

Homework -loser on loser play

1)

i) if we ruff with the 9Sp then our right hand opponents will over ruff with the 10 Sp and you will lose that trick. You will lose : A di + K di + di ruffed + (in due course) a Heart ie 4 losers.

ii) rather than ruff { and get over ruffed } a better play would be to throw our losing small Hrt away from the dummy ie when the third di is led we discard the 2 Hrts from dummy (and right hand opponent ruffs the di).
Now we will NOT lose a Hrt trick and will lose in total only 3 tricks.
Contract made. { Well played }.

2)

i) if we ruff with the 4 sp it will get over ruffed with the 9 { so thats no good !} ; alternatively we could ruff with the Ace sp { that wont get over ruffed ..} BUT now the opponents will make a trick out of their J sp.

We would lose : Q Cl + K cl + Jsp + Q d ie one off.

ii) if at trick 3 we just throw away our losing small diamondthen we will NOT lose 4 tricks. We will make our contract.

This may be a new idea to you and it would pay dividends to go over the hands { perhaps crossing off cards as they are played } so that you are completely sure of what's going on. !!

3) I double.

NB the opponents bid of 2H showed spades { and nothing to do with Hrts };

Because the 2H bid is a conventional bid I can make a L.D.D. of the 2H bid.

{ A lead directing double -try and keep up }.

The idea is that partner will know I have Hrts and can lead them or even bid them if they want.

4) I pass.

Again the opponent's 2D bid is conventional { and shows Hearts }.

For the moment the best bid is Pass. NB A double would show diamonds so that would not be a good idea.

It may be that the opponents will stop in 2H in which case I will double for takeout later.

e.g	(opponent)	(partner)	(opponent)	(me)
	1NT	P	2D*	Pass
	2H	P	P	Double

5) I bid 2Sp.

Whether the opponents are playing transfers or they are not there is no reason not to bid our good suit { and good hand }.

- 6) 1)Win Ace Hrts 2)Ace clubs 3) K clubs 4)Q clubs *throwing a heart*
5) start drawing trumps.

NB any order like drawing trumps before discarding the Hrt loser will result in bitter disappointment...

- 7) I could have asked is this a w.w.w. or s.w.s ?

Well it is a strike when strong.

If you play the Ace Di's on the K di your 10 + 9 will (later) save your hide in diamonds.

If you wait when weak and dont play the Ace Di's at trick 1 you risk going down.

Important to get this right ...

- 8) Ace spades followed by the Ace clubs (or vice versa).

If you led 4th highest or J Hrts I am seriously worried for you.