

40.2024 – Precise Bidding

1. Dealer W Nil Vul

How do You and Partner bid this Hand?

	NORTH		
	98		
	AJ1075		
	AK4		
	AK2		
		EAST	
WEST		763	
QJ102		96	
2		QJ832	
1096		Q105	
98764			
	SOUTH		
	AK54		
	KQ843		
	75		
	J3		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P	1H (1)	P	2NT (2)
P	3H (3)	P	4H (4)
P	4NT (5)	P	5S (6)
P	5NT (7)	P	6D (8)
P	7H (9)	P	P
P			

- (1) Not strong enough for a 2C opening (would reply 2NT if South bids 1S, showing 18-19 Pts)
- (2) Jacoby – better than 3H bid, 4 Hearts at least
- (3) Good Hand, no Singleton or Void
- (4) Nothing more to say (could have cue-bid 3S to show SA)
- (5) RCKB
- (6) 2 Key cards plus HQ (North knows the key cards are SA and HK)
- (7) Simple King ask (note – in replying HK is ignored)

(8) 1 King (North knows it is Spade King)

(9) With all Aces and Kings and HQ, North bids 7H. has 9 Tricks on top, plus 2 extra in Hearts = 11 Tricks. Expects to make more with missing Qs or cross-ruffs

The Hand is easy to play – win the opening Lead, draw Trumps, and ruff losing D and C in Dummy

There is a risk that South has 3 Diamonds and/or 3 Clubs and no SQ, DQ or CQ, so North's bidding is bold. But South did bid 2NT, so should have something extra

MORAL OF THE STORY

Having descriptive Bidding Systems helps find high-level Contracts

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