

## HOW to BID LIKE an EXPERT

J532     Double (negative)  
 KJ102     4 Hearts  
 4  
 AJ72

AKQ9					8764
43	1 Spade				765     Pass
K1032	Pass				985
1083					K65

10  
 AQ98     DEALER – 1 Diamond  
 AQJ76     3 Hearts  
 Q94

I like West's overall of 1 spade with a chunky 4 card suit. South jumps to 3 hearts with 15 HCPs. And a singleton. North's hand re-evaluates to at least 14 points, a raise to 4 hearts is clear.

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K1084     DEALER – 1 Heart  
 AQ1062     4 Hearts  
 KQ7  
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QJ					9752
8	Pass				75     Pass
J10854					A93
Q8754					A632

A63  
 KJ943  
 62     3 Hearts  
 J109

South's too good to bid 2 hearts, and also too good to bid the "Weak Freak" of 4 hearts, (without a singleton or void, your trump may not be as useful as you think). 3 hearts describes souths hand very well. North has an easy raise to four, making 5, losing Ace of diamonds and Ace of clubs.

AQ932  
7 Pass  
9862  
KJ5

KJ75  
4 Pass  
543  
Q9843

10 DEALER 3 hearts  
J1098532 Pass  
7  
A1072

864  
AKQ6 3 NT  
AKQJ10  
6

I suppose your laughing at my 3NT bid with 3 small spades and a singleton club, but think about it. What does partners hand look like? North is certainly VERY short in hearts, is unlikely to have long diamonds since I have 5. Norths hand is full of black cards. You have 8 tricks and if partner has 1 more trick that you need to make 3NT, it's going to be in spades or clubs or both. 3 NT stands a good chance of making.

West should lead the 4 of clubs, you play the J. East wins the Ace and returns the 2, (remaining count). You win the King of clubs. You make 4.

You take 1 spade, 3 hearts, 5 diamonds, and 1 club.

After winning club K, play all your diamonds. Then cash your 3 good hearts. Do you feel lucky, spade finesse, you make 5.

When there's an auction like this, I don't transfer with a 5 card spade suit. If I have a 6 card or longer spade suit, then I transfer. 3 Hearts, 3 NT by partner, 4 Hearts, transfer to spades, but not with 5.

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When you have all the tricks but one and you are playing a trump contract, play off every single one of your trump cards before playing the other suits and then keep the suit you have the loser in until the bitter end. Make them suffer!

At a suit contract holding Axx facing xxx and the suit is lead, it is almost right to win the second round of the suit.

It is dangerous to count extra points for short suits or long suits before the bidding starts.

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