

	<i>North</i>				
Dealer: N	♠ J742				
Vul: NS	♥ QJT982				
	♦ QT				
	♣ 6				
	<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>		
	♠ AT9		♠ Q863		
	♥ AK4		♥		
	♦ J752		♦ 983		
	♣ 952		♣ KQT873		
	<i>South</i>				
	♠ K5				
	♥ 7653				
	♦ AK64				
	♣ AJ4				
Bidding:	N	E	S	W	HTML Bridge Hand Layout Creator
	2H	3C	4H	X	
	P	P	XX	P	
	P	P			

Two interesting things about this hand on Wednesday night. The bidding was fine up until the final bid.

Firstly we were doubled, and we were vul and the opponents were not. Now if this was the final contract and we made the contract, then that would probably be a top board. However partner redoubled. Obviously if we made the contract this would still be a top board. BUT now we have given the non vul opponents a chance to get out of trouble, maybe bidding 5 clubs. And even if we double that, we have to put it 4 light to get 800. Only 3 light doubled is 500, which would be a bottom instead of a top. So the lesson here is, if you are in a good spot, be happy.

The second thing was the defence. When a suit looks like this, Kxx opposite Jxx, (or in this case, Kx opposite Jxxx), whoever plays that suit first usually loses. Just wait and hope the opponents play the suit. Be warned, this comes up all the time.

And yes 1080 was a top, but so would 790.