

BRIDGE JUDGMENT 3

	954	
	A83	Dealer – 1 Diamond
	K10864	3 Spades
	AK	
KQ 1076 A95 3 Hearts J8762 Pass		A2 1 Heart KQJ92 Pass 73 Q953
	J108763	
	54	
	QJ2 2 Spades	
	104 Pass	

Without interference, most of us play a Jump Shift as strong, but with interference, almost all players show a 6 card suit or longer with very few HCPs (usually 1-6 or so). On this hand, West will raise hearts with 3 card support and 10 HCPs and North will be happy to bid 3 spades, knowing they have a 9 card fit. 3 Spades will make 9 tricks, if EW go to 4 hearts, they will go down 1.

	AJ1072 1 Spade	
	K82	
	A1095	
	4	
Q5 73 Pass KJ64 K9765		K J1064 Pass Q732 QJ82
	98643	
	AQ95 Dealer - Pass	
	8 Your bid?	
	A103	

South's bid should be 4 diamonds. South has 5 card trump to support, and a singleton, 10-11 HCPs, it's enough to want to take a shot at game. Perfect hand for a 4 diamond Splinter, giving North all the information about your holding. North loves his A of diamonds and singleton club, but with only 12 HCPs opposite a Passed hand, North signs off in 4 spades.

	AJ7542		
	AJ3	Dealer 1 spade	
	AQ		
	106		
Q9			63 Pass
K108642			Q97
102			K8743
KJ5			Q43
	K108		
	5	Your bid?	
	J965		
	A9872		

Your bid should be 3 hearts. You have a singleton, but don't have 4 card trump support and you're not strong enough to splinter to 4 hearts even if you had 4 trump. However, your hand is stronger than 6-9 points because of the singleton and is full value for a limit raise, I like 3 spades, (are we making a L.R. with 3 good trump?)

	AJ	Dealer – 2 Clubs	
	AK5	2 NT	
	KQ1095	3 Spades	
	AQ8		
Q52			987 Pass
J1098			7432 Pass
A42	Pass		73 Pass
652	Pass		J1094
	K10643		
	Q6	2 Diamonds (waiting)	
	J86	3 Hearts (Transfer to spades)	
	K73	Your bid ??	

North showed a 22-24 HCPs balanced hand, South shows a 5 card spade suit with a Jacoby Transfer. North has an automatic 3 spade bid. South should jump to 4 NT, which is QUANTITATIVE, asking opener to pick the final contract knowing South has 5 spades and about 9 points. With 3 spades, he would bid 5 spades with 22 pts. And 6 spades with 24 pts. North would pass 4 NT with 2 spades and 22 pts, bid 6 NT with 2 spades and 24 pts. North has 23 pts. And 2 spades, should bid 6 NT with the 5 card diamond suit and doubleton AJ of spades. Makes 6 NT, lose the Ace of diamonds.

After partner has limited his hand and you know what the final contract should be, bid it! The one who knows goes.