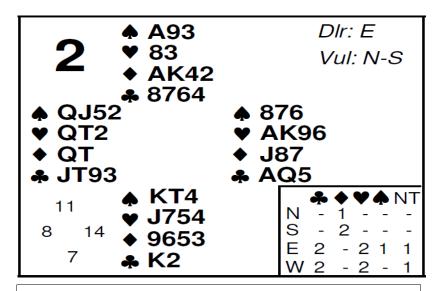


Bidding: North has a standard 1H opening bid. This shows 5 or more hearts. South with 6-9 points and 3 hearts raises to 2H. South could bid 1S. But why go looking in a new direction when an 8 card major suit fit has been found? With only a basic opening hand, North should not bid any more.

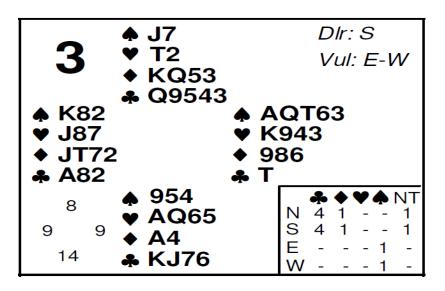
Play: North makes 4 heart tricks, 2 diamond tricks and 2 club tricks, 8 tricks in total, making the contract.



Bidding: East has enough points to open 1 in a suit. With 3-3 in the minors, the proper bid is 1C. West bids 1S, the 4 card spade suit, in case the pair has a 4-4 spade fit. The best contract is a combined 8 card major suit. East does not have 4 spades, has nothing else to show, and signs off in 1NT. With 6-9 points, West should not bid again.

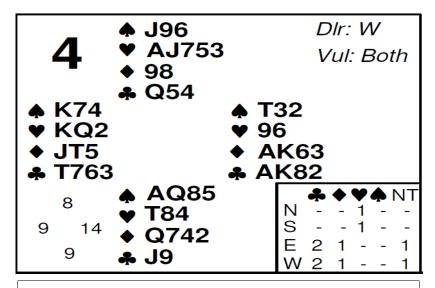
Play: East can manage 7 tricks in a few different ways. For example 1S+3H+1D+2C=7. Or 1S+3H+3C=7 tricks.

Bridge Basics – Bidding System Part 1



Bidding: With no 5 card major, South bids the better minor, clubs. With 5 clubs, North raises this to 2C. (North should have 5 clubs for this, since South might have only 3 clubs.) Show support if you have it. This is better than introducing the other minor by bidding 1D.

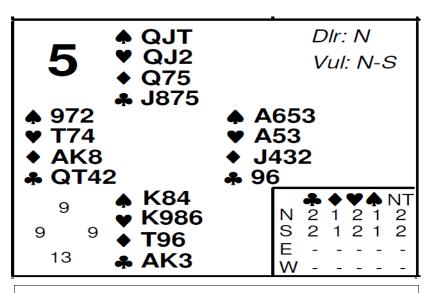
Play: There are 8 obvious tricks, 1H+3D+4C. South can make a 9th trick by trumping North's 4th diamond with South's last trump.



Bidding: West & North do not have enough to open, so they pass. East has enough. With no 5 card major and 4-4 in the minors, East bids 1D. With 6+ points, West should not pass. The 3 diamonds are not enough to bid 2D since East might have only 4. With no 4 card major, West should bid 1NT.

Play: Set up extra winners in your long suit before cashing all your high cards. Play AC, KC and 2C to make the TC good. Lead a low spade towards the KS. Can make 3C+2D+1H+1S = 7 tricks.

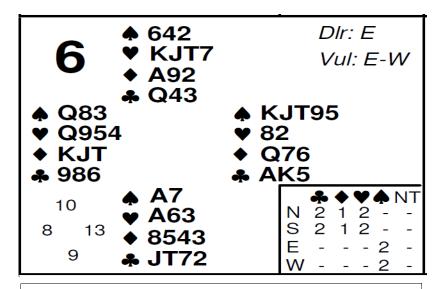
Bridge Basics – Bidding System Part 1



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P	P	1C	P
1NT	P	P	P

Bidding: North & East do not have enough to open, so they pass. South has enough. With no 5 card major and 3-3 in the minors, South bids 1C. With 6+ points, North should not pass. The 4 clubs are not enough to bid 2C since South might have only 3 clubs. With no 4 card major, North should bid 1NT.

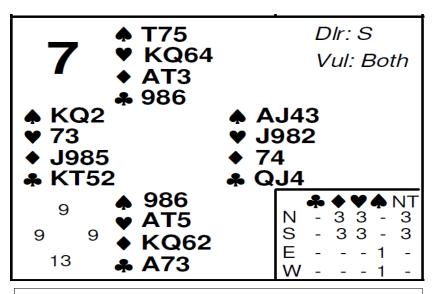
Play: North can take 2 spade tricks after the opponents take the Ace. North can take 3 heart tricks after the opponents take the Ace. These 5 tricks along with AC & KC are 7 total tricks.



Bidding: East has a basic 1S opening bid, showing 5+ spades. West with 6-9 points and 3 spades raises to 2S. With only a basic opening hand, East should not bid any more.

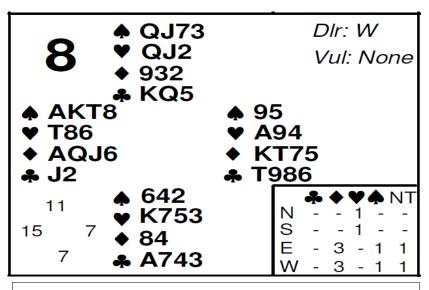
Play: East makes 4 spade tricks, 2 diamond tricks and 2 club tricks, 8 tricks in total, making the contract.

Bridge Basics – Bidding System Part 1



Bidding: South has enough points to open and bids 1D, the better minor. North bids 1H, the 4 card major suit, in case the pair has a 4-4 heart fit. The best contract is a combined 8 card major suit. South does not have 4 hearts, has nothing else to show, and signs off in 1NT. With 6-9 points, North should not bid again.

Play: South can take 3 heart tricks, 3 diamond tricks and 1 club trick, 7 total, making the contract.



Bidding: With no 5 card major, West bids the better minor, 1D. If East had a 4 card major, East would bid it, in case the pair has a 4-4 major suit fit. With no 4 card major, it is usually better for East to raise 1D to 2D with 4 card support rather than bid 1NT.

Play: West can pull trump in 3 rounds. West also has 2 spade tricks and 1 heart trick. West will lose 2 clubs, but then can trump a club in the West hand with West's last trump. The remaining trump in the East hand is the 8th trick.