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N-S Vul



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C. The 6th spade and concentration of values there confirms a 9 card fit so you have reasonable chances of making 3 ♠ and fewer chances of setting 3 ♦ since you rate to take 2 spade tricks less than 50% of the time if partner has only 3 spades. However your extra values and side club suit and singleton heart all suggest that you might be able to make 4 ♠ if your partner has a couple of good cards. Say your partner had as little as the ♠ Q and the ♣ K.

If my singleton was in diamonds and not hearts I would be more inclined to bid 4 ♠ because there are so many more hands that give me chances to make

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul



♠ K Q J 7 5

♥ A 8

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B. 16 HCP, fast values and no shortness. If partner has a couple of diamond tricks they'll get slaughtered. Imagine ♠ xxx ♥ Kxxx ♦ KJx ♣ xxx

We start out with 2 hearts and 1 club. And then have the following chances for quick tricks:

♦ K, ♦ J, ♣ Q, ♠ Q and the ♥ ruff.

And they might simply not have the values to make if we can just lead a lot of trump. After all they would only have 17 HCP and 8 trump.