

Homework Answers { Dec 9 } pushing + pulling

- 1) MUST pass to begin with
- 2) Pass -would be rubbish bridge to overcall 2D on this hand which can only make 3 or 4 tricks { Don't you like making contracts you bid or something ?!}
- 3) Ah -this is a 2Sp overcall. Lots of probable tricks {6 or 7}-
An adultovercall.
- 4) No no no.
- 5) Now we bid a *delayed overcall* of 2H
- 6) Bid 2Sp
- 7) 2Sp
- 8) Hmm ...should we bid 3H ? The opponents are limited , partner is known to have some points { and Hearts } BUT we will have to bid at the three level....
Here goes -3Hrts and cross your fingers.
- 9) Better bid something ...but what ?
A take out double is the answer. Let partner choose.
NB when we dont have a five card suit we do a *delayed double*.
- 10) Double { same reasoning as above }
- 11) Clever of our partner to bid 2Sp just when it looked like the opponents would end up in clubs. Shall I raise ? NO NO NO NO No -partner did NOT overcall straight away -they did a delayed overcall -better not hang partner for their enterprise or they will think I dont understand *delayed overcalls*.
- 12) Pass -same as above -partner only bid because they worked out the opponents were weak(ish) and limited.
- 13) 1S-----2D
2NT-----3NT
is the correct auction -you see why S should NOT reply 2H to the 1Sp opener?
- 14) 1H-----1S
3H-----4H
is correct -pretty much nuts to reply 1NT with a six card major
- 15) either :
2NT-----3C
3S-----3NT
4H

or:

1S-----1NT

3H-----4H

NB the opener is not a 2Sp opener {there are no 8 playing tricks }

16) 3Sp-----4Sp

is correct. No other auction is possible

(no need to write to me about this one -work out for yourself why S should bid 4S }

17) J diamonds { is a safe lead } NB dont lead 4th highest against 6NT

18) 9 diamonds -you have to find a lead which won't lose you a trick -top of nothing is a good standby lead against 6NT

19) Possible losers are Ace spades and K clubs.

1st possible line { and it wont work !!! }

Play K sp to start drawing trumps -opponents win with Ace spades and play K clubs,

2nd possible line { it will work !}.

Play K Hrts; play Q Hrts and overtake with Ace Hrts; play J Hrts throwing a club; now draw trumps.

ie we had a wide-open-suit in clubs so ditched a club before drawing trumps.

20) We can trump the club lead but will have to take a Hrt finesse.

1st possible line { and it wont work !!! }

Trump the club with the 2 Spades.....

2nd possible line { it will work !}.

Trump the club with the 10 Spades.....

{ie we need the 2sp to be used to get over to dummy's 9 sp in order to take a Hrt finesse }.