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|             | <i>North</i> |             |    |   |   |
| Dealer: N   | ♠ 1073       |             |    |   |   |
| Vul: NS     | ♥ A108643    |             |    |   |   |
|             | ♦ KJ10       |             |    |   |   |
|             | ♣ 4          |             |    |   |   |
|             |              |             |    |   |   |
| <i>West</i> |              | <i>East</i> |    |   |   |
| ♠ J9865     |              | ♠ AKQ42     |    |   |   |
| ♥ KQ        |              | ♥ J975      |    |   |   |
| ♦ 98        |              | ♦ 7         |    |   |   |
| ♣ K985      |              | ♣ 72        |    |   |   |
|             |              |             |    |   |   |
|             | <i>South</i> |             |    |   |   |
|             | ♠            |             |    |   |   |
|             | ♥ 2          |             |    |   |   |
|             | ♦ AQ65432    |             |    |   |   |
|             | ♣ AJ763      |             |    |   |   |
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| Bidding:    | N            | E           | S  | W |   |
|             | 2H           | P           | 3D | P | <a href="#">HTML Bridge Hand Layout Creator</a> |
|             | P            | P           | P  |   |   |

Board 21 on 4<sup>th</sup> March is one of the 635,013,559,600 card combinations that is very difficult to bid.

So, no excuses there.

However playing the hand in a number of Diamonds should not be too difficult. But once again we see the lack of understanding when playing a contract with a trump suit. If the contract is 3, 4, 5 or even 6 Diamonds, the only lead to stop a reasonable declarer from making all 13 tricks is **A DIAMOND!** On the reasonable assumption that no one got a trump lead, everyone should have made 13 tricks by trumping 3 clubs in the dummy, each time returning to hand with a spade ruff.

Did You make 13 tricks?