

Homework Sep 10

- 1) Partner appears to have good Hrts { they played the 9 ...}; declarer's plan *may* be to trump Hrts in the dummy and so to counter that possibility I will switch to a trump. The Ace sp is the correct card to play at trick 2and follow up with another trump at trick 3.
- 2) Again it looks like partner has a good heart {!} in her hand anyway ; perhaps declarer wants to trump Hrts BUT there are so many trumps in the dummy it doesn't seem possible to prevent the declarer trumping if they so wish. Pretty soon I am going to switch , to a club { as partner may hold the Ace }; the only question is whether I should cash the Q Hrts before switching. I think we should here. Take full marks for playing the Q Hrts and intending to switch to Q clubs and half marks if you decided to switch straight away.
- 3)Hmmm -might help if I knew the standard of the declarer - I am surprised that they haven't thought of creating a void in Hrts in the dummy as a preliminary to trumping Hrts. It must be prudent whosoever the declarer is to draw some more trumps to prevent Hrt ruffs in the dummy. I lead a trump.
- 4)Won't help to draw trumps as there are too many trumps in the dummy; will switch to the 8 clubs.
- 5)My main plan is to try and trump a Hrt in the dummy; to this end I will return a Hrt next. What can go wrong is if the defenders think to lead two rounds of trumps to remove my dummy's trumps. They won't think of that though ...will they ?
- 6) Defender X led the Ace diamonds, *there was a singleton diamond in the dummy*, and defender Y played the 2 diamonds. Did you remember that Defender Y's card is a Suit Preference Signal whenever there is a singleton in the dummy ? { the 2 asks for a switch to a club}. On that basis Defender Y was at fault -they should have played the 10 diamonds at trick 1 as a S.P.S for Hrts.Perhaps you thought defender X should have switched to a trump ? -not crazy by any means and certainly an idea. Half marks for the trump switch.
- 7)Again the singleton in dummy indicates that Defender Y's cards are SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNALS (do you think that perhaps you should look them up ?). The 9 diamonds asked for a Hrt and that's just what Defender X led. Defender Y should have played the 2 diamonds requesting a club. No other defence is remotely sensible. Deduct 2 marks if you switched to a trump { there are too many trumps in the dummy to enable that defence to work }.
- 8) {sorry mistake in the question} -The third sentence should have read *The slam is cold on the lead of the Ace Diamonds*. Anyway :
 - i) on the Ace diamonds lead the declarer can win the next lead , draw trumps and throw clubs on the now established K + Q diamonds.
 - ii)on a club lead there is no certainty at all of making the contract. Here is a 50% solution . Win , draw trumps, unblock Ace Hrts,go to dummy's 10 sp and lead the Q Hrts. This is called a *ruffing finesse* should the Q Hrts be covered by the K you ruff it and return to dummy's 9 sp and play the winning J Hrts throwing a club. If the Q Hrts is not covered then you throw the club anyway and hope the Q Hrts wins.