

# 38.2024 – Big Mis-Fits

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## 1. Dealer South Nil Vul

Last week I wrote about the disruptive effect of pre-empts – the opponents settled in 4S when they can make Slam (even Grand Slam due to the lei of the cards)

You are East. How do you plan to bid?

	<b>NORTH</b>	
	Q85	
	9752	
	7	
	J9742	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
KJ9732		4
AQJ85		-
A		KQ1097432
10		K863
	<b>SOUTH</b>	
	A106	
	K1043	
	J86	
	AQ5	

The Bidding was:

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

- (1) Perhaps better to Double, indicating Majors
- (2) Heaps of Diamonds
- (3) Second Suit, possibly 6-5 in Spades and Hearts
- (4) Rejects both Majors, insists on Diamonds
- (5) Perhaps better to Pass
- (6) Should bid 5D (an 8-card suit should always be Trumps)

## The Lead

North led D5, and West ended up down 4 for -200, for a top to NS

## **MORAL OF THE STORY**

East must out-bid Partner with no support in Partners 2 Major suits. As the cards lie, 5D will go down 1, but that is superior to down 4

Equally, after the 4D bid, West should Pass

Out-bidding Partner in mis-fits seldom is rewarding

Maybe, East's first bid should have been 4D? But the problem is that crowds the East-West bidding (even the possibility of 3NT)

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**Go Penrith (I flopped with the Swans last week)!**