

26- 2024 – Competitive Bidding

Dealer South, Both Vul

NORTH

J96
AQ6
J864
1052

WEST

K7
843
A952
KJ63

EAST

4
KJ10952
Q7
AQ87

SOUTH

AQ108532
7
K103
94

THE BIDDING

South	West	North	East
3S (1)	P (2)	P (3)	??? (4)
??? (5)	P (6)	??? (7)	X (8)
P	P	P	

- (1) NS are Vul, but I like the bid – good Spades, and a probable trick in Diamonds
- (2) West cannot bid, even with 11 Points. He has no suit
- (3) North does not have enough to raise to 4S
- (4) East should just bid 4H. EW are Vul. Yes, there are risks, but Bridge belongs to the brave, and missing a Vulnerable Game is expensive
- (5) South has made a limit bid (3S) and should Pass
- (6) West thinks: My Partner is gonna luv Dummy!
- (7) North should bid 4S. [This is a competitive game, after all]
- (8) Telling Partner he has some Points – expecting to make 3 Tricks in Defence. Bidding 5H is too risky

THE PLAY

NS will lose 4 Tricks (-200) or 5 Tricks (-500) depending on how the Diamonds are played

In 4H, EW will make 10 Tricks, double finessing the AQ of Hearts through North. EW may make 11 Tricks if SA is played early and SK can be used to discard DQ

MORAL OF THE STORY

Competitive Bidding is a big part of Bridge. You should push, more so when Not Vul, but even when Vul against Vul. Just when to pull out (and maybe Double) is a tough decision

Ian Morison (in Iceland, colder than Canberra , and it is mid-Summer here!)

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From Iceland