

# 02- 2024 – The Misfit

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Dealer N, N-S Vul

Here is a Hand from this week

**NORTH**

K10985  
KQ1093  
QJ  
5

**WEST**

QJ42  
J42  
K9  
KQJ4

**EAST**

763  
A8765  
742  
97

**SOUTH**

A  
-  
A108653  
A108632

**THE BIDDING AT OUR TABLE**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
-	P (1)	P	1D (2)
X (3)	1S (4)	P	2C (5)
P	2H (6)	P	3C (7)
P	3NT (8)	P	4D (9)
P	5D (10)	P	P
P			

- (1) I would have bid 1S, intending 2H next
- (2) Amazing Hand, but no hurry
- (3) Perfectly reasonable by West (but tips NS off where missing Points may lie)
- (4) Intending to bid Hearts next
- (5) Showing the 2-suiter in the Minors
- (6) Showing the 2-suiter in the Majors
- (7) Showing good Clubs
- (8) Maybe 3NT will work? (I generally dislike 3NT on big mis-fits)
- (9) Re-emphasizing the Minors, and asking Partner to pick the better one
- (10) Partner picks

## **CONTRACT**

5D by South

## **THE PLAY**

West led CK. Declarer won with CA, cashed SA, ruffed a Club, cashed SK (throwing a Club), then led HK (not covered by HA) and ruffed in Hand

Then another Club was led and ruffed in Dummy. Then back to Hand with a Heart Ruff, played DA (noting D9 falls) and then D8, won by DK

West then cashed CQ, and nothing prevented Declarer winning the last Trumps and C10 (noting Declarer had to draw East's last Trump before playing the last Club)

## **3NTB**

See if you can make 3NT by North on any lead by East.....?

My thoughts next week

## **MORAL OF THE STORY**

Generally, 3NT on mis-fits should be eschewed. Communication between the Hands can be tough

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