

Homework answers -forcing defence 29-31 March

1)

i bid 2H

i lead Ace Hrts

ii Lead K Hrts at trick 2 forcing declarer to ruff

iii declarer will probably start drawing trumps , leading the K sp which we will win with the Ace sp

iv we will lead another Hrt (forcing declarer again)

Declarer will by this time have only 3 trumps left { and we too will have three trumps left }. Probably declarer will draw all our trumps.

In time declarer will play on clubs and we will come in with the K clubs.

We will lead a winning Hrt and declarer having no trumps left will be forced to grin and bear it. Very satisfying.

2)

i lead Q Hrts which wins

ii lead another Hrt which declarer ruffs

iii declarer will start drawing trumps and we will win with the K trumps

iv we will lead another hrt forcing declarer to trump again

v declarer will lead another trump and we will win with the Ace

vi we lead another hrt and declarer trumps but only has 1 trump left {whereas we have 2 trumps Hee Hee}

Declarer will lose 4 tricks : Q Hrts A sp : K sp : 4 Sp.

Odd what ?

3)

i bid 2H { because we are very weak }

ii Pass { we are happy enough for partner to play 1NT }

4)

i ----- b { Souths 2H indicated a weak hand with 5 Hrts; when South bids again we can deduce they have b5 Hrts + 4 Di's BUT still a weak hand }

ii----- d { South must be extremely weak to bid 2H and then not compete further}

iii-----e { although weakish South does not want to be outbid too easily-hence South competes to 3H over the opponents 2 Sp bid }

iv ----- a { South is content to let North try and make 1NT }

5) 2H and NOT 1NT . You know why of course ?

6) anyone who had a different answer to the previous one may be beyond help

7)

6NT -winners 7

Will win and play spades { establishing the suit }.

Will make 4 x spades and 2 x Hrts and 2 x diamonds and 3 x clubs easily enough.

The 12th trick must come from a diamond finesse.

6Sp -----losers 2

Can avoid a Hrt loser by trumping a Hrt in dummy.

Win Ace Hrts , play K Hrts , then trump a Hrt in dummy.

Draw trumps.

NB in Hrts courtesy of the ruff we do not have to risk a diamond finesse.