

Ask Dwight for June 9, 2019 Newsletter

Dear Dwight,

On Thursday Afternoon on April 18th, the bidding for Board 8 was:

P/P/1H/P

1NT/P/3H

My question is:

Who should put E/W into game in hearts?

Thanks,

J. Asking

North NV
♠ 10 9 8 5
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ K Q 6

West D NV East NV
♠ A J 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ J 10 9 7 4
♣ 7 4

♠ K 7
♥ A K Q J 8 7
♦ 6 2
♣ A 8 2

South NV
♠ Q 4 3
♥ 3 2
♦ K 8 3
♣ J 10 9 5 3

HCPs
11
6 17
6

Thursday, April 18th, afternoon,
Board 8

Dwight's Response

Dear J.

The auction should be: P-P-1H-P, 1S-P-4H-P, P-P. Once opener knows that partner has at least 6 points, they should just jump to game knowing that the Spade K is a very useful card and they have a very good and long suit.

West's bid of 1NT is incorrect. You should always bid 4 card suits up-the-line. The bid of 1NT denies having 4 Spades and if Opener has 5 Hearts and 4 Spades, they will always miss the 4-4 spade fit.

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