

## Ask Dwight – [Monday, February 26, a.m., Board 3](#)

*Dwight:*

*I was playing Monday February 26 in the morning. On Hand 3 I did not know what to do.*

*South opened with 2 hearts*

*My partner passed,*

*North passed.*

*I said 3 diamonds.*

*Everyone passed and I made 6*

*What did I do wrong?*

North		West		East		South		HCPs	
NV		V		V		D NV			
♠ 7 5 2		♠ J 10 6		♠ A K 8 4		♠ Q 9 3		6	
♥ 4		♥ 8 6		♥ A K J		♥ Q 10 9 7 5 3 2		7	22
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Dwight's Response:

Hi there,

Both you and your partner need to take some of the blame here, as usual.

First, your bid should not be 3D and secondly your partner should never pass your 3 diamond bid. I will explain.

The range for your bid of 3D after the preempt is about 12-18 maximum and you have more than that so you should double and then bid on after partner responds. Having said that---- West, when you did bid 3D, should have taken some call such as 4D. You should always respond to the 3D bid when you have 7+ points and a good fit as is the case here. I am sure you would have bid on with Blackwood or whatever if your partner had raised to 4D.

Now let's deal with what "should" have happened. The Auction would go like this:

Auction:

2H-P-P-X

P-3D-P-3H\*

P-3S\*\*-P-4NT

P-5C\*\*\*-P-5D\*\*\*\*\*

P-P-P

## Explanations:

X is take-out planning to bid diamonds if partner bids either spades or clubs

\*3H says you have a very good hand- more than 18 points with a good diamond fit and can make game, maybe a slam even

\*\*3S says OK I have 3 spades (already denied 4 when bid 3D). I am not sure what to do but I have some points, between 7 and 10 since I did not jump the first time  
4NT is Blackwood

\*\*\*5C says no aces (or if you are playing KEYCARD it would show 1)

\*\*\*\*5D says OK I think we can make 5D which is what should happen----East/West should make only 11 tricks since they should lose a spade and a club.

Hope that helps next time such a hand comes up.

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