

1)i) play the 8 ii) the 8 will win ! 2)i) play the 7 ii) the 7 will win

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Pretty easy so far !!

5) i) right hand opponent was known to have precisely one card higher than the 5 cl that was led. In this case it was the 9 cl.

ii) {Yes we won at trick 1 with the 10 clubs }.

We can now take 9 tricks straight away

i.e. 10 cl + {A + K + Q Hrts} + {A + K + Q Dis} + Ace cl + we can also finesse the Queen clubs.

NB because we know that the leader must have the K clubs it is 100% safe to rely on the finesse of the Q cl. { we might go so far as to say that the Q cl has become a "top-trick" }.

6) i) right hand opponent was known to have precisely one card higher than the 6Sp that was led. In this case it was the 9 sp.

ii) {Yes we won at trick 1 with the Ace spades }. We can now take 9 tricks straight away

i.e. Ace spades + {A + K + Q + J Hrts} + {A + K Dis} + K sp + we can also finesse the Jack Sp.. NB because we know that the leader must have the Q spades it is 100% safe to rely on the finesse of the J sp.. { we might go so far as to say that the J sp has become a "top-trick" }.

7) We were correct to pass the 3D opening. After all a preempt might be made on much less than the hand partner actually had.

Partner in fact opened with the wrong bid! She should have bid 3NT { and not 3D}. A 3NT opening bid shows a solid suit { AKQJ10xxx} which is err what she had.

8)Again partner is wrong. { Have you ever noticed that the more vociferous partners are in their condemnations the more they were the ones actually at fault ?}. Anyway -your 3H bid was 100% forcing and partner was a clot not to know that.

9){some gremlins got at the multiple choices } Never mind -the best play is to :

i) win the lead and lead a diamond.

The point was that the Ace Hrts should be won straight away , that this was not a wait when weak situation. { A2-----10987 is a strong holding and if you play the Ace on the led King you are certain to make another trick in the suit. It wasnt a w.w.w. but was actually a s.w.s }.

10) At trick 1 we win with the Ace Hrts.At trick 2 we switch to a diamond ; ( probably the 5 diamonds is the best card to lead).Why a diamond ? Well it would be hopeless to return a Heart. { partner led a top of nothing 8 Hrts anyway but you can see the K + Q still in the dummy }.Do you play with people who say they had to return the suit you led ? You do ? I bet they are vociferous too.  
We lead a diamond because that is the weak suit in dummy and we are leading up to weakness.