

Thurs 20 Nov

Apologies there were a few typos in this homework .

- 1) and what we are looking for is a hand with :-
12+ pts ; a shortage (0 or 1 or 2) in opener's suit and length (3+) in each of the other suits
only these were good t/o doubles (i) + (ii)
- 2)(a) 1Sp is about right . NB West *has* to reply. They cannot pass a double.
Bidding at this minimum level shows approx 0-----9
- (b) 2Sp is about right NB West no longer *has* to reply. The double has been "removed"
by the opponent that bid 2H. The bid of 2Sp is a "free bid".
It shows about 6.5 -----9
- (c) There are a choice of bids that can be made here.
In Clubs or NT.
A bid of 3C would show 10-12 ie at the three level and
also a call of 2NT shows 10-12
The best call is 2NT it is 100% the best.
You have the points and you have some diamond "stops" in the opponents suit.
With such a hand you have to realise that game may be on -well 5C is too far away so
if game is to be called it will have to be in NTs. Show your suitability by bidding 2NT.
- (d) We are going to bid spades. How many ?
Partner has 12 pts and we have 14 so game is on -we must bid 4Sp.
- 3) i) *short hearts in dummy so will trump a heart in dummy.*
short trumps in dummy so will trump in dummy before drawing trumps.
Win Ace hrts and play another heart back.
- (ii) *there is a shortage in clubs in dummy BUT its no good to us (as it's opposite
a shortage in hand) ; there is (now) a wide open suit in hearts but again theres
no winners to throw the hearts on.*
There is a long suit in dummy though and that may be establishable by ruffing in hand.
Draw trumps .Hopefully in 2 rounds.
Play A + K diamonds then ruff a diamond.
Return to dummy's Jack of spades !!!!!!! and play winning diamonds.
- (iii) *short hearts in dummy so will trump a heart in dummy.*
long trumps in dummy so will draw trumps before trumping in dummy .
Play Ace hrts and start drawing trumps; later create a void in dummy in hearts
and ruff a heart there.
- (iv) *wide open suit in dummy and hand (543-----872 diamonds).*
need to throw a diamond on some winners.
Trumps not good enough to draw as will lose the lead.
Need to do the discarding straight away.
Win Hrt; play K c; play Qcl overtaking with Ace; play Jcl discarding a diamond.

4) Your K hrts won BUT partner played the lowest discouraging card she could - she doesn't have the Ace hrts nor the J Hrts as she would signal high with either of those cards .
Declarer is probably playing a Bath Coup (look it up if interested) ; but whatever is going on it is in our interests to switch.
NB declarer has A J 3 hrts, Look what happens if you continue with hearts.

5) 1H-----1NT or 1H -----1NT
 Pass 2H.

I prefer the former. Now if you had a third answer , you are wrong , but what is it you forgot ?