

Homework -vulnerability matters

You have opened the bidding and are considering going onto game,
 What do you bid if a) not vuln or b) vuln

1) 1Sp -----3Sp

?
 AQxxx
 KJxx
 QJ
 xx

- a) Pass
- b) 4Sp

2)1H -----3H

?
 KQ
 KJxxx
 Kxxx
 Jx

- a)Pass
- b) 4H

3) 1Sp -----3Sp

?
 AQxxx
 AJxx
 QJ
 Qx

- a)4Sp
- b)4Sp

4)1H -----3H

?
 KQ
 Axxxx
 Kxxx
 xx

- a)Pass
- b)Pass

What is your bid if a) non vuln or b) vuln

5) 1D -----1Sp
 3Sp -----?

Qxxx
 xxx
 KJx
 Jxx

- a)Pass
- b)4Sp

6)1C -----1H
 2NT----- ?

xxx
 KQxx
 Jxx
 Jxx

- a)Pass
- b)3NT

The opponents have opened the bidding and you are thinking of making an overcall.
 Would the vulnerability influence you at all ?

7) N E S W
 1Sp ?

Qxx
 xx
 AQxxxx
 Qx

8) N E S W
 1D ?

QJxxx
 KJxx
 xx
 QJ

Not much of a hand but perhaps a not vuln bid of 2D is acceptable.

If Vuln a bid of 2D is too risky.

NB overcalls have to have readymade tricks;
 its no good contractibf for an eight trick contract if you can only see 3 tricks or so.

It has become the modern style to bid 1SP not vuln on such hands,.
 Bidding 1Sp vuln would be nuts.

Partner has made a vulnerable overcall and it is your turn to bid. Would you raise ?

9) N	E	S	W	{ you hold as West }
1D	2C	2D	?	Kxx -----KJxx -----xx-----xxxx

Yes: bid 3CL.

9) After this auction below you find yourself in 4Sp.

N	E	S	W
1S	2H	3S	P
4Sp	P	P	P

How do you play on the lead of the K Hrts ?

{ you }	{partner }
K542	Q763
A3	96
QJ109	K543
AQ3	KJ2

The only problem is the trump suit. Our Spades are poor and we need some luck. The technique is to lead to one honour and duck on the way back.

So Win Ace Hrts. Lead 2 sp to the Q in dummy. Lead 3sp and play the 4Sp from hand. We are hoping that East { the opponent who had bid} holds the Ace spades and also that they hold *only* Ax in spades. Best we can do.

10) Here are three auctions , two of which go to game and one to slam.

The opening bidder's hand is shown in all cases.

On which hands did opener i) *overbid* ii) *underbid* iii) *bid perfectly*

a) 1Sp-----4Sp
4NT-----5D
5Sp

AQxxxx
AQ
Kxx
Qx

b) 1Sp-----2C
2D-----4Sp
4NT-----5D
5Sp.

AQxxx
Ax
KJxx
Kx

c) 1Sp-----3Sp
4NT-----5H
6Sp.

AKxxx
x
KQxxx
KQ

i)overbid.

The 4Sp response (a gambling raise) is very much a shut out. Opener should pass 4Sp.

ii)underbid.

Having enough points for slam opener correctly asks for Aces. Unaccountably they stopped at 5Sp *even though they held 3 Aces between the two hands.*

iii) perfect

11) Criticise the following auction commentating on each of the players calls.
 e.g you might say that the player's call was reasonable { if perhaps unfortunate}
 or possibly even poor. If you think a player's bid was poor give an alternative.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1S	1NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass.		
AQxxx	KJx	x	xxxx
KJxx	Axx	Qxxxx	x
Qxx	Axx	KJxx	xxx
x	Axxx	KJx	Qxxxx

East is right { if a little unlucky} to bid 1NT with 15-17
 South correctly doubles as a penalty.
 North having heard the penalty double has no reason to bid again.
 West thoughshould have removed the penalty double by bidding their
 5 card suit of clubs and bid 2Cl. NB they wont make 2Cl but it will be less
 expensive than 1NT doubled { and the opponents might not even double}.
 It is because West has a weak hand and a 5 card suit that entitles them to bid their suit.

12)How do you play 4Sp on the lead of the J Hrts ?

(declarer)	(dummy)
KQJ1092	8765
632	A5
KJ2	7653
4	AKQ

We have a number of losers.
 1 in Spades
 2 in hearts { although we can reduce that number by trumping a Hrt in dummy ,later}
 3 in diamonds { on a really bad day }
 0 in clubs

We need to reduce the loser total and can do so by playing good clubs and throwing
 losers.

- Trick 1 -Ace Hrts
- Trick 2 -Ace cl
- Trick 3-King Cl *throwing a diamond NB NOT a heart !*
- Trick 4-Queen Cl *throwing a diamond NB NOT a heart !*
- Trick 5 -start drawing trumps.

Our only losers now are:

- 1 spade
- 1Hrt - as said above , our last Hrt can be trumped in dummy
- 1D