

## Homework answers { drawing bad trumps } 16 Dec

1) The contract is safe as long as I can draw trumps successfully.

Who has the Ace Hrts ? Probably East { who overcalled }.

I will play 5 Hrts to the Q. { if the Q wins } I shall next play

3 Hrts to the 6hrts ie duck.

If E started life with Ax Hrts I will only lose Q + J sp + Ace Hrts.

2) Similar reasoning to hand 1) above. BUT if it is E who has the Ax of Hrts i will have to lead from declarer's hand towards dummy.

ie Trick 2 3 cl to Ace cl { to get to hand }.

Trick 3 -3 Hrts to the K Hrts

Trick 4 -2 Hrts to 4 Hrts {ducking }.

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Trick 3 trump the Hrt

Trick 4 2 di to Ace di { to get to dummy }

Trick 5 4sp to K sp

Trick 6 5 sp to 9sp { ducking the Q }

Hopefully the Ace of spades has shown up by now.

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Trick 3 -trump a Hrt

Trick 4 -3 sp to the Q sp

Trick 5 -5sp to the 4sp { ducking }

Re Q) 5 + 6

It is slightly fanciful to suggest that you would know that N had two or three trumps

I do know ! Just wanted to test your appreciation of the point that when you have

poor trumps you always need to hope that one player { whoever it is } has precisely

Ax in the trump suit.

5) 3 sp to the J { which will no doubt lose }

next time we gain the lead , lead the 2 sp and duck it.

6) This time :

2 Hrts to the J { will lose no doubt }

next time you take the lead -lead the 3 Hrts to the 6 and duck it.

7) trick 3 -lead the 5cl and duck it on the way back ie DONT play the Q

8) 2Cl YES

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10)2 CL YES -actually 2Cl openers with diamonds ( or clubs) tend to be messy affairs. The reason is that the bidding gets to high too quickly

e.g 2C-----2D  
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we are at the three level and not much further forward.

Could open 2D I spose -but I wouldnt.

11)2CL Hmmm.... well I would BUT if that is too rich for your blood , then open 1Sp and hope partner replies. NB this is NOT a 2Sp opener.

mix up of numbers here

11)the 3D bid by opener was a reverse promising a strong hand.  
They havent so should have simply rebid 2Sp

12)Openers last bid of 4Sp was thick.  
They should have bid 4Hrts over their partner's 3NT.  
This would have shown 5-5 and allowed partner a voice in proceedings.

13)Responder's last bid { pass } was particularly sadistic.  
Yes they preferred clubs to spades but this is the perfect hand for responder to bid 2D after opener's 2Cl. Opener would of course pass.

14)Declarer *no doubt* trumped with the 3 sp and NOT the 9 Sp.  
The point is that declarer needs the 3 sp to get over to dummys 8 sp  
( to take a Diamond finesse )

15)Declarer *no doubt* trumped and then carried on drawing trumps. Dolt.  
Of course declarer should have played ACe and K diamonds to create a void in dummy and the led a diamond to trump it with dummy's lone trump.

Merry Christmas.