

Homework answers-throwing losers

You are in 4Sp. How do you play on the lead of the J Hrts ?

1) { declarer } { dummy }
 KJ1094 8765
 AKQ 432
 K43 765
 AQ KJ10

Win Ace Hrts. Note that there are 5 possible losers. Rather than draw trumps straight away we can dispose of one loser fairly quickly. Play A C, then Q cl overtaking with K cl, then J cl throwing a diamond. Now draw trumps. Still some luck needed but our chances of not going down are much higher now. {next probably play a spade to the K as good as anything }.

2) { declarer } { dummy }
 QJ1094 8765
 A KQ5
 KJ2 765
 AKJ3 Q54

Win Ace Hrts. Five losers. Play cl to Q. Play K + Q H throwing diamonds. Draw trumps. Contract is certain now.

3) { declarer } { dummy }
 KQJ1098 5432
 A2 K8
 K3 AQJ
 KJ2 6543

Win Ace Hrts. 4 losers. K Di. Ace Di. J Di throwing a Club. Now draw trumps. The only losers remaining now are 2 x Clbs + 1 X sp.

4) { declarer } { dummy }
 KQJ10976 432
 6 AKQ4
 Q43 98
 K4 7654

5 Losers. Play Hrts to throw losers. NB must throw clubs NOT diamonds. ie K H throw a cl. Q Hrt throw a Cl. Then draw trumps.

5) { declarer } { dummy }
 KQJ1092 8765
 A43 72
 54 AKJ
 QJ 7432

This one really is a problem and there is no certainty it can be made. 5 losers one of which { a small H } can be trumped in dummy. You have to rely on the Di finesse working. Win Ace H. Play Di to J. Then Play Ace Di. Play K Di throwing a Cl. Now draw trumps.

6) { declarer } { dummy }
 AQJ102 9876
 AK3 42
 KQ AJ108
 Q54 872

5 losers { again 1 of the losers is a small H BUT we can trump that one in the dummy}. Need to dispose of a Clb before doing anything else. Play three rounds of Di's chucking a Cl then draw trmps.

7) { declarer } { dummy }
 KQJ109 876543
 A32 7654
 AKQ void
 43 K54

5 losers ie 1 x S + 2 x H + 2 x C. Play A + K+Q Dis throwing Clbs. Then draw trumps.

8) { declarer } { dummy }
 J1098 Q76543
 AKQ 32
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 432 K65

5 losers. Need to chuck Clubs. Play A + K + Q H throwing 1 x Clb. Play A + K + Q Di throwing 1 x Clb. draw trumps.

What does South's bid mean and what might she hold to make it ?

9)	N	E	S	W
	1H	1NT	Dble	P

South's double is a penalty double { *any* double of 1NT is penalty}.
She will have at least 10 pts which with her partner's 12+ will ensure that East has a tough time.

In the next group of questions you are given two auctions and two hands { a + b } that the *responder* held. Say which responder's hand goes with which auction.

10) 1Sp -----4Sp	11) 1Sp -----2C
	2D -----4Sp

{a} AQxx	{b} AQJxxxx	ie did responder hold hand "a" or hand "b" in the above
KJx	void	auctions.
xxx	x	
Kxx	Qxxxx	

10) ----- "b" a gambling raise { based on less than 13 high card points BUT made up with distributional points/features }

11)----- " a" a D.G.R { a delayed raise based on 13-15 high card points }

12) 1NT -----4NT	13) 1NT -----6NT
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{a} AQx	{b} AQx	ie did responder hold hand "a" or hand "b" in the above
KJx	xxx	auctions.
AQxx	AKQx	
AQx	Axx	

12)----- "b" a quantitative raise ie an invitational raise.

13)-----" a" with 22 pts it is certain that the pair have the 33 pts needed for 6 NT.

14) Below are four auctions in which a player bids 1NT.
 Beneath the auctions are the four hands that the players held when they bid 1NT.
 Match up the auctions with the hands.

i) N S E W
 1H 1NT

ii) N S E W
 1H P P 1NT

iii) N S E W
 1H P 1NT

iv) N S E W
 1NT

(iv)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
A) AQxx	B) AQxx	C) AQxx	D) AQ
xxx	AQx	KJx	xxx
Qxx	Jxx	Qxx	xxxx
KJx	Kxx	xxx	xxxx
12-14	15-17	10-14	6-9
	Strong N/T	protective NT	

You may have thought that 1NT in auction (ii) could as easily have been bid with hand { A } , but you would be wrong ! Can you see why that hand would not have been suitable for 1NT in the particular auction as given ?

15) Underline the correct lead against 6NT : Q543 -----J654-----987 ----J2