

Homework answers revision defender/declarer plays

1) Declarer has the J hearts (and not partner).

So what difference does that make to us ? well ...should we get the lead again (we will) we will know that if we bashed out the Ace hearts then that would probably set up a trick for declarer's Jack (so we don't).

Had we learnt that partner had the J hearts we could have led a low heart to partner's Jack.

2)Declarer has the Q hearts (easy this isnt it). And ...if declarer has the Q hearts we better not lead another heart when we next have the lead.

3)You of course won with the Ace hearts. VERY VERY important not to win with K.

So next we will lead K spades to start drawing trumps –it will lose –now if the player on lead having won with the Ace spades thinks there is still a future in hearts (ie their partner holds the K hearts) they may lead another heart...and we will make the contract.

If u had won trick 1 with K hearts EVERYONE (and their cat) would know u also had the Ace hearts and they (cat too) would switch to a new suit like diamonds.

4) 3H not too hard – a strong takeout ie a jump

5) 3H – now we try the checkback bid of 3hearts in case partner holds 5 x hearts. The final contrat will be 3NT or 4H

6) We are going to bid spades – how many ? partner has at least 12 points so we have 24 or more - 3Sp now would not be wrong but a bold 4Sp may take the prize.

A bid of 2Sp would be poor.

7) you have 5 losers on a bad day so better reduce that number if possible.

The trouble with drawing trumps is the oppes will potentially gather the A + K + Q sp and K + Q hearts.

So instead we play like this :

Win Ace hearts ; win Ace clubs ; win Q diamonds; win K clubs throwing a heart ; win Q clubs throwing a heart... AND NOW DRAW TRUMPS

8) 4 losers if u r not careful. So find a way to reduce that number. Again this works:-

Win K hearts ; Win Ace hearts ; ruff small heart in dummy ; AND NOW DRAW TRUMPS.

Both 7 + 8 required the postponement of drawing trumps but for different reasons.

Be clear why we didn't draw trumps in each case.