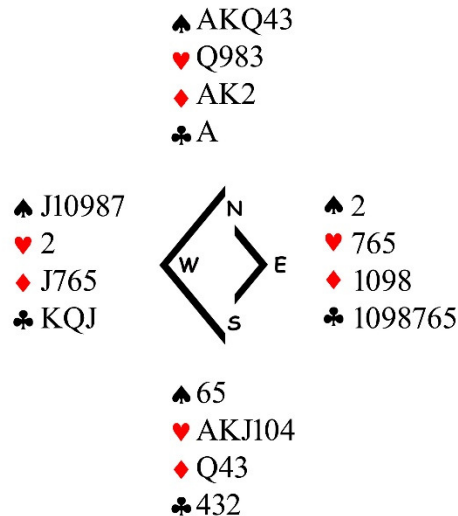


212. More Fun with Slam Bidding

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N	E	S	W
1 ♠	P	2 ♥	P
3 ♣	P	3 ♥	P
4NT	P	5 ♥	P
6 ♦	P	6NT	P
7 ♥	All Pass		

--Both Vulnerable--

As a bridge teacher, the last thing I want to hear is "We had all the tricks, but were only in game." I think a simple bidding system is all one needs except for Help Suit Game tries and slam bidding-gadgets. Here is a slick slam gadget.

The bidding:

North opens One Spade and South bids Two Hearts, showing five or more Hearts and 10 or more points. North cuebids Clubs showing either a second suit or Heart support. South bids Three Hearts and North asks for keycards setting Hearts as the trump suit. South has two keycards (one Ace and the King of trump) without the Queen so North jumps to Six Diamonds which shows that the partnership has

all the keycards including the Queen of Hearts and asks partner if he has third round control in Diamonds. Six Hearts says no, Six No Trump says "Yes, and it is the Queen" and Seven Hearts says "Yes, and it is a doubleton." As a result, North bids Seven Hearts.

The Lead: The King of Clubs is the natural lead being top of a solid suit.

The play: Declarer ruffs the second round of Clubs, draws one round of trump and claims. He gets three Spades, five Hearts and one Club ruff, three Diamonds and one Club Ace for 13 tricks.

Result:

Seven Hearts makes for +2210.