

Homework Answers odds + probabilities

- 1) no finesse needed in spades as we have 9 trumps
- 2) only 8 trumps so a finesse for missing Q needed. Best is to lead the 10 from dummy and "run it" { or *pass it* if you prefer that term }.
Consolation prize for going to dummy and leading the 7 to the J.
- 3) 9 trumps BUT we are missing the K so there is no question of not finessing.
Must lead from dummy -again leading the J and running it is best but it is acceptable { by me if not your partner } to lead the 8 to the Q.
- 4) 8 trumps missing the Q so a finesse is needed. This time you MUST lead a high card from the dummy and run it.
- 5) Trick 2} finesse Q diamonds ie DO NOT play 3 rounds of spades as the odds on that suit breaking are less than the finesse.
{Tricks 3 unimportant }
- 6) Trick 2} play A di Trick 3} play K di Trick 4} play another diamond.
This is the best chance to get an extra trick.
- 7) Diamonds offer better chances than spades.
You have to be careful though -it wont do to play the Ace + King of diamonds and then another diamond -true the remaining diamonds would be winners BUT you cant get over to them.
So Trick 2} play a small diamond from both declarers and dummys hands ie give up a trick.
What happens next remains to be seen BUT when we next get in the remaining diamonds should all be winners.
- 8) This one had me puzzled for a while ! Why did I set this I thought -this is too awkward. Then the penny dropped.... We have 8 tricks on top and can make 10 simply enough.
Tricks 2 -5 cash Clubs Tricks 6 + 7 play Ace diamonds and King diamonds ie no finesse in diamonds. Now run through the winning diamonds.
- 9) Again this looks difficult to me ! Well nothing is certain but we are likely to be able to make the A + K Hrts + the K diamonds in due course.
The first question is should we cash the winning K Hrts ? { and if not , why not ?}.
The answer may in part rest on what partner plays but as we arent told what partner played {!} we will have to fall back on 1st principles. Playing the K Hrts will make it easier for declarer to ruff losing Hrts in the dummy or , should declarer hold the Q Hrts, it will set that card up for declarer.
I intend to switch at trick 2. The choice is a trump to start removing dummy's trumps to prevent a ruff of Hrts or to lead a club to try to promote tricks in that suit.
I go for a trump.
- 10) Responders Stayman bid was wrong. The right bid was 3 Sp
- 11) Responders raise to 3NT was wrong. The right bid was Pass.

What, you didnt know responder could pass after opener opened 2C ?
Well you do now. Explain ? oh ok -this is the *only* sequence ever that the responder is allowed to stop short of game after a 2C opener .

no Q 12 or Q 13

14) Opener should open 4H { 8 card suit }

15) opener should have rebid 3NT ie 2C -----2D *then* 3NT. {showing 25-27 pts }

16) Opener is wrong -nice hand BUT not 8 playing tricks.
Should open 1Hrt or 2C perhaps.

17) Responder is wrong - the bid of 4Sp sounds too much like a *shut out bid*.
The correct reply is 3Sp NB 2sp ---3Sp is more encouraging than 2Sp -4Sp

18) U.S

19) U.K.

20) U.S.

21) Unusual No Trump ---- bid after the opponents have opened with a suit.
Traditionally it showed 5-5 in the minors and a moderate hand.
{these days it is sometimes defined as showing the lowest two suits }.
Whats the difference ? well suppose an opponent opened 1Diamond and partner bid 2NT. What would that show ?

Gambling No Trump ----- an opening bid of 3NT based on a solid {AKQJxxx}
7 card minor suit. A "strong" preempt if you like. The bidder will have few other high cards.