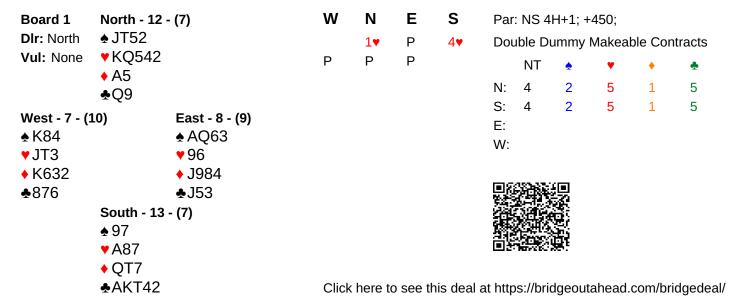
1 Heart Opening Bid, Game Contract



Opener's opening bid shows 5+ hearts and 12/13+ total points.

Responder has 3 hearts, so Opener/Responder have a golden fit of 8+ cards in hearts. Hearts should be trump.

Responder has 13 high card points (HCP) and 1 dummy point for the doubleton spades.

Responder knows that Opener/Responder have a minimum of 26 total points--more than enough for game.

More advanced players may explore for a slam, but as a beginner, Responder should just bid 4H, putting Opener/Responder in a game contract.