

04- 2024 – Double Chance in 6H

Dealer S, Nil Vul

In this Hand, you give yourself a second chance to make your 6H

NORTH

A3
Q98532
AK
AJ2

SOUTH

K6
AJ1074
QJ76
84

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

- (1) Jacoby, game force, good Hearts, Slam interest
- (2) Minimum Hand
- (3) RKCB = 1 or 4 Key Cards

CONTRACT

6H by South

THE LEAD

C5

THE PLAY

You win CA in Dummy, and lead HQ

East plays low

What should you do? [It is a 50:50 guess whether East has the HK or West has it]

Can you see the answer is in giving yourself a second chance?

You must rise with HA (if West wins, EW will surely cash their winning CK or CQ)

Alas, HK does not fall

But, you have another strong chance to make your slam

Do not draw HK (if you do, the Defenders will surely cash CK or CQ)

You need to hope East has at least 3 Diamonds, to throw your losing Clubs away

You cross to DA and play DK

Then back to Hand with S3, and play DQ, throwing a Club

The moment of truth.....

East plays D10, and you are home. You play DJ, throwing the last Club. East can have his winning HK when he likes, but cannot stop 6H from making

Here is the full Hand:

	NORTH	
	A3	
	Q98532	
	AK	
	AJ2	
WEST		EAST
Q984		J10752
-		K6
5432		1098
Q9753		K106
	SOUTH	
	K6	
	AJ1074	
	QJ76	
	84	

MORAL OF THE STORY

Sometimes you cannot lose the lead. Here you must play HA, and hope the Diamonds are not unfriendly. You bring home your small slam when they behave

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