

335. Cool Grand Luke

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♠ A653		
♥ QJ		
♦ A987		
♣ Q84		
♠ KQJ		♠ 10874
♥ 76		♥ 4
♦ Q1054		♦ J632
♣ 10976		♣ J532
		♠ 92
		♥ AK1098532
		♦ K
		♣ AK

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

--East West Vulnerable--

This is a dream hand that occurred during an IMP speedball tourney on Bridge Base Online.

The bidding:

I was South, and my jaw dropped when my partner opened One Diamond. I immediately thought we were close to the grand ball park. I bid One Heart, and then I bid Two Clubs which is the fourth suit forcing to game. North replied Two No Trump showing a Club stopper and two Hearts. I rebid Hearts and when partner raised to game, I asked for keycards.

When North showed two with the Heart Queen, I could count 13 tricks. Therefore Seven No Trump was bid.

Opening Lead:

The Spade King is the perfect lead as it gives nothing away.

The Play:

South wins the opening lead and counts 14 winners. Therefore, South instantly claims.

The Result:

South makes all 13 tricks for +1520. Out of 55 tables, nine of us were in a grand for a very good score and 27 were in a small slam for a good score.