

27- 2024 – Disruptive Bidding

Dealer East, Both Vul

NORTH

J98
J3
KQ4
108762

WEST

AK7652
AK86
AJ
J

EAST

1043
2
98653
AKQ9

SOUTH

Q
Q109754
1072
543

THE BIDDING

East	South	West	North
P	2H (1)	X	P
3D (2)	P	??? (3)	P
??? (4)	P	P	P

- (1) This is a risky bid, and generally not recommended.....
- (2) Bid your longest suit first, even if a very weak suit
- (3) West now needs to take over. West has 5 losers, so East does not need much for 4S to make. Thus, I would make a jump bid to 4S (if West just bids 3S, East might Pass)
- (4) Should East say more, with 3 Spades and AKQ of Clubs? The pre-empt by South has crammed the bidding space. He does not know what West has, so he probably Passes and 4S it is

THE PLAY

EW will make 6S, taking care after North led DK (a good lead in my view – if South has a Trick, then DQ is established as a second Trick, down 1. If he starts with a Spade, then SK is established to allow DQ to be thrown)

When Spades break 3-1, West must not draw the SQ, but rather play HA, ruff a Heart, then play Clubs from Dummy throwing the losing Diamond and Heart. So long as North has 2 Clubs, you make

MORAL OF THE STORY

Disruptive Bidding is important. If Doubled, it can be expensive, especially if Vul (in this Hand, NS will probably only go 2 Down, making sure to Ruff a 4th Club by West with H9 – or if Spades have not been played, throwing SQ)

At the Club, over the 2H opening, many EW Pairs settled in 4S. Bidding 6S is easier if West is the first bidder, opening 2C (or 1S followed by 3S – I prefer the 2C)

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