

33- 2023 – What is Partner Asking?

This Hand came up this week at the Club:

Dealer South, NS Vul

	NORTH	
	104	
	J1075	
	Q8642	
	J7	
WEST		EAST
Q532		J7
2		Q64
A107		953
AQ1053		K8642
	SOUTH	
	AK986	
	AK983	
	KJ	
	9	

BIDDING

S	W	N	E
1S	2C	P	P
2H	P	P	3C
3H (1)	P	P	? (2)

(1) South is showing a strong 2 – suit Hand, especially as NS are Vul. He is asking North to pick

(2) So, what should North do? As South has bid 3 times, North must pick his better suit – Hearts:

- He could Pass, but has too much with 4 Hearts
- So, North should bid 4H

THE PLAY

There is nothing to the play. West started with CA. Later South will lose DA.

Maybe you will lose 1 Heart as well, depending on how you draw Trumps. That's 10 or 11 Tricks

COMMENT

South is begging North to make a choice. North has good values, so should bid 4H

MORAL OF THE STORY

Ask yourself sitting North – What is Partner asking? Here Partner is saying – make a choice between Spades and Hearts

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