

37.2024 – Big Pre-empt

1. Dealer North NS Vul

How do you bid this Hand?

NORTH
9
109
QJ1097652
K2

You have a 6-Loser hand. Looked at the other way, no matter how the Diamonds break, you will make 6 Tricks, and CK is a chance for an extra one

But you are Vul and EW are not

It is too strong to Pass. Your options seem to be 3D or 4D (or even a cheeky 1D)

I prefer 3D, given the Vulnerability

This was the full deal:

	NORTH	
	9	
	109	
	QJ1097652	
	K2	
WEST		EAST
AJ1043		K652
K65		A7
AK8		4
74		AQJ986
	SOUTH	
	Q87	
	QJ8432	
	3	
	1053	

The Bidding was:

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

(1) Doubling to show a strong Hand is better

(2) West does not know how strong East is

DQ was led. Knowing North had at least 7 Diamonds, East drew Trumps by finessing South for SQ

MORAL OF THE STORY

There are 2 morals to this story:

1. North should not get too excited about the 8-Card Diamond suit. He only needs to go down 3 Doubled = 800, a very expensive opening bid
2. East should Double over 3D, that way West knows East is strong (4C is just an overcall, could be weak given they are Not Vul)

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Go the Swans!