

Stung by an overheard comment that *you* bid on tram tickets you are of course wary of incurring further criticism.

Nonetheless you feel that on the following hands you ought to compete.

Do you bid ? { and if so what ? }

11)	N	E	S	W	12)	N	E	S	W
	1NT	P	2D	P		1C	P	2C	P
	P	?				P	?		
		Axxxx					Axxx		
		xx					Axxx		
		Axx					Qxx		
		Qxx					xx		

13)	N	E	S	W	14)	N	E	S	W
	1NT	P	2H	P		1H	P	2H	P
	P	?				P	?		
		Qxxx					Ax		
		xx					xxx		
		Axxx					Axx		
		Axx					QJxxx		

You are in 4Sp. Things don't look particularly bright { and the defender on your left is looking smug}. How do you intend to play trumps ?

15)	Q765	K432	16)	K6543	Q72
	Axx	Kxx		AQ2	K98
	Axx	Kxx		A32	98756
	Axx	KQJ		A3	K8

You are defending 4Sp. You make the obvious lead of the Ace Hrts.

You can see dummy and are told that declarer plays the J Hrts.

Give reasons why you might continue with : i) the K Hrts ii) switch to a new suit

17)		{dummy}
	{you}	AQ87
	654	Q92
	AK764	Q765
	J109	K9
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18) Re Q) 17 you were told what declarer played at trick 1; given that the auction had been an uninformative 1Sp -4Sp what extra information could you have had that would have helped you with your decision whether to continue Hrts or not ?