

# 02. 2025 – Big Hands and Mis-fits

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## Dealer E all Vul

The odds of picking up a Hand with an 11 card Suit are said to be 3/1bn (0.000,000,003). It happened on Board 10 last Monday night on Real Bridge (and maybe has never happened before in Bridge in Canberra?):

	<b>NORTH</b>	
	Q10632	
	-	
	KQ6	
	AK653	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
AKJ9854		7
5		Q
AJ53		109872
Q		J109872
	<b>SOUTH</b>	
	-	
	AKJ109876432	
	4	
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In big Hands, the Bidding and Results can vary wildly. The Hand was played 7 times on Monday, and here are the Results, all different:

## SCORES & FREQUENCY:

6Hx	13 Tricks	1860	1
6Hx	12 Tricks	1660	1
6H	13 Tricks	1460	1
6H	12 Tricks	1430	1
5Sx	8 Tricks	800	1
5H	13 Tricks	710	1
7H	12 Tricks	-100	1

## Bidding at our Table

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

- (1) At least 5-5 in the minors, weak hand (cheeky bid, in my view, with such a poor Hand)
- (2) Strange bid – a 2 Loser Hand, better to bid slowly, find out what Partner has, especially Aces. I would have Doubled (if left in, West rattles off the first 11 Tricks)
- (3) Justifiable if partner has anything for the 2NT opening, but note North is likely to have long spades, given the bidding so far, sitting over West
- (4) Not recommended, nor is 6S – South must have a big hand. Just pass and hope they have-over-bid. Don't bid 7D for the same reason

### **Contract**

6Hx by South

### **The Play**

West led DA, followed by SA. South ruffed and had the rest of the Tricks, for a score of 1660

### **MORAL OF THE STORY**

Hands like this are very rare indeed, and Shapely Hands and Mis-fits can lead to wide variations in the scores

South is looking for Aces or Voids by North to make 6H or 7H, and needs to set the bidding up for an Ace ask, hence the Double is recommended

West is being sat over by North, and knowing both East and South will have very few Spades, should not over-bid. West also should not Double 6H. West knows East has at least 5 Diamonds, so South may have very few. SO, West's apparent winners may evaporate

West is best to Pass the 6H bid, hoping South goes off. Bidding 6S or 7D as a sacrifice is only sensible if EW are non-vulnerable, but risky if Vulnerable

But what a Hand!

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