

## Homework -tactical matters

1)

The best lead would have been a spade and in particular , the King spades ;  
on that lead the defence would win the K sp + A sp + Q sp + K Cl.

In order for North to lead a spade they would have had to have heard partner bid.

i)A possible auction would have been :

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

ii) *if* 1Sp hadn't been bid { and we hadn't known to lead a spade} then we would probably have led the Q diamonds.

On *that* declarer would have won with the Ace diamonds , gone to dummy with the A Hrts and played the K diamonds throwing a spade.

The declarer would thus only lose 2 x Sp tricks + 1 x C trick.

2)

North has heard their partner open 1Sp in third seat and has jumped to the conclusion that *therefore* the opening bid of 1SP was made on less points and that they should hold back a bit and only raise to 2Sp rather than 3 Sp. Well *madness lies that way* and North has no right to make the assumption that 1Sp was a light opener.

North's job was to bid their own hand and with 10pts they should have raised to 3Sp whatever their partner's points were.

3) i) + ii) + iv)

The point is that it is highly unlikely that a slam will be reached now , after partner has passed . Game is quite probable and opening 4 will make it hard for the opponents to compete.

Hand iii) is too strong to open with a 4H as slam might be on if partner has as little as the Q diamonds.

4)Here are the best auctions as I see it :

a) 1H-----1S  
4S-----4NT  
5S-----5NT  
6D-----5S

responder should bid 4nt

b) 1S-----2D  
2H-----4S  
4NT-----5D  
6S

opener should bid 4nt

5)

The 50% line is to :

i) win Ace Diamonds ii) draw trump iii) draw trump iv) take Hrt finesse

If the Hrt finesse works you make 12 tricks if it doesn't you make 11

The 100% line is to :

i) win Ace Diamonds ii) draw trump iii) draw trump iv) lead a diamond from hand

towards the Jx in dummy. { the defender will no doubt win with the Q diamonds *but in*

*doing so will establish the J diamonds* - the J diamonds can be played shortly and

we will throw a Hrt away from hand. ie we have obviated the need to take the Hrt finesse }.

6)

i) 36% line is to play for a 3-3 break in spades

ie play Ace sp , then K sp , then Q sp --possibly the 2 sp will now be a winner.

ii) the 50% line is to take a finesse in diamonds

ie lead a diamond to the Q diamonds

{{NB actually , now I think about it, this "finesse line" is better than 50% -

even if the finesse loses as long as the Hrts break 4-3 then the opps can only get a

maximum of 3 Hrt tricks and 1 x diamond .....so we will still get a chance to see if the

spades break 3-3. If that sound a bit complicated , just ignore its not important }}>

This finesse line is the best chance anyway.

7) is of course .....3NT.

The *gambling 3NT opener* .