

# Get the Best out of this Hand

Game Tuesday Evening 14/11/23 Hand No. 10

Dlr: East

Vul: Game all

## Bidding

N	E	S	W
	1H	P	2N
P	3S*	P	4N
P	5C*	P	5D*
P	6H	P	7H
P	P	P	

## How to Play

There were three slam hands this evening, all of which made thirteen tricks. Two made due to finesses working. This hand is the one which has an easy thirteen tricks and really has a good chance of being bid.

North's hand (top):

- ♠ K 6 5 3
- ♥ J 6
- ♦ K J 10 9 5
- ♣ 9 7

South's hand (bottom):

- ♠ 10 9 8 2
- ♥ 9
- ♦ Q 6 3
- ♣ 10 6 5 4 2

West's hand (left):

- ♠ A Q J 4
- ♥ A 7 5 4
- ♦ 7
- ♣ K Q J 3

East's hand (right):

- ♠ 7
- ♥ K Q 10 8 3 2
- ♦ A 8 4 2
- ♣ A 8

Central table:

	N	
W		E
	S	

After the normal one heart opener west bid a Jacoby two no trumps showing a good raise in hearts. It has now become common practice that the opener then shows a singleton or void if they have one. So east bid three spades and west could work out that the only possible losers on the hand would be the two minor suit aces and any trump tricks. Roman Keycard Blackwood followed with five clubs showing zero or three keycards. Given the number of points that west has this must be three keycards, so a five diamond bid followed asking if east held the queen of trumps. Six hearts showed the queen and denied any outside king as they would have bid that suit in response to the queen ask. West now started counting the tricks their side could make. One spade trick, one diamond trick, four club tricks and partner has at least five trumps. That's eleven, so a couple of diamond ruffs would make that up to thirteen. West raised to seven hearts. With east holding a six card heart suit the play was very quick.

**So tip of the day – bids that show a shortage in a suit are very powerful tools, so use them when you can.**