

Re: How to find the slam?

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To: Susan Domsalla <sdomsall@msn.com>

Hi Susan.

I like your 2C bid with that great heart suit and a 4 loser hand.

I like to play that the 3C bid on South's second bid is the cheaper minor showing no ace or king. In any case, after you opened 2C, South should drive to slam with the 2 aces and 2 queens - unless it looks like you have 2 quick losers.

This is how I suggest this hand be bid:

N 2C

S 2D (waiting, with 2 of the top 3 club honors and a 6 card suit I would bid 3C)

N 2H

S 2NT (this is an uncomfortable bid, but everything else is worse if 3C is an artificial bid showing a bust. This is a game force bid as the cheaper minor wasn't used.

N 3H (This should set hearts as trump)

S 6H (I would not use any kind of Blackwood as you could be off an AK in either diamonds or spades. A close second choice is to cue bid 4C. I don't care for that bid as it might confuse North as North might think South is unwilling to allow South to play a heart contract. Also, it will make it easier for the defense to find a cashable AK if it existed. No point leading a club when South has the ace)

Passed out.

There are some who would use 2H as a bust instead of the cheaper minor treatment. Larry Cohen teaches the cheaper minor treatment and I almost always follow his recommendations.

But Marty Bergen prefers 2H to show a bust. So, if 2H shows a bust in your system the auction would go:

N 2C

S 2D (Waiting showing an ace or king, a game force bid)

N 2H

S 3C (a comfortable bid in this auction)

N 3H

S 6H (Same reason as the earlier auction)

Yes, 7H easily makes as the Queen of clubs is doubleton. If it wasn't doubleton, 7H would require a lot of luck as South's only entries are the 2 aces.

Grand Slams should have at least a 70% chance of making in order to give up a cold small slam. There are those who don't bid grand slams unless they can count the 13 tricks before making the bid.

On Sun, Sep 4, 2022 at 5:58 PM Susan Domsalla <sdomsall@msn.com> wrote:

We made 7.

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4

N sdomsall 6+

♠ A3

♥ KQJ6532

♦ A10

♣ KJ

W sudafrica 7

♠ KJ642

♥ 7

♦ J863

♣ 763

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Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦

Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣

Pass 3♥ Pass 3NT

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♠ 1097

♥ 10984

♦ K742

♣ Q5

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♠ Q85

♥ A

♦ Q95

♣ A109842

3NT
South

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Previous deal

Previous trick

Next trick

Next deal

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