

Homework answers -protective bids

The auctions have been corrected; where there were errors explanations and improvements are suggested.

1) N E S W
 1H P P 1S
 P 2S P P

This looks fine; West protects and bids 1Sp on what is not a very special hand (when all is said and done); East bids only 2Sp in case West is weakish.

2) N E S W
 1D P P 1NT
 P P P P

Here West is right to bid 1NT with 11pts. East should have passed as with 10 pts no game is at all likely. NB West's 1NT shows 10-14.

3) N E S W
 1C P P Dble
 P 2S P P

Again this looks good. West "protects" {bids with less than they might usually} in the last seat. As the double might be made on only 8 pts { it was !} East doesnt get carried away and bids *only* 2Sp. West is happy to pass.

4) N E S W
 1D P P Dble
 P 1SP P 1NT
 P 3NT P P

The bidding as originally given was rubbish. West bid 1NT showing 10-14 { when in fact they held 17 pts}. That a reasonable contract was reached in neither here nor there. The above bidding { as given now } is credible.

5) N E S W
 1C P P 1S
 P 3S P P

Here East had bid too high. Yes they held 14 pts { and their partner had bid a take out double } BUT as the double might be based on only 8 pts { see Q}3 above} then to bid 4Sp is too high. 3 Sp is about right.

6) N E S W
 1D P P Dble
 2D 2H P P

This one looks right. East doesnt get carried away with only 11pts opposite a protective double.

7) N E S W
 1NT P P P
 P P P P

8) N E S W
 P P P P

Junk bidding. West has no right to protect over a 1NT call. Remember it *is* reasonable to bid on less when the opponents have opened in a suit BUT not when they have bid 1NT.

Words fail me.

9) In 6 Sp.

- Trick 1) win Ace Hrts
- Trick 2) play K d
- Trick3) play Q d { overtaking with Ace d}
- Trick 4) play J d { throwing a Hrts }
- Now draw trumps.

10) In 6 Sp.

- Trick 1) win Ace Hrts
- Trick 2) play K H { **and trump in the dummy** }
- Trick3) play small Sp and finesse the J
- Trick 4) play Ace s
- And continue to draw trumps

NB this was an eight ever nine never situation. It was necessary to get to the dummy to finesse and the only way to do that was to trump a winning K Hrt.

11) In 3 NT.

- Trick 1) allow the opponents to win the HRt lead ie w.w.w.
- Trick 2) allow the opponents to win the HRt lead ie w.w.w.
- Trick3) win the Ace Hrts
- Trick 4) play King S

The opponents will no doubt take their Ace sp. It is not clear what will happen next.

If the player on lead has no Hrts left then 3NT will now make.

{Even if the player on lead does have a Hrt then all is not lost because the Hrt suit might break 4-4 anyway }.

12) In 3 NT.

- Trick 1) win the Ace Hrts ie S.W.S
- Trick 2) Play a D to the K

The contract is 100% safe- the key play was to win with the Ace Hrts at trick 1. {Dummy's remaining 10 + 9 + 8 Hrts protect us from a further errrr .. *heart attack* }

13) Partner's bid of 2D was wrong. Having 10 pts they should have doubled the strong NT.

14) Partner raised to 4H { which indicates a gambling raise and not the 13-15 high card points that she holds}. She should of course have bid a delayed game raise

to show her good hand.

15) The contract will be safe as long as we don't lose too many trumps.

{The main weakness on the hand is the trumps }.

Having poor trumps we know to play to one honour and duck on the way back.

Here we should :

Trick 1) win the Ace Hrts

Trick 2) play the 3 sp to the Q { and the Q is likely to win }*

Trick3) play the 2 Sp to our 4Sp { and hope that the next player has to play their Ace Sp on our 4 Sp }.

* NB nothing is certain but the opening bidder is the one most likely to hold the Ace Sp.