

## Homework Answers -coping with opponent's overcalls

- 1) Choice between 2D and 1NT. Either are ok by me. Pass would be weedy.
  - 2) Double is best . Partner can choose the suit to play in.
  - 3) Well.... pass can hardly be ruled out but if you have the nerve then 3D might work well. {{ ie you might even make it ! or going 1 or 2 off not-vuln is fine and lastly, the opps might bid 3Sp and go down themselves }}
  - 4) Bidding 2H seems normal. NB Do NOT let the opponents have an easy ride-always push them.
  - 5) Its getting rather high but Double stands to gain a lot -partner can choose Spades , Hearts or Diamonds.
  - 6) Well this is awkward -we have 19 pts and yet the opponents are playing in 2Sp. What to do ? I can see that 2NT will be chosen by some but actually you are unlikely to make 8 tricks in NTS as partner must be quite short in points. I would Double and hope the weather stays fine. Partner can choose Clubs Hearts or Diamonds. NB the opening bid of 1Club was rather esoteric { and also a typo }.
  - 7) Tricky -Double would be my choice { with 1NT a close second}. Of course the Double is rather off centre and we wont be delighted if partner chooses Clubs .. { if they do then we can always think again }.
- If you are interested { and this *is* esoteric } ,in the auction below ,North's last bid of 2D shows both Diamonds and hearts ! See if you can see why.

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	P	P
Dble	P	2C	P
2D			

- 8) A straightforward Double .
- 9) Quite a fun hand ... there are 3 losers { 1 Spade + 1 Heart + 1 Club }.  
You cant do anything about the Spade loser but you can smartly avoid any other losers as follows :-  
Trick 1) Ace Hrts Trick 2 ) K Hearts Trick 3 ) Ace Diamonds Trick 4) King Diamonds  
Trick 5) 3 Hearts trumped in dummy Trick 6) Q Diamonds throwing a club.  
Now draw trumps.  
Essentially ,we planned to trump a Heart in dummy and throw our losing Club on the Queen of Diamonds in Dummy. { We needed to unblock the A + K Diamonds before crossing to dummy }.
- 10) Another trick hand.  
There are 2 losers ie 1 x Club + 1 x Diamond.  
If we could get to the dummy we could try the Diamond finesse.  
Here goes ...  
Trick 1 ) Ace Hearts Trick 2) King Hearts Trick 3) Q Hearts *trumped* in the dummy

Trick 4) take the Diamond finesse.  
Might work and you will impress your partner anyway.