

## 27 - 2023 – Aggressive Bidding

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I sat South during the week, and this Hand came up:

Dealer S, NS Vul

	AK8	
	97	
	A	
	QJ98764	
J109		Q7
Q108653		KJ4
J83		Q107
K		A10532
	65432	
	A2	
	K96542	
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### BIDDING

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
2D (1)	P (2)	3C	P (3)
3S (4)	P	4S (5)	P
P	P		

- (1) We play Weak 2D, so I decided to bid – we are not supposed to have another 5-card suit, but I thought: ‘what the heck’ to all those silly rules
- (2) I think West should bid 2H as EW are NV (though the CK singleton is a weakness which rightly may put many bidders off)
- (3) It is hard for East to bid, even with 12 Points, as East has no Major, just Clubs and Diamonds. Maybe East could have Doubled for takeout?
- (4) Aggressive bidding.....
- (5) Knows partner must have 6-5 in Clubs and Spades, so bids 4S (I like this bid)

### THE PLAY

West led H6, and South won with HA. South then played SA and SK, and the DA, followed by CQ. East put up CA, South ruffed and CK fell

South then ruffed a Diamond in Dummy, played CJ throwing H2, ruffed a Club back (West did not over-ruff). South then played DK and ran the Diamonds. West eventually won the last Spade. 12 Tricks made

### **MORAL OF THE STORY**

Aggressive bidding with shapely hands can pay off handsomely. Even if it does not make, it hampers the opponents in finding their best fit

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Bridge lover

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