

# 34- 2023 – Re-evaluating Your hand

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You hold this Hand as North:

Dealer South, NS Vul

**NORTH**  
A874  
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AKQ62  
K642

You have a strong Hand – 16 Points and a Void, or put another way, a 4-loser Hand (KQ of Spades and AQ of Clubs)

The bidding goes as follows:

S	W	N	E
1S	2H	?	

## What should North bid?

- North must massively re-evaluate his Hand. Partner promises 12 + Points and 5+ Spades (so NS have at least 28 Points between them). West has overcalled, so should have at least 10 Points. So, East will probably have next to none.
- If South does not hold CA, then West will surely hold it, thus making CK safe
- The void in Hearts helps, as South can ruff Heart losers in Dummy
- The Diamond suit is a very good second suit

## Thus, North knows a Game is on, and should explore Slam

It is possible that 7S is on, so I would bid 3D (forcing) to hear South's response

The Bidding then proceeds as follows:

S	W	N	E
1S	2H	3D	3H (1)
4S (2)	-	4NT	-
5D (3)	-	6S	-

(1) Must have lots of Hearts

(2) Strong Spades

(3) 1 Ace (simple Blackwood as Trumps not agreed)

## THE FULL HAND

### NORTH

A874

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AKQ62

K642

### WEST

5

AKQ93

J98

9853

### EAST

62

108542

1075

J107

### SOUTH

KQJ1093

J76

43

AQ

## THE PLAY

There is nothing to the play. West started with HA, South ruffed in Dummy, drew Trumps, and it was all over – 13 Tricks

## COMMENT

North sees his Hand grow stronger with each bid by South and 6S must be bid

[It is hard for North to bid 7S, as South could have HA instead of CA]

## MORAL OF THE STORY

You must re-evaluate your Hand as you hear the other players bidding

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