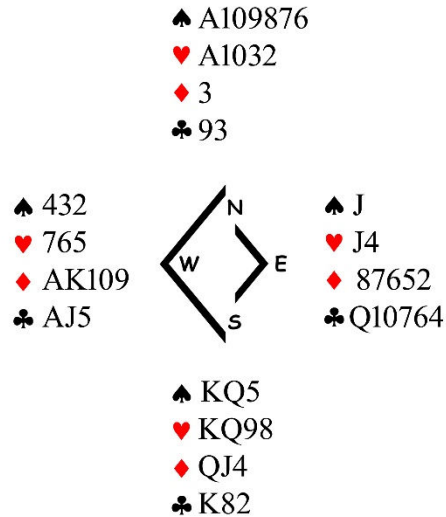


# 322. Six-Four Better Than the Points

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E	S	W	N
P	1NT	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	4♥
All Pass			

--Both Vulnerable--

Two-suited hands can be opened lighter than a normal opening, but are also more valuable, as dummy, than the points would indicate especially if the points are not quacky, Queens and Jacks.

## The bidding:

South, with his balanced 16-count, opens One No Trump. North is 6-4 in the majors and uses Stayman. If partner responds Two Diamonds, North will bid Four Hearts, a Texas transfer to Four Spades.

However, South has a four-card Heart suit and North jumps to game. Since trump is Hearts, three losers can be pitched on the Spades. If the trump suit is Spades or the Hearts do not break three-two, declarer does not have three pitches.

**Opening Lead:**

West has a natural lead of Ace from Ace and King of Diamonds.

**The Play:**

West sees dummy and cashes the Club Ace. If he does not, declarer will make 12 tricks by drawing trump and doing a ruffing finesse in Diamonds. West covers and dummy ruffs. A Club from dummy goes away on the Diamond Jack and three Clubs are pitched from declarer's hand on the good Spades. The last Club in dummy is ruffed for the 12<sup>th</sup> trick.

However, when West cashes the Club Ace, the ruffing finesse in Diamonds is no longer needed as declarer pitches his remaining three losers on the good Spades for +650.