

01. 2025 – Remember the Bidding

Dealer E Nil Vul

Here is a Hand where it would have paid to remember the Bidding:

	NORTH	
	K7432	
	J8654	
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	1064	
WEST		EAST
Q		J95
97		A3
AQ98753		J1062
AK3		9852
	SOUTH	
	A1086	
	KQ102	
	K4	
	QJ7	

Bidding

East	South	West	North
P	1NT (1)	2D (2)	X (3)
P (4)	2H	3D	P (5)
P	3S	4D	X (6)
P	P	P	

- (1) 15-17 Balanced
- (2) Good Bid – 5 Loser Hand
- (3) Takeout, suggesting Majors
- (4) I would have bid 3D – good Diamond support and 1 sure Heart Trick
- (5) I would have bid 3H with that shapely Hand and no Diamonds
- (6) Again, I would have bid 4H or 4S, not Double

Contract

4Dx by West

The Play

North led a small Spade, South won with SA and continued with a small Spade back

West ruffed and.....

.....laid down DA. DK did not fall

NS made 4 Tricks (1 in each Suit), declarer went down 1

West forgot the Bidding

South bid 1NT, so must have almost all the missing Points and must have 2 Diamonds

So, West should cross to HA and finesse the DK through South. Contract made!

[As an aside, North should bid 4H or 4S, not Double. South can make this, again remembering the Bidding. West should have 7+ Diamonds for the repeat Diamond Bids. That means West is likely short in Spades. Draw Trumps (if in 4H), then deal with the Spades. Play SK, noting SQ falls, and finesse SJ9 through East, losing just 2 Clubs and HA]

MORAL OF THE STORY

Don't forget the Bidding! This is so easy to do, as you concentrate on the best way to make based on the Cards before your eyes

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