

31- 2024 – Forceful Bidding

Dealer East, Vul ???

You pick up this Hand:

NORTH
QJ10984
Q
8763
AJ

The Bidding goes as follows:

| East | South | West | North |
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| P | P | 1C | ??? |

What do you bid as North?

My suggestion is as follows:

North should bid:

- 2S if NS Vul
- 3S if NS Not Vul and EW are Not Vul
- 4S if NS Not Vul and EW are Vul

The Hand was as follows with NS Not Vul, EW Vul:

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|--------------|-------------|
| NORTH | |
| QJ10984 | |
| Q | |
| 8763 | |
| AJ | |
| WEST | EAST |
| AK6 | 532 |
| K1053 | AJ742 |
| K2 | 1095 |
| KQ42 | 63 |
| SOUTH | |
| 7 | |
| 986 | |
| AQJ6 | |
| 109875 | |

My suggestion is to bid 4S straight away, confidently

What does East then do? He does not have much. West may only have a bare opening. So, he passes

What can West then do? He probably Doubles

North then goes down 3 Tricks, for -500

EW can make 4H as DA is with South (+620). They cannot make 5H

MORAL OF THE STORY

Aggressive Bidding, especially when Not Vul with the Opponents Vul, often pays dividends

Here North has a 7-Loser hand, but Partner must have something. You can even give Partner the following and 4S should make:

SOUTH

K

986

KQ1094

Q1084

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