

1) the point of the question is *when* you get around to playing hearts , you should play the hearts as follows :-

K hrts; then QHrts ; then you will be left with :- A10 ----- 87 (hearts)

And if necessary , you will be able to finesse for the missing J.

So if the hearts had been dealt like this :-

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A1032 ----- ----- KQ87
J965

You can play so as to not lose a trick in the suit.

[There is a little bit more to the play I now see ! and you may have to establish your diamond tricks before drawing all the trumps on some layouts]

2)You win the Ace hrts (or hold up if you want) but then have to broach diamonds

The correct play is : Ace diamonds first (just in case there is Jxxx on your left).

Heres the distribution you are catering for :-

J982
AQ7654 ----- -----K103
(void)

After the Ace lead you can tell whether you need to finesse the 10 or not.

3)Same again. Play the diamonds so there is a tenace to lead up to.

Play the Ace diamonds first. This will gain when the suit is like this :-

J987
AK6542 ----- -----Q103
(void)

4) (a) play the K clubs first –you play like this to retain tenace(s) both sides:

The club layout is :-

J754
A962----- -----KQ1083
(void)

So after the K clubs you know where the J is. Now play 3 clubs to the Ace and Lead the 2 for a finesse of the 10.

(b) again play the K clubs first –you play like this to retain tenace(s) both sides:
The club layout is :-

(void)
A962-----|-----KQ1083
(J754)

So after the K clubs you know where the J is. Now play 3 clubs to the 9 and finesse the J. The key to all this is to bear in mind that opponents sometimes have annoying holdings like Jxxx . Try to play the suits so if it becomes apparent that yes someone does have Jxxx then you can finesse them.

5) Well although spades still offer the best hope of tricks it is for your partner to lead the suit now and not you. (This is because you know declarer has AQ in hand). So you switch. To what ? Well a heart is my answer. Go safe and don't risk leading either clubs or diamonds.

6) a) mad – why not the obvious 1NT ?

b) mad – why not the obvious 2H ?

Ok that was glib but can you see what Im getting at ?

7) never ask questions you don't know the answers to aspiring barristers are told.
Same should go for bridge teachers. I don't KNOW the best auction but these are possible.

2C-----2D
2S-----2NT
3H-----5H
6H

2C-----2D
2S-----3C
3H-----4H
6H

2C-----2D
2S-----2NT
3H-----4D* (cue bid)
7!H