

# 38- 2023 – A Hand worthy of Slam?

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You pick up this hand, sitting South:

Dealer North N-S Vul

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You have a 5-loser Hand

## BIDDING

N	E	S	W
1C	2D (1)	2S (2)	3D
4C (3)	4D	4H (4)	P
4S (5)	5D	?	

- (1) Weak jump (EW are Non-Vul)
- (2) Forcing, intending to bid 4H next asking partner to chose
- (3) Strong Clubs
- (4) Choose, partner – is it Hearts or Spades?
- (5) Partner has longer and better Spades than Hearts

What do you bid now as South?

Should you Double (noting you are Vul and EW are not)?

I believe the correct bid is 6S. Partner has opened (12+ Points) and bid twice, supporting your Spades. EW have bid Diamonds three times, so your Partner is unlikely to have wasted Points in Diamonds

## THE FULL HAND

	<b>NORTH</b>	
	K64	
	Q	
	1094	
	AKQ1087	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
753		Q
K		109543
KJ87		AQ6532
96543		J

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### **THE PLAY IN 6S**

West should start with DK, hoping it wins, and later that the HK makes as South finesses through East  
The Hand is quite easy to play (CJ is singleton), and all that should be lost is HK

### **COMMENT**

In this Hand, South does not get a chance to ask for Aces. But given North opened, and rebid Clubs at the 4-level, and is unlikely to have any Diamond honours, he must have something. So, I would just bid 6S

### **MORAL OF THE STORY**

Big Hands deserve big Bids, especially when you know Partner has Points.

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