

# 09. 2025 – Big Fitting Hands

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Dealer N, NS Vul

Sometimes you get clues from the Bidding by the other sides as to how high you should go:

**NORTH**

AKQ42  
J53  
A1098  
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**WEST**

3  
K96  
K654  
AK1063

**EAST**

10876  
A  
Q7  
QJ8754

**SOUTH**

J95  
Q108742  
J32  
9

**Bidding at our Table**

North	East	South	West
1S	P	2S	3C
3D	5C (1)		

- (1) East knows West has at least 5 Clubs and should have a strong Hand. He also knows NS have 8 or 9 Spades between them, meaning partner has 0-1 Spades. Cross ruffing looks like it will yield many Tricks. So, the NV jump to 5C is very sensible, closing off NS from 4S

**CONTRACT AND LEAD**

5C by West, lead SA

**ANALYSIS**

West loses SA and later DA, making 11 Tricks easily = + 400

If NS bid 5S, EW will Double for +500

**MORAL OF THE STORY**

The key to this Hand is East's 4 Spades. He knows his long Clubs will help West with cross-Ruffing. So, bidding Game is the right thing

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