

## JUDGMENT at BRIDGE 2

	AJ	Dealer – 1 Heart	
	AKQ1093	4 Hearts	
	65		
	Q53		
98	Pass		KQ6532
54	Pass		762 2 Spades
K1072			QJ9 Pass
J10942			7
	1074		
	J8	Double (Neg.)	
	A843	Pass	
	AK86		

When both majors have been bid, a negative double shows the missing 2 suites, minors. North's happy to hear that South has values to make a negative double, (10 or so?) and with 16 HCP and a strong heart suit, wants to be in game and bids 4 Hearts. Note – K of spades lead, the hand makes 6, on any other lead, the hand makes 5.

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	752		
	KJ95	2 Spades - Asks	
	Void		
	A109876		
Q4			A10986
87	Pass		A4 Dealer – 1 Spade
108742			K653 Pass
Q532			J4
	KJ3		
	Q10632	2 Hearts	
	AQJ9	4 Hearts	
	K		

2 Spades by North ask how good is your overcall, South has a good overcall and accepts game. Q of spades led, East wins the A and returns the 10 of spades. You win this trick. Now what?

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It is dangerous to count extra points for short suits or long suits before the bidding starts. If partner bids your short suit, that reduces, not increases the value of your hand. If one of Your opponents bids your long suit, that decreases, not increases, the value of your hand.

962 2 Diamonds  
K7 3 NT  
AQ9852  
K7

Q8754		A3	
A10	Pass	J843	Pass
74	Pass	K63	
9652		J843	

KJ10  
Q9652 Dealer – 1 Heart  
J10 2 NT  
AQ10

West leads the 5 of spades (4<sup>th</sup> best), dummy plays the 2, East wins the Ace, declarer plays the 10. East returns the 3, Declarer plays the J, you win the Q. What do you do next?

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AKJ76 Dealer – 1 Spade  
AKQ8 3 Hearts  
J  
K32

93		Q1082	
10762	Pass	93	Pass
K10852		A73	Pass
76		A73	

54  
J54 1 NT  
Q964 3 NT  
A1094

North's 3 heart bid was a strong jump shift and forcing to game. West leads the 5 of diamonds, you play the J from dummy, East wins the Ace and you follow with the 4. East returns the 7 (remaining count), declarer plays the 9, your turn to play to the trick. What card do you play and why?

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When the opponents bid and support each other, and you have a Jack or Queen of their suit, do not count points for those honors. Secondary honors may take tricks on defense, but seldom do when you are the declarer.