

Get the Best out of this Hand

Game Tuesday Evening 13/08/24 Hand No. 9

Dlr: North

Vul: E/W vul.

Bidding

N	E	S	W
1D	X	1H	2S
3H	4S	5D	5S
P	P	P	

How to Play

One the most exciting hands of the evening was board nine with both sides having to judge well as to how high to bid. The west hand may contain few values, but after partner has made a take-out double and south bids hearts you expect to have a good fit in both black suits and few losers so make sure that you don't let N/S off easily.

At my table our opponents did well to reach five spades and I passed hoping I could lead my singleton club and then put partner in with either the ace of hearts or queen of diamonds so they could give me a club ruff. When I won the ace of trumps I underled my ace, king of diamonds and was pleased to see partner win the queen. Partner now carefully considered what to do next. To me it seemed obvious that he should be giving me a club ruff, but he simply exited with a trump and declarer claimed the remainder of the tricks. That was when I found out that declarer had an unbid six card suit!

At another table Alastair and Steve reached five spades doubled which was going to be a top until Alastair decided to redouble. Opponents rightly took fright and ran to six hearts which was doubled and three off which fortunately still gave them a good score.

If you have any good stories like these please let me know. I'm happy to write them up.

♠ A 10 6
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ A K J 4 2
♣ 10

♠ K 9 8 7 4
♥ -
♦ 6 3
♣ Q 9 8 7 5 2

♠ Q J 2
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ 7
♣ A K J 4 3

♠ 5 3
♥ K J 9 7 6
♦ Q 10 9 8 5
♣ 6