

HOMEWORK ANSWERS -ruffing or establishing

Q)1 line (ii) would make 12 tricks and line (i) 10 tricks.

Here is how the play would go in each case.

line i ----- trumping Hrts in dummy

(Trick 1) win Ace Hrts

(T 3) * ? perhaps start to draw trumps

(T 5) draw last of opponents trumps

(T 7) lose hrt to K

(T 2) trump Hrt in dummy

(T4) draw trumps

(T 6) small club to K -loses to Ace

(T 8) lose hrt to J

And now declarer can win the next lead and play winning clubs.

Declarer loses 3 tricks : Ace clubs and 2 Hrt tricks.

{There are variations:At T3 * declarer might have tried the effect of leading K clubs, The defence can counter that nicely enough by withholding their Ace clubs. If declarer continues with Q Clubs the defence win and play a Hrt. Declarer is again stuck - leading a Club or diamond will both result in losing 3 tricks. Try it if you don't believe it. }

Q)1 line ii ----- establishing clubs in dummy

(Trick 1) win Ace Hrts (T 2) * lead a club to the Kthe K may lose to the Ace.

(T 3) Whatever the opponents lead next , declarer wins.

(T4) draw trumps

(T 5) draw trumps

(T 6) draw last of opponents trumps

(T 7) play winning clubs throwing 3 Hrts and 1 diamond away

Declarer loses only 1 trick to the Ace club.

{There are variations:At T2 * the opponents may not win their aCe clubs. If so , declarer continues with the K clubs. Now the defenders have to win. Whatever the opponents lead back the declarer wins and continues as from T4 above }.

Q)2 a)we will lead either a S or D . We have K542 in both suits. We should lead 2 Sp.

Why ? well in a sense it is a toss of a coin BUT the fact that the opponents didnt bid Stayman allows us to conclude that the dummy (at least) will not have a 4 card major. If your opponents are the sort who barely know what Stayman is and regularly forget to use it , well then it will be back to guesswork.

b)The opponents have both of our longer suits. {they have also bid Hrts }.

The answer is to lead the unbid suit , clubs. Lead the 8 clubs.

c)Partner doubled 2H* with a lead directing double. Clearly partner has Hrts.

If we had a fantastic suit of our own we might still lead our long suit -here though there is no sensible reason not to lead a Hrt. Lead Q Hrts.

3) a) 1S-----1NT

3Sp

(15/16)

b) 1H-----2D

2H

{3C would have shown
15+ ie a reverse /going up line}

c) 1H----- 1NT

Pass.

{bidding 2NT would show 17
or 18 }.

4) a) Not much you can do apart from taking a spade finesse ?

Quite right BUT make sure you lead the 9 sp at trick 2. NB that was the **9 Sp**.

Leading the 9 means that if the finesse works then you can repeat the finesse.

4)b) This time you can dispose of the Diamond loser by playing 3 rounds of Hrts.

Win Ace diamonds , play A + K + Q Hrts discarding a diamond from dummy.

Now trump a diamonds and lead? yes the 9 spades.

