

In the first round the bidding on B6 vs Peter and Liza was interesting:

Dealer E, E-W Vuln.

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		J6	
		K109653	
		QJ642	
Chris			Matthew
A987542			KQ63
1094			AK7
-			AJ742
875			A
		J10	
		Q8532	
		Q8	
		K1093	
2N	P	3H	P
4C(1)	P	4D(2)	5D
X	P	6S(3)	

Matthew's 2N was the normal 20-22 and 3H a transfer.

(1) 4C showed 4+S and a club control

(2) I'd intended to settle in 4S but now thought I'd show my D control first

(3) I thought Matthew's X was penalty, but not completely clear. As this bidding progressed my hand has got better, so thought worth a shot.

The perfect fit with dummy gave 13 tricks and a 90% score, with 3 pairs in the slam.

Round 3 was pivotal for us as we played Steve Root and Sharon, the eventual runners up. Board 16 helped secure a win.

Dealer W, E-W Vuln.

		Matthew	
		K	
		AK763	
		AQ9843	
		A	
A965			Q10873
92			Q84
K1062			75
765			Q104
		Chris	
		J42	
		J105	
		J	
		KJ9832	
P	1D(1)	P	1N
P	2H	P	2N
P	3H	P	4H

(1) I like Matthew's 1D opener, as 2-suiters are hard to describe if you start with 2C.

SQ was led to Ace with King falling. Then a club return to Matthew's Ace. He quickly led a small heart and Steve went into the tank, before playing low.

DJ was passed from dummy, then CK and SJ cashed. Trumps were drawn and a diamond conceded for +1 and a 77% score.