

# Get the Best out of this Hand

Game Tuesday Evening 19/09/23 Hand No. 11

Dlr: South

Vul: Love all

## Bidding

| N   | E | S   | W |
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|     |   | 2NT | P |
| 3D* | P | 3H* | P |
| 3N  | P | 4H  | P |
| P   | P |     |   |
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## How to Play

The bidding is very standard. Show you hearts on the way to three no trumps via a transfer and then let partner decide the final contract. With a doubleton diamond and three hearts south has an easy choice of giving preference to four hearts. Most players led a spade and east won and switched to a hopeful J♣. South won and drew two rounds of trumps and then tried to cash clubs to throw away the singleton diamond from dummy. West needed to stay awake and ruff in on the fourth round to cash the ♦A while they still could.

Six tables decided that three No Trumps was better, possibly in the hope this might be a better match point spot and four luckily survived. At the table of Pauline Sanderson and Penny Healy the defence was clinical. Pauline led ♠7 which was second highest from a bad suit. Penny won with the Ace and worked out from the lead that declarer held KQ spades so there was no point in continuing that suit. With a singleton diamond in dummy that seemed to be a good prospect, so a diamond through the king led to seven diamond tricks to add to the initial spade trick. Four off and all the match points. Well done!

**So tip of the day – when partner transfers to show a five card suit on the way to three No Trumps and you have three card trump support it will usually be better to play in the Major suit.**