8) 8sp. worth looking up your notes if you led anything else (or fire me off some emails and I will expound further.) And no , it's nothing to do with it being a major suit.