

President's Cup Final 2000 Problems

Problem 1 Vul v Non-Vul

♠ AKQJxxxx
♥ A
♦ Qxx
♣ x

1♠ 2♥
3♠ (1) 3NT
?

(1) Forcing to game

Problem 2 Vul v Non-Vul

♠ Q10xxx
♥ void
♦ KJxx
♣ xxxx

4♠ (5♥) 1♠ (4♥)
 Pass Pass
?

Problem 3

Dummy

♠ Qxx
♥ KQxxx
♦ Axx
♣ xx

♠ K10x
♥ x
♦ Jxxxx
♣ Axxx

You defend 4♥ after South opens 1♥ and North raises directly to game. Partner leads ♣J (standard lead). Plan the defence.

Problem 4 Vul v Non-Vul

♠ AKx
♥ AKx
♦ Kxxx
♣ xxx

1♦ (Dbl) 3♦ (Pass)
?

What if the auction instead proceeds according to:

1♦ (Dbl) 4♦ (4♠)
?

Problem 5

♠ Axxx
♥ AKx
♦ Jxxx
♣ xx

Your opponents have an uncontested auction of 1NT - 3♥; 3NT - 4♥, where the opening 1NT shows 12-14 HCP and 3♥ is a slam try. What is your opening lead?

Problem 6

♠ 98
♥ xx
♦ Axxx
♣ AKxxx

♠ AQJ10x
♥ KQ109x
♦ xxx
♣ void

You play in 4♠ after you have bid both majors and partner has bid clubs. The opening lead is ♦2. You win in dummy and cash the club winners, throwing diamonds from your hand. You next play a heart to the king and, when it holds, the nine of hearts from hand. This trick is won by ♥J on your left, as your right-hand opponent completes a peter (standard count, in principle). West now plays a low spade to the nine in dummy, and a low spade from East. Plan the play from here.

Problem 7 Non-Vul v Vul

♠ Q10x
♥ Ax
♦ AQJ
♣ Q10xxx

(1♥) Pass (1♠)
?

Problem 8 Non-Vul v Vul

♠ xx
♥ KQJxx
♦ AQ
♣ AK10x

	(Pass)	Pass	(Pass)
1♥	(2♦)	2NT	(Pass)
3♣	(Pass)	3♥	(Pass)
?			

Your partner's 2NT was artificial, and showed at least 4 card support and the values to invite game. Your 3♣ was a long suit try, and your partner's 3♥ showed a minimum. Your realistic choices at this stage are a cue bid of 4♣, a cue bid of 4♦, or 4♥. Problem 16 below is a continuation of this one.

Problem 9 Game All

♠ AQxx
♥ x
♦ Qxxx
♣ 109xx

			(Pass)
Pass	(1♥)	Dbf	(2♥)
2♠	(3♥)	Pass	(4♥)
?			

3♥ was competitive, i.e. it did not invite game. What call do you make?

Problem 10 Love All

♠ AKQ109
♥ x
♦ QJxx
♣ KQx

1♠	1NT
?	

Problem 11 Game All

♠ Qx
♥ QJxx
♦ x
♣ AKJ10xx

		Pass	(1NT)
Pass	(2♣)	Pass	(2♦)
?			

1NT is 12-14. 2♣ asks for a 5 card major and 2♦ denies one. What action do you take now?

Problem 12 Love All

♠ Kx
♥ KJ98x
♦ xxxx
♣ xx

2♥	(Pass)	Pass	(3♣)
Pass	(3♥)	Pass	(3NT)

What is your opening lead?

Problem 13 Game All

♠ Kxx
♥ A10xx
♦ K8x
♣ A105

♠ 9xxx
♥ x
♦ 10xx
♣ QJxxx

	(Pass)	1NT	(Dbl)
2♣	(Pass)*	Pass	(Dbl)*
Pass	(Pass)	Pass	

The pass of 2♣ was forcing and consistent with a penalty double of 2♣. The double of 2♣ was for take out.

You receive ♠J lead, covered by the king in dummy and won by the ace on your right. Your right hand opponent now plays ♥K, which conventionally asks his partner to give (standard) count. Your left hand opponent shows an odd number of hearts. You win ♥A in dummy and play another spade. The queen is won on your right, and ♥Q played. You ruff this, and must now plan the play from here.

Problem 14

♠ 10
♥ Axx
♦ AKQxx
♣ AQxx

♠ AQJ987x
 ♥ K
 ♦ J
 ♣ xxxx

			(Pass)
4♠	(Pass)	6♠	(Pass)
Pass	(Double)	All Pass	

♣9 is led against your doubled slam. What is your line of play?

Problem 15 Vul v Non-vul

♠ x
 ♥ AKQxxxx
 ♦ void
 ♣ AQJ109

			1♠ (Pass)
2♥	(3♦)	4♥	(Pass)
5♣	(Pass)	5♥	(Pass)
?			

Problem 16

♠ Axx
 ♥ Axxx
 ♦ xx
 ♣ Jxxx

 ♠ 10x
 ♥ KQJxx
 ♦ AQ
 ♣ AK10x

After three passes you open 1♥ and, following a 2♦ overcall on your left, you declare 6♥ on ♠K lead. Plan the play.