

This was Board 5 on Friday afternoon, 13th March.

It was one of our early boards, and we bid fairly easily to 4 Hearts. South has good distribution besides his 16 points, so when the bidding went 1 Club and I bid 1 Heart as North, Richard had no difficulty in bidding 3 Hearts. Although I only had 6 points they were all in the right place, in Clubs and Hearts, so I bid 4 Hearts.

The lead was the Ace of Diamonds, and East then switched to a Club. I won and played the King of Hearts, and when the Jack was played, I just trumped a Diamond in dummy, and then drew the remaining trumps, and took the rest of the Club tricks, making 4 Heart tricks, 5 Club tricks, and one Diamond ruff.

It was not until we saw the score sheet that we saw that E/W could make 5 Spades or 5 Diamonds.

At the end of the session, nobody had made game our way, and nobody had played in Spades or Diamonds E/W. That was a 100% board .

Non vul verses Vul opponents, the East hand although only holding 6 points, is very distributional, and if they do bid, West has the goodies in the 2 suits that matter.

Should they bid? At that vulnerability the answer is probably yes.