

41- 2023 – Competing Hands

Dealer S All Vul

Here is a Hand about competing in the Bidding

	NORTH	
	AKQ73	
	KQJ2	
	8	
	QJ9	
WEST		EAST
-		108652
94		A3
AKQ52		J97
AK10873		654
	SOUTH	
	J94	
	108765	
	10643	
	2	

BIDDING AT OUR TABLE

S	W	N	E
P	1C	1S	P
P	2C	3H (1)	P
4H	P	P	P

(1) Note the jump, saying: Partner, I have a strong Hand – pick Spades or Hearts

THE PLAY

4H made, losing just 1H, 1D and 1C

West did not bid strongly enough, as 5C makes

HOW THE BIDDING SHOULD HAVE GONE

S	W	N	E
P	1C (1)	1S	P
P	3D (2)	3H	4C
4H	5C	??? (3)	

- (1) West has a 3 Loser hand, and in our system, can open 2C (that makes it much harder for NS to find Game)
- (2) This time West asks Partner to pick a Suit
- (3) What does North do? He might Pass, Double (5C makes), or bid 5H (it goes down)

COMMENT

With big 2-Suiters, bid strongly

MORAL OF THE STORY

Bidding in Bridge is about competing. The earlier and more forcefully you do this, the harder it is for the Opponents to find their Contract

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