

Dealer: E
Vul: Nil

♠ KJ103
♥ K4
♦ Q1064
♣ 842

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1C	P	1H	X (1)
XX (2)	1S (3)	2H	P
P	?		

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What should South bid?

BIDDING 14 – DON'T PUSH THEM INTO GAME OR SLAM

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Vul: Nil

	♠ Q974		
	♥ 972		
	♦ AKJ52		
	♣ 9		
♠ 862		♠ A5	
♥ AQ1053		♥ J86	
♦ 8		♦ 973	
♣ J763		♣ AKQ105	
	♠ KJ103		
	♥ K4		
	♦ Q1064		
	♣ 842		

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1C	P	1H	X (1)
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- (3) Better to bid 2S immediately, going straight to the level of the number of trumps
- (4) In a teams match, with 7HCPs and 3 for a singleton in an opposition bid suit, this hand is worth an invite.

What should South bid?

Whenever you are competing or sacrificing, always keep in mind whether you might be pushing your opponents into a making game or slam which they might not bid if left to their own devices. There were 2 warning signals on this hand that EW might make more tricks than they expect:

1. South's HK does not look well placed under the West bidder who has shown 5+ hearts, and
2. NS have a double fit in spades and diamonds. A double fit usually causes you to make an extra trick on the hand. Unfortunately, if you have a double fit, the opposition probably have one too and will make one more trick than they're expecting.

Given EW could get an unexpected 2 tricks from a finessable king and a double fit, it was a good idea to pass out the 2H. Alas, South bid 2S. West bid 3C showing a good 2H raise (closer to 10 than 6) with club help. This was all East needed to bid 4H on 15 total points with a known double fit. Making 11 tricks.