

25- 2024 – Bid High, Now!

You pick up this Hand:

Dealer South, EW Vul

NORTH

A107642

A1098532

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That's a 6-7-0-0 Hand, very rare indeed

You think: I must be in 4H or 4S, depending on Partner's length in those suits. It may be hard to find this out

The Bidding starts as follows:

South	West	North	East
2S (1)	P	??? (2)	

- (1) Weak 2, promising 6 Spades, and likely to be weaker than if NS vulnerable (Cripes, thinks North!)
- (2) North knows his Partner is likely to Pass anything he bids (such as 3H). The Hand is too strong for 4S. He also knows EW may have something on in the Minors. So, it's time to be brave and just bid 6S!

[Imagine how the missing 6 Heart cards might lie. So long as Partner does not have 3 small Hearts and 1 Defender 3 high Hearts, you will only lose 1 Heart. The odds of this are quite unlikely]

This was the layout:

NORTH

A107642

A1098532

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WEST

K

J74

K10873

K987

EAST

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K

A9652

AQ105432

SOUTH

QJ9853

Q6

QJ4
J6

THE PLAY

West led CK, and it was all over – 13 Tricks when HK fell singleton under HA

Mostly, the Hand was played in 4S, sometimes 3H or 4H

6S is very likely to make, by imagining the chances of Hearts breaking badly, and seeing this is very unlikely

MORAL OF THE STORY

There is a time for bold bidding – here 6S is likely to make, and you want to shut EW out of their Game or Slam, or a sacrifice (it is hard for East to bid 7C over 6S, Vul)

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