

Competitive Bidding by Steve Moese Wed Eve Dec 10

Board 4 ♠ QJ108
West ♥ Q
Deals ♦ 109
Both Vul ♣ AK10983

♠ 52
♥ A75
♦ KQ754
♣ QJ5



♠ AK976
♥ 1093
♦ A863
♣ 7

EW 4♠; 3N;
5♥; 1♥;
NS 1♠;
Par -620

W	N	E	S
1♦	2♣	2♠	3♣
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EW suits (some play to 2NT – be sure to agree with partner). South might be tempted to bid 3♥ with a 6-card suit. However this South knows that 3♥ shows game values. South also knows a 2♣ overcall shows 6 cards or extra strength/distribution. Better to bid 3♣.

What is West to do? Let's look at the information so far. West has 12 HCP and 2 QT with a likely stopper in ♣ (QJx can be 3 losers if they can create two finesses and the AK is in North). East has shown 5♠ cards an 10+ HCP. 3N will be

Bd 4	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3♠E-3	300		14.97	0.03
3♥S-1		100	13.90	1.10
3♦W+4		130	12.30	2.70
3♦W+4		130	12.30	2.70
2♠E+3		140	10.70	4.30
4♦W+5		150	8.57	6.43
3♦W+5		150	8.57	6.43
3♦W+5		150	8.57	6.43
3♦W+6		170	6.43	8.57
2♠E+5		200	4.30	10.70
3♣xN-1		200	4.30	10.70
3♣N-2		200	4.30	10.70
3NTW+3	600		1.10	13.90
3NTW+3	600		1.10	13.90
5♦W+5	600		1.10	13.90

Bridge is a game of imperfect information. Competitive bidding makes gathering information hard. Here's a hand from the CBA Holiday Party that proves the point. West deals and opens 1♦. North will overcall 2♣ (a Double with a stiff ♥ and a hand weaker than 17 HCP is asking for trouble).

East can now make a 2♠ call –this bid shows 10 + HCP and a 5-card suit. 2♠ forces to 3 of either of the

right when East has 12+ and they can't run a long suit. If East has only 10, then 2N will be difficult to bid. In general we want 23 HCP to play 2N safely. 3♦ would show an opening hand and 5♦ cards, but fails to communicate the ♣ stopper to East. The type of game and method of scoring matters here. In Match Points there is much less incentive to reach a thin game and more incentive to get plus scores. In teams, the game bonus is

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Martha & Andrew Grant (51%)



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paramount. Vulnerability at Matchpoints suggests caution to avoid the dreaded -200! Double is an interesting treatment here – Cooperative Penalty or Balance of Power – Opponents have found a fit at the 3-level and West knows their side owns at least 22 HCP. This can lead to a sizable plus score, and is more certain than a thin game. The double shows 2-3 cards in ♣ with an honor, but does not promise a NT stopper. So of the bids available to East (3N, 3♦, Double) which do you choose? The 3N overbid gets rewarded. The 3♦ underbid sets the stage for East to be a hero – 14 SP in ♦ suggests a ♦ game is possible. The double lands +200-500 depending on defense. Looking at the scores, 15 good played in 10 different contracts! Who said there's only one best answer! BTW, the way to set 3♣ doubled is for East to lead the ♠ A and switch to the ♦ A (West encourages). EW get 2♦, 2♠, 1♥ and 1♣ (♠ Ruff). +600 was worth 14 of 15 MPs and +200 was a 71% board.

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