

## Get the Best out of this Hand

Game Tuesday Evening 06/05/25 Hand No. 13

Dlr: North

Vul: Game all

### Bidding

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

### How to Play

Board 13 of the evening was a slam bid by half of the field. After a weak no trump opening south shows their two suits first by way of a transfer then a natural and game forcing three diamonds. A slam is still a possibility. North will now give preference to hearts, but they have a choice of bidding three or four of the suit. What is the difference between the two bids? Jumping to four hearts takes away bidding space from your side and should be used when the one no trump opener has a minimum hand. The three heart bid should be used when that hand is non-minimum and you then have room to investigate a slam if required. This is known as the Principle of Fast Arrival. Another example of this might be 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♣ - 5♣ where after a game forcing two clubs the opener shows a club suit and the responder jumps to game showing club support with a poor hand. They have used up space in the auction, denying partner the chance to bid Blackwood so they should not have a good hand. With a better hand they simply raise to four clubs.

Back to our hand and the north hand is certainly not minimum, three nice trumps and a couple of aces are very nice cards. South, knowing their partner is not minimum is happy to bid the slam. After a couple of cue bids keycard follows and north shows two keycards plus the queen of trumps.

With the hands fitting so well there is a chance for thirteen tricks and we are playing pairs so you should make that your aim. So win the lead, ruff a diamond with a small trump and another with a high trump before drawing trumps.

♠ A Q 4		
♥ Q J 3		
♦ 9 8		
♣ A 9 8 7 4		
♠ J 5 2		♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ 9 7		♥ 10 8 4
♦ Q J 7 6		♦ 10 4 3
♣ K Q J 6		♣ 10 5 3
♠ K 6 3		
♥ A K 6 5 2		
♦ A K 5 2		
♣ 2		

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