

Homework answers -reversing the trend

1) 1D-----1S
2H
a reverse

2) 1C-----1H
2C
opener is not strong enough to go
2D

3) 1S-----2H
2S
opener is not strong enough
to go to 3C

4) 1C-----1S
2H
a reverse

5) 1H-----1NT
2S-----4H
Responder goes to game as
opener is known to have 17+ pts
(and they themselves have 8 pts)

6) 1C-----1S
2H -----3C
Opener has 17+ BUT responder with only
6 pts makes a minimum bid of 3C
ie they choose between C + H at a low level.

7) 1C-----1S
2H -----3NT
Responder goes to game as
(and they themselves have 9 pts)

8) 1H-----2C
2S-----4S
Responder should have no hesitation
in bidding 4 as opener is strong

9) 1D-----1S
2H-----4NT
a slam should be on
as opener has 17+;
check on Aces and away you
go. NB if you got this one
wrong ...we have a problem Houston.

10) 1C-----1H
1S-----1NT
This wasnt a reverse by opener.
{that was sneaky of me wasnt it ?}.
OPener is not known to have any more
than 12 pts so 1NT is enough.

10) Win with the Ace Hrts because we are in a Strike When Strong situation.
ie we are not weak in Hearts as we have a second stop {10982 -----A3};
no need to hold up and we could lose out if we did.

11) Win with the Ace Hrts; this time we have 9 tricks on top so can run for home.
NB it would be wrong to duck as the defenders could switch to diamonds .

12) a) 932 from three small cards lead the lowest
b) 92 from two small cards lead the highest
c) Q32 from three cards with only one hon lead the lowest

13) Partner has been taking lessons (or reading the Telegraph); their double of a freely bid suit slam shows a side-suit void. They are requesting that you lead from a long suit as that is the suit they probably are out of { and can trump}.

14) We will draw trumps and then play the diamonds as follows :-

AQ3-----J42

"lead the 2 towards the AQ3 and play the Q ie finesse; then we will cash the Ace {hoping the K will drop} ".

15) Only hope is to draw trumps and then try a *ruffing finesse* in diamonds.

The play :

1) Ace Hrts 2) Ace spades 3) K diamonds

i) if the opponents play the Ace Di's on the K we trump in the dummy and return to hand to lead the Q diamonds and throw a heart.

ii) if the opponents *dont* play the Ace Di's on the K we throw the heart on the K diamonds.

This is a 50% shot so you should try it but it of course requires the Ace diamonds to be conveniently situated.