

## UPGRADING YOUR GAME

954 Double  
103  
J653  
8764

AQJ863 3 Spades  
9  
Q1074  
J5

102 Pass  
J54  
K92  
KQ1032

K7  
AKQ8762 DEALER 2 Clubs  
A8 Your Bid ???  
A9

West sees South's 2 Club bid telling him that he has a good hand and jumps to 3 Spades to try to crowd the bidding. North's double denies a King, or an Ace, or 2 queens.  
What is your bid as South??

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QJ72 2 NT  
J10 Pass  
KJ83  
Q103

A109843  
72 1 Spade  
64 Pass  
K92

K6  
Q653 Pass  
A1092 Pass  
874

5  
AK984 DEALER – 1 Heart  
Q75 3 NT  
AJ65

North is happy that Jacoby 2 NT is off over interference because he needs the bid to show good spade stops and a game invitational hand (Usual about 11 pts.). South accepts with a good 14 H,C,P, and North should have no problem in the play.

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A1052 2 Clubs (Stayman)  
83 3 NT  
Q1064  
A86

Q983 Pass  
Q1052 Pass  
A9  
1054

K74 Pass  
J7 Pass  
8732  
Q973

J6  
AK964 DEALER – 1 NT  
KJ5 2 H  
KJ2 Pass

If you open 1 Heart with the South hand and partner responds 1 Spade, you have no rebid which describes your opener to partner, unless you bid a 3 card suit, 2C or 2D. The easiest way to avoid this problem is to open 1 NT despite the 5 card heart suit. If partner has only 2 hearts, you haven't missed a fit. If partner has 4 hearts and a game-going hand, he'll use Stayman & you'll find your fit. If he has precisely 3 hearts, you may miss an 8 card fit & play NT

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K1062 1 Spade  
87 4 Spades  
A954  
Q63

J5 Pass  
Q63 Pass  
KJ832 Pass  
982

943 Pass  
J95 Pass  
Q107  
AK74

AQ87 DEALER – 1 Heart  
AK1042 3 Spades  
6 Pass  
J105

North has 9 HCP + 1 for the doubleton heart and opposite South's 15-16 playing points has enough to raise to 4 Spades. As declarer, North should set up dummy's hearts and just lose A & K of clubs. Notice that NS bid and made game with 9 HCP opposite 14 HCP's. That was because they found their fit and were able to reevaluate their hands and count their distribution points.

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