02/05/2022 Hand of the Week 90:

This week a big hand to bid!


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S  davehar
♠ AKQ9876432
♥ 2
♦ 8
♣ J
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There are a few options here, and it would depend on partnership preference

You could 'pre-empt' directly to 4♠- I think the hand is too strong for this, as partner will almost always pass even if they hold 2 Aces

2nd option is 1♠, with a view to rebidding 3♠ or 4♠- this is reasonable and is probably the preferred option. The hand is unlikely to get passed out as the other hands are likely to be distributional as well, and if the opponents come in you can always bid 4♠ later

3rd option is your partnerships's game forcing bid- in my case playing 3 weak 2's this is 2♣- you can count 10 tricks off the top. The problem here is likely to be that partner will have a very short spade suit, so they might not be tempted to the spade slam even with a reasonable holding.

On balance I think I would be inclined to bid 2♣ but I think there is a good argument for 1♠ as well

After 2C, partner responds 2NT showing 8+ points and no 4 card major, South bids 3♠. North has some options again, and it would depend on partnership understanding – you can probably guess where this is going, North has 2 Aces so bad luck to everyone who pre-empted!


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        N  med029
        ♠ 10
  7     ♥ A107
  D     ♦ 104
        ♣ AQ107643

W  swanny12lo          E  medgar26
♠ J                    ♠ 5
♥ 853                  ♥ KQJ964
♦ AJ7652               ♦ KQ93
♣ 952                  ♣ K8

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W	N	E	S
			4♠
P	P	P	

4♠ S   NS: 0 EW: 0

What are the options for North after South bids 3♠? We haven't agreed a suit at this point, although South is suggesting a good spade holding. I think I would go 4♣, South responds 4♠ and you can now count them for a 7 card suit and bid blackwood

The bidding will likely follow a similar course after a 1♠ open- North bids 2C, South responds 4S and then to blackwood

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