

Homework answers cuebids/blackwood

- 1) Blackwood was wrong; suppose partner replied 5D with 1 Ace -what good would that be ? If the Ace was the Ace Hrts then 6SP would go off BUT if the Ace was the Ace of diamonds 6Sp would have a fair chance.
We need to know *which* Ace partner holds -the only way to do that is to cuebid and not use B/wood. 4C was the best bid.
For those who prefer the application of simple rules -Blackwood was wrong because there was a suit wide-open. Always use cuebids with a w.o.s.
- 2) Same answer as above. Blackwood wrong Cuebids right. 4C is the bid.
- 3) Blackwood was a good bid. Simply knowing how many aces partner holds will allow us to go onto a slam. Cuebidding is unnecessary and may lead to uncertainty.
The simple rule is (again) if we have no wide/open/suits then Blackwood is the slam bid not cuebids.
- 4) Blackwood was correct
- 5) Cuebids -yes
4C -yes
- 6) Cuebids yes
3Sp a better cuebid
- 7) 4C a cuebid of Ace clubs
4D a cue of Ace dis
4H a cue of Ace Hrts
5C a cue of King clubs
5D a cue of King dis
5H a cue of king of HRts
- 8) 4C a cue of Ace clubs
4H a cue of Ace hrts
5H showing two Aces in response to Blackwood.
- 9) 9 hrts a hi-lo
- 10) 2 Hrts low from length NB this answer is correct
- 11) Ace hrts high from Hi-lo
- 12) 5 Hrts low from length
- 13) Ace diamonds ---we may yet switch to partner's Hrts but let's see the dummy/win a trick with the Ace diamonds first.
When we do switch to Hrts we will lead the 2.

14) Well ...you dont expect declarer to make 13 tricks when you hold 5 spades but , frankly , stranger things have happened.

The danger of doubling is that the declarer will work out *why* you doubled and conclude that you must have length in trumps.

The declarer who was doubled did just that. Their trumps were :-

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and they led the 2 to the 9 for a finesse; when that won they returned to dummy in a new suit and led the 3 to the 10 and finessed again. Contract made.

Good play no doubt but the declarer wouldnt have played so well if there hadnt been a double. The double actually made it easy for me { for it was I } to play the hand. Moral -don't double just because you have good trumps/long trumps.

Careless talk and all that. If there had been no double declarer would have gone 1 down.

15) Partners double is a Lightner double. They have a void and probably their void is opposite out long suit -lead a small Hrt.

16) Interesting hand involving a Ruffing finesse play. Did you think finesses only helped 50% of the time ? Me too BUT on this hand whether the finesse wins or loses the contract is 100% certain -heres how to play.

Trick 1) Ace diamonds Trick 2) (unblock) Ace Hrts Trick3) 2 sp to 10 in dummy

Trick 4) lead Q Hrts and then ...

a)if the Q Hrts is covered with the King we ruff and return to dummy and play the winning J Hrts and 10 Hrts throwing two clubs.

b)if the Q Hrts is not covered with the King we throw the 6 diamonds -no doubt we will lose that trick BUT we can win the next one and return to dummy and play the winning J + 10 Hrts throwing two clubs,.