

## Homework answers -forcing defence (iv)

1)

i) All the leads seem to be of the type one tends to avoid ...

ie doubletons (diamonds and clubs) ; leading away from a King (hearts and spades).  
Nevertheless we have to lead.

With one eye on our 4 card trump suit we realise that *if* we lead our longest suit and *if* we can in time force declarer to trump then we *may* finish up with more trumps than declarer. With this in mind we decide to lead a Heart. Which heart ? Am sure it won't matter but we may as well show our erudition and lead an interior sequence lead of the 10 Hearts.

ii)The Heart lead actually sinks declarer's chances and declarer will lose 4 tricks.

The early play will go :-

i) Ace Hearts won by partner ii) Heart returned trumped by declarer

iii) declarer will go to the Ace diamonds iv) trump led from dummy and won by our King.

v) (the coup de grace) another Heart forcing declarer to trump and creating an extra trump trick for us. ie we have more trumps than declarer.

Declarer lost : Ace clubs + Ace Hrts + K spades + 6 spades.

2)

It is clear what we should lead even if the eventual outcome is uncertain.

We should lead a heart NOT because we can force declarer to any great effect

{one sneaky look at declarer's trumps reveals that declarer has ample trumps};

no , the reason is that there is no other suit that you can lead to advantage.

Leading diamonds or clubs helps declarer ( taking a finesse for them ).

The contract goes one light if you lead a Heart back.

Your side makes : Ace Hrts + Ace spades +K diamonds +Q clubs.

3) A ) (ii)4Sp by S

1NT -----3S  
4S-----Pass

B)(ii) 4SP by N

1NT-----2C  
2S-----4S

C)(iv) 3NT by S

1D-----1S  
2H -----3NT

D)(i) 3NT by N

3NT-----Pass

4) 2NT -----3Sp

4C\* -----4D\*

6Sp.

4Clubs was an advance cue bid. "Advance"

in the sense of a cuebid that was bid in advance of

agreeing the spade suit as trumps. What other meaning could

4C have by the way ?(those who mainly play in the scullery please don't answer).

5) 1)Win Ace Hrts 2)(dont draw trumps as you will lose Ace sp + K hrts ) -you need to dispose of a Heart---lead the King diamonds ( for a ruffing finesse).

On the K diamonds you hope the next player plays the Ace (which u ruff)-you

will then return to hand with the Ace clubs and lead the established Q diamonds

discarding the heart from dummy. Then you draw trumps.

6) various possibilities... you could simply take the Heart finesse BUT the following approaches {A} + {B} are more interesting.

{A} 1)win with Ace Hrts ;play.. 2) Ace diamonds 3) King diamonds 4) Q diamonds

throwing the Q Hrts away ;5)trump a heart 6) lead the 10 sp for a trump finesse.

or...

{B} 1)win with Ace Hrts ;2)play Ace Spades ( in case the opponent's have a

singleton K spades)play...3) Ace diamonds 4) King diamonds 5) Q diamonds

throwing the Q Hrts away 6)lead a spade