

**Re: Balancing Seat Bid?**

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To: Phyllis Louderback &lt;pvloud@gmail.com&gt;

Hi Phyllis,

Your pass was correct. Even if you had 3+ hearts you should pass with 4 points.

When your left hand opponent opens **1 of a suit**, and it goes pass pass to you, then you balance with 8+ hcp or extreme distribution. When you have 8+ hcp and support for the 3 unbid suits, then you double for take out. If partner has a trump stack. partner's initial pass is called a trap pass. After you double, partner converts your take out out double to a penalty double.

You are correct in expecting partner to have decent points in your auction as you only have 4 hcp and your right hand opponent didn't have enough to answer. So righty has 5 points at most.

When the bidding goes 1N Pass Pass to you, it's a different situation, as your right hand opponent should pass with a flat hand and an ordinary 8 count. That means the opponents might have the lion's share of the points. So, for you to bid it is more about you having a good suit(s) than protecting partner's hand when you choose to bid.

Finally, West's 1 NT opener is incorrect, West has 18 hcp. Even if West is a novice, that is too much for a 1 NT bid. West should open 1D planning on jumping to 2NT on West's second bid. That shows 18-19 points.

As Marty Bergen teaches, aces are worth more than 4 points, so a point should be added for the 3 aces. That makes West's hand worth 19 points.

Hope that helps,

On Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 12:38 PM Phyllis Louderback <[pvloud@gmail.com](mailto:pvloud@gmail.com)> wrote:

Jeff, I believe you have talked about this before: called a trapped pass. I only have 4 pts but felt my partner must have points. I didn't bid, however, for my heart suit was so weak. If I had 3 hearts I would have doubled. Is that correct? For the record we did get 100% on this hand. Thanks for your help. Phyllis

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