

Homework answers 21-13 June -bidding after the opponents have opened a suit

Your right hand opponents has opened the bidding and it is you to speak next.
What is your first bid ?

1)	N	E	S	W	2)	N	E	S	W
	1D	1H				1C	1H		
		AQJxx					x		
		AJx					KQJxx		
		xxxx					AQxx		
		x					xxx		

In Q)1 + Q) 2 no reason not to overcall with a bid in your long good suit

3)	N	E	S	W	4)	N	E	S	W
	1D	Dble				1C	Dble		
		AQJxx					x		
		AKx					AKQJx		
		xxxx					AQxx		
		A					xxx		

In Q)3 + Q) 4 you are *too* strong to bid your suit at the one level; there is also no question of bidding a jump overcall { and hoping partner understands !} -whatever your jump overcalls are they are not strong jump overcalls so a jump too is wrong. We are left with a flexible take out double.

What (if anything) do you bid next?

5)	N	E	S	W	6)	N	E	S	W
	1D	Dble	P	1H		1C	Dble	P	1Sp
	P	2H				P	2H		
		AQJxx					Ax		
		AJxx					KQJxx		
		x					AQxx		
		Jxx					xx		

In Q)5 we of course support our partner's choice of Hrts. Partner will be weak {0-9} but it is still better to bid than let the opponents .

In Q)6 we have a classic hand too strong to overcall in our main suit of H; we started with a double and ignored partner {!} and then bid Hrts.

7)	N	E	S	W	8)	N	E	S	W
	1H	Dble	P	2D		1C	Dble	P	1Sp
	P	?				2C	?		
		AQJxx					AK		
		AJxx					KQJxx		
		x					QJxx		
		AQx					xx		

7)Same as above -we couldnt bid 1Sp {or 2 Sp for that matter } so started with a double and *then* bid our long suit.

8) No reason not to follow our plan through just because the opps have bid again; double first then bid our long suit.

9)	N	E	S	W	10)	N	E	S	W
	1D	Dble	P	1Sp		1Sp	Dble	P	2D
	2D	2H	P	4 H		P	2H	P	3 or 4 H
				AQxxx					xxxx
				Kxx					xxx
				xx					AKxxx
				xxx					x

9)+10) partner has shown {sic} themselves to be strong , so we move towards game.

Your opponents play weak jump overcalls. Your bid ?

11)	N	E	S	W	12)	N	E	S
	1D	2H	2S			1S	3H	Dble or 3NT
			AQxxx					Axx
			xxx					AJxx
			KJx					xxxx
			xx					Kx

The w-j-overcall is an irritant but in 11) bidding 2Sp { a slight overbid} won't go far wrong; {you could pass and hope partner reopens with a take-o-dble if you prefer};

in 12) things are more comfortable; you could make a penalty double of 3H { they will surely be going 2 or 3 or 4 off } or bid the obvious game in NTs.

In rubber or chicago Double stands out a mile , in duplicate ,*perhaps* if you were vuln and the opps not-vuln you would bid the game.

You are playing intermediate jump overcalls. As West do you bid in the following auctions?

11)	N	E	S	W	12)	N	E	S	W
	1D	2H	3D	3H		1S	3H	P	P
				Axxxx					xxx
				Kx					AJx
				xxx					Kxxx
				Kxx					xxx

in 11) W should not want to give in too easily; 3H will be safe even with a two card H holding.

in 12) am tempted to bid 4 actually but better show I can be disciplined. Partners l-j-o is only 10-15 pts after all.

You are in 3NT and the opponents lead the K hearts.

I will describe how the declarer should approach the play in each case.

13) (declarer)	(dummy)
AKQ3	J75
A43	852
KQ62	AJ109
32	654

i) win Ace Hrts.
there are 9 top tricks , so simply
run for home.

14) (declarer)	(dummy)
KQJ10	543
A76	432
A97	K842
876	AKQ

i) dont take the Ace Hrts until the last minute.
Play on spades. Assuming the player who
wins the Ace Sp has no H left to lead the
contract makes.

15) (declarer)	(dummy)
KQ10	J752
AJ10	52
KQ62	AJ109
632	A54

i) Win Ace H {cf S.W.S.}
There is no reason to wait before
taking the Ace as you have a sure
trick in the J or 10 H.
Play K sp next.

16) (declarer)	(dummy)
KQ109	7654
10987	A6
AQJ	K842
87	AKQ

i) Win Ace H {cf S.W.S.}
There is no reason to wait before
taking the Ace as you have a sure
trick in the 9 or 10 H.
Play a small sp to the K next.

Hands :13 + 15 + 16 are *cold* {meaning they can't be beaten}

Hand : 14 needs a bit of luck

17) You hold the hand below and are on lead. What do you lead against the contracts of:
i) 3NT ii) 4Sp iii) 6NT

Q65
K432
A54
J109

i) 3NT ~ 4th highest of your longest suit . The 2 H

ii)4Sp ~ J C {{ top of touching Hons }}

iii)6NT ~ J c {{ always lead a safe top of nothing OR top of touching Hons vs 6NT }}