

Homework answers revision

The first 4 questions concern the application of the rule of 11.

If you don't know it by now then you really had better learn it up but fast.

The led card is taken from 11 and the resulting figure reveals how many cards higher than the led card are held by dummy, right hand opponent and declarer.

1) Playing the 8 will win the trick !

ie $11 - 7 = 4$ and declarer can see the $K + 10 + 8 + A$ { ie the four cards higher than the led card }. Declarer has played well.

2) Declarer has played well by playing the 10. ie the 10 will win the trick

3) Poor play by declarer; had they played the 7 from dummy then the 7 would have won. Rather looks like this declarer doesn't know what they are doing...

4) Dumb play by declarer again. The R of 11 shows that the 6 { no less } would have won at trick one. Our declarer has squandered the Q .

5) Responder has taken a D.G.R route ie has shown 13-15 pts and 4 card spade support. Clearly hand {A}. If responder had had a singleton club as in {C} they would have made a splinter bid so hand {C} can be dismissed.

6) Looking very much like a Ruffing Finesse is on the horizon..

Trick 1 } Ace diamonds Trick 2 } unblock Ace Hrts Trick 3 } spade to J Trick 4 } Q Hrts.

ANY variation on the above is wrong {!} and will lead to defeat. The above line has a 50% chance of making 10{+} tricks.

7) We need to know when to play our Ace diamonds. The right time will be just before declarer has run out of the suit ie if declarer has two diamonds then we need to take on the second round ; if declarer has three diamonds then we need to wait until the third round.

How to tell ?

Partner has shown two diamonds { they played the 9 ie a Hi-low } and so declarer has two; we take the Ace on the second round.

8) Partner's Lightner double shows a void. We need to lead our longest suit and hopefully partner will trump it. A6543 Hrts or 98654 diamonds ?

It is a guess which suit to lead BUT we can have our cake and eat it this time at least.

Lead the Ace hrts -if partner shows out continue with Hrts ; if partner follows to the Hrt lead we switch to a diamond.

9) 2C was not stayman. All bids are natural after a double of 1NT.

The bid of 2H looks wrong.

10) South's 4NT was quantitative -all the subsequent Ace showing responses was wrong.

11) Trick 1 Ace diamonds: Trick 2 Ace Hrts; Trick 3 K Hrts ;Trick 4 Ace clubs;Trick 5 K C; Trick 6 Q C *trumped in dummy*; Trick 7 Q Hrts *throwing a diamond*; Now draw trumps.