

## Homework Sep 3

- 1) Must switch from Hrts as partner has played a low discouraging card.  
Probably try the J clubs next.
- 2) Partner has discouraged with the 2 Hrts BUT my Hrt holding is so strong  
I should just carry on with Hrts leading the Q Hrts.
- 3) Partner's 9 Hrts is encouraging -partner will either have the J Hrts or Ace Hrts -  
whichever I should carry on with Hrts. Strictly leading the 3 Hrts is better than leading  
the Q. Can you think why ?
- 4) It is hard to read perhaps but partner's 6 Hrts is low and discouraging.  
Switch to the J diamonds.
- 5) The continued lead of a diamond played right into our hands ( literally);  
it gives us a 10 th trick which we couldnt get without the diamond lead.
- 6) The defenders arent doing very well -once again they have given the declarer  
a contract that was surely going down. They have been well and truly Bath Couped.
- 7) 1H -----1S  
3S-----4S
- 8) Pass
- 9) 4S. { because ....partner, the Stayman bidder must hold spades}.
- 10) 4S -again partner must hold spades.  
Why 4 and not 3 spades ? Because we are maximum and have enough  
points for game.
- 11) 3Sp ( only ). Not 4Sp. Not strong enough to bid 4 with only 12 pts.
- 12) Well the lead must have been the Ace of diamonds.  
{people do lead Aces against suit slams and although that is not a terrible  
lead it never seems to do much good; it gets the leader 1 trick true BUT that  
isnt a lot of good when you need two tricks to beat the contract}.  
Here the lead of the Ace just helps the declarer by setting up their King  
(and Queen ); the declarer can simply throw their losing club away on the good  
diamonds.  
Much better is to take a chance on the lead and {keeping your Ace back for  
the moment} make an attacking lead. A lead away from a King or a Queen is  
often best. Here the lead of the 3 Clubs would beat the contract.  
{you would in time take the K clubs *and* the Ace diamonds.}