

Re: Board 23

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Interesting hand.

Most would open this 1S by West, but it's becoming more common to open this 1NT despite the 5 card spade suit and the 2 doubletons, 1NT shows the strength very well and doesn't distort the distribution too much.

A 1NT opener would lead to this auction:

1NT - 4NT (Quantitative)

6NT

Opening 1S leads to the auction that you had through the 4D bid. Your question is a good one: Should East Q bid the Ace of clubs by bidding 5C. That's not a right or wrong question, that's a matter of how aggressive you want to be, 5C is the aggressive bid and 4S is the conservative bid,

I think most would bid 4S as East has already shown more than an opener with spade support, Yes, West has shown more than a minimum opener also with the 4D diamond Q bid. But I believe most would have the same auction you had through 4S.

The advanced players, play "last train" a bid/method introduced by Jeff Meckstroth, Using that method, West would bid 5H (an artificial bid right below the agreed upon trump suit) asking East to go to slam with anything extra, Then East would bid 6S,

Course, it's not a good idea to spring this on a partner who you've never discussed it with. Although, they might be able to figure out West is looking for slam as they bid past game in a suit that's not the trump suit, Don't remember if you attended my class on this bid.

Without the "last train" bid, West should bid 5S showing extra values but not enough for slam unless East has something extra. Then East would bid 6S.

By the way, the only reason 7NT makes is that the J of clubs is with the 3 card suit and not the 4 card suit, and most would go down finessing for the Jack of clubs instead of trying to drop it.

Hope this helps,

On Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 4:55 PM Susan Domsalla <sdomsall@msn.com> wrote:

Sitting E/W:

W	N	E	S
			P
1S	P	2C	P

2H	P	3S	P
4D	P	4S	P
P	P		

West opened 1S; East bid 2C, establishing 2/1. Then west bid 2H

East jumped to 3S, trying to tell partner more than an opening hand. West bid 4D, which was a cue bid for a diamond control. Since E has no heart control, E bid 4S. Should E have bid 5C instead of 4S? W passed.

How should we have bid this?

Dir: S 2♠
 Vul: All

1 ♠ 3 2
 1 ♥ 10 5 4
 16 16 ♦ J 6 4 2
 7 ♣ 9 6 4 2

♠ K Q J 9 6 ♠ A 7 5
 ♥ A 9 6 2 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ A 9 ♦ K Q 8 5
 ♣ Q 3 ♣ A K 10 7

♠ 10 8 4
 ♥ K Q J 7
 ♦ 10 7 3
 ♣ J 8 5

[Double Dummy Makes](#)
 N/S: ♠0 ♥1 ♦3 ♣0 NT0
 E/W: 7♠ 5♦ 4♥ 7♣ 7NT

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 Par: -2220 7NT-EW