

01 - 2023 – What To Bid?

You are South

Dealer West, NS Vul

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| | A104 | |
| | K975 | |
| | 2 | |
| | AQ872 | |
| 7 | | 86 |
| Q864 | | J1032 |
| J84 | | AKQ1093 |
| J10964 | | 5 |
| | KQJ9532 | |
| | A | |
| | 765 | |
| | K3 | |

West Passes, Your Partner, North, opens 1C

How would you bid the East hand? At our table, East bid 3D, and I think this is right. He is NV and has a good Diamond suit. It is very disruptive to the NS bidding

So, what do you do now as South?

Options include:

- 3S
- 4S
- Double (asking Partner to bid again, or possibly penalties)
- 4D (indicating a strong hand)
- Some other bid

Before reading on, decide what you would bid

You have 13 Points, and a 4-loser hand. Partner has opened, and should cover some of those losers, so maybe 6S is on? Definitely, you should be in game

But look at the 3 weak Diamonds. If Partner has some Diamonds (say KJ), they sit under East, and surely West will start with a Diamond lead. So 6S looks dangerous

If you bid 3S, there is a risk Partner will see that as competitive only, and Pass

So, what is your bid?

I feared the Diamonds would be too dangerous, so bid 4S straight away, all then passed

A Diamond was led, and I made 12 Tricks – 6S was on with my Partner's singleton Diamond

I noted from the Scoresheet later that night that no-one bid 6S. It was a flat Board

Moral of the Story

It is not wise to bid with a big exposure such as the Diamonds here. It is too bad that 6S made. Partner could easily have had K3 of Diamonds

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