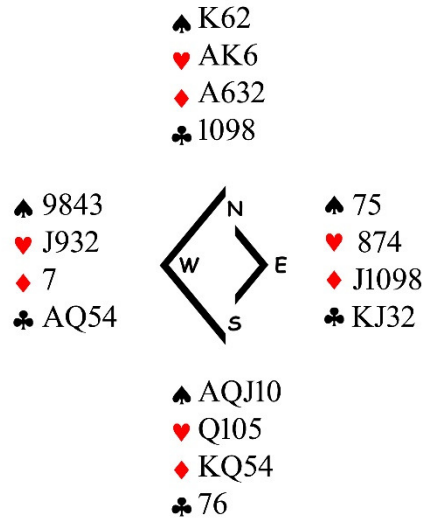


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W	N	E	S
		P	1 ♦
P	2 ♦	P	2NT
P	3 ♥	P	3 ♠
P	4 ♠	All Pass	

--East West Vulnerable--

The bidding:

South opens the bidding with One Diamond. North denies a four card major and four Clubs and shows four or more Diamonds with his Two Diamond Response. South bids Two No Trump promising a stopper in each major. South could have one of two hands, a hand that does not accept a limit raise or a hand that accepts a limit raise but has no Club stopper.

South cannot bypass an unstopped suit to bid Three No Trump. To bid Two No Trump, he only bypasses a major and he has both of them stopped. He could show a stopper as long as he does not bypass an unstopped suit. Therefore, his bid is Two No Trump.

North has enough points to bid game but cannot bypass an unstopped suit to bid No Trump. He can, however, bypass Clubs, an unstopped suit, to bid a Heart Stopper. Any bid above three of the minor is game forcing.

South now bids Spades not to show a Spade stopper because Two No Trump already did that, but to show a desire to play a Moysian (4-3) fit. North has three Spades and raises partner to Four Spades.

Opening Lead:

One always leads a suit that kept the opponents out of Three No Trump. West leads the Club Ace, a completely wrong lead in different circumstances.

The Play:

The key to playing a Moysian fit is to never ruff in the long trump hand. One assumes trump are likely split four-two, and therefore, one needs all four of the long trump to draw trump.

The defenders play three rounds of Clubs, and declarer discards what he thinks is a winner, the Diamond five. Now if the defenders continue Clubs a fourth time, he can ruff with the Spade King in the short-trump hand and then draw trump.

If declarer ruffs the third Club in the long trump hand, he will lose the first two Club tricks, one Spade and another Club trick when West ruffs in with the Spade nine for down one. However, declarer is familiar with the long-trump hand concept and makes +420.