

- 1) We should stop drawing trumps and play the King diamonds:
after the Ace diamonds has been played we can go back to drawing
1 more trump.

The bad break in trumps was an irritation and our possible losers were
1 x trump and 1 x Heart + 1 x diamond and 1 x club (ie too many).

It was necessary to establish the diamonds in order to discard a Hrt.

If we had continued drawing trumps, playing the Q sp and then played the K diamonds the opponents would win with the Ace diamonds and draw our last trump....

we would then go 1 off.

We stopped drawing trumps when an opponent had 2 x trumps left and while we still held the master trump.

- 2) We should draw 1 more trump and then switch our attention to diamonds.

ie we should leave 1 trump outstanding.

We play K diamonds, then Q diamonds, then the rest of the diamonds { until such time as the opponent with the outstanding trump ruffs.}

We can't be beaten with this strategy.

- 3)i partner's 9 indicates they liked the lead and presumably hold the K Hrts.

It is an encouraging signal and we should continue Hrts when we next take the lead.

Whenever we lead an Honour, partner's card indicates their "attitude" to our lead.

- ii) partner's 2 indicates they don't like our lead { and therefore presumably *don't* hold the Q}.

- ii) {no number iii}

partner's 9 indicates encouragement. They can't hold the Q { we can see that card in the dummy !} -presumably partner has a doubleton and wants to ruff the third round of Hearts.

- iv) This is a special signal. It is a suit preference signal. It asks us to switch to a ...club.

Now if this is news to you I suggest you look back through your notes.

OH ok -here is an explanation one last timewhenever there is a singleton or void in the dummy then we don't play encouraging or discouraging signals. { it would make no sense to encourage partner to lead a suit that dummy can trump}.

Our play of a high card asks partner to switch to the higher ranking suit and a play of a low card asks partner to switch to a lower ranking suit.

- 4) 1Sp-----2C
2H-----4Sp
4NT-----5D
6Sp.

1) K diamond lead win with the ACe.

2) K clubs

3) small Hrt to the K Hrts.

4) Ace clubs throwing a diamond

5) Q clubs throwing a diamond

6) small spade to the K.

