

# 40- 2023 – Where Eagles Dare

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Dealer W All Vul

You sit South with these Cards:

**SOUTH**  
AJ108763  
K10764  
7  
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As you sort your Cards, you should assess your Hand. It is very strong – 5 Losers. So, at the very least, you should look for Game, finding out on the way whether Partner has longer Spades or Hearts

## BIDDING

W	N	E	S
P	1NT (1) P		2C (2)
P	2D (3) P		??? (4)

- (1) 15-17
- (2) Stayman
- (3) No 4-Card Major
- (4) \*

- You know Partner has at least 2 Spades and 2 Hearts for the 1NT Opening, and not 4 of either. You prefer Spades, given you have 7 and Partner 2-3

W	N	E	S
P	1NT (1) P		2C (2)
P	2D (3) P		4NT (5)
P	5D (6) P		??? (7)

- (5) Ace ask
- (6) 1 Ace
- (7) \*\*

\*\* Which Ace does Partner Hold? If it is HA or DA, then a slam looks good. If it is CA, then you have 2 losing Aces

There is a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> chance that it is HA or DA. So, you must decide – play safe in 4S, or bid 6S?

I took the risk, bidding 6S

Here are the full Hands:

## THE FULL HAND

### NORTH

K95  
AQ  
KQ98  
Q764

### WEST

Q2  
J92  
A652  
K852

### EAST

4  
853  
J1043  
AJ1093

### SOUTH

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## THE LEAD

DA was led at our table, Partner had HA, and with Spades 2:1 and Hearts 3:3, there was nothing to the Play

## COMMENT

You should decide for yourself whether bidding missing 2 Aces, but holding a Void, is for you or playing safe in 4S

## MORAL OF THE STORY

I am more of a risk taker, so I went Where Eagles Dare

**Ian Morison**

Bridge lover

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