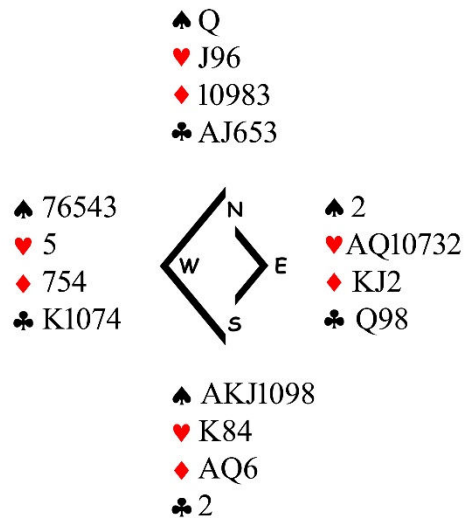


# 329. Partner Passes 1

## Don't Tell the Same Story Twice

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--Both Vulnerable--

The biggest key to good bridge is that partner must and does listen to everything that is said at the bridge table. If bidding boxes are used, then partner must see everything bid.

A player must not tell the same story twice. If he opens the bidding, and partner passes, the passing player knows his partner has an opening. Therefore, if the opening bidder bids again after partner cannot respond the first time, he must be bringing something new to the conversation.

**The bidding:**

East, with 12 HCP's and no wasted points, opens One Heart. South overcalls One Spade, and West has no response and passes. North passes, and so must East. His partner knows he has Hearts and an opening hand. A Two Heart bid would be redundant and disastrous as it would be doubled. Therefore, East passes and defends One Spade.

**Opening Lead: the Heart 2**

A singleton in partner's suit is a pretty obvious lead and there is no excuse here not to do it.

**The Play:**

East wins the Ace and exits a small Heart. South ducks, and West ruffs. West exits a trump and declarer wins the Spade Queen and puts the Diamond Ten on the Table. East ducks and the Ten wins. One more Diamond finesse and declarer draws Trump and claims.

**The Result:**

Declarer loses the Heart Ace and a ruff for +200.

Could North bid differently? A 1NT response when partner is an overcall is 10 to 12. Two Clubs is 10+ HCP's and a reasonable suit. Perhaps South could have doubled instead of making an overcall. I like a double to be 18+ HCP's in case the LHO pre-empt after the double. Some play it as light as 16 HCP's. If South doubles and bids his own suit, North will still likely not put him in game.